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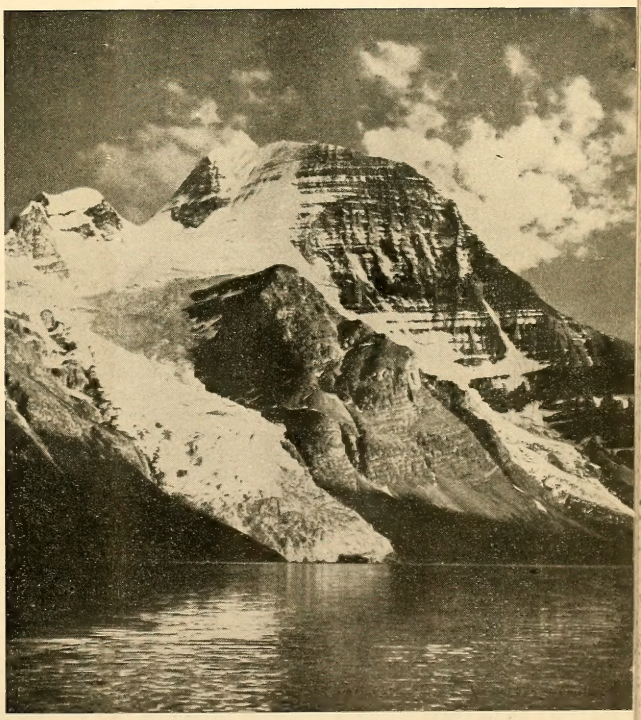

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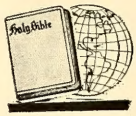

By Alva J. McClain

The Brethren Missionary Herald

In planning and launching this new magazine, which makes its initial bow in the year 1940, its sponsors made no mistake in their selection of an appropriate name. They began with the name, "The Brethren Herald", very happily chosen as the caption of the Home Council magazine, and simply added the word "Missionary", placing it squarely in the center of the original name; a prophecy, we trust, of the central place that missions shall hold in its pages. Thus the entire name contains three important words, each one indicating a specific task, and which taken together suggest the threefold policy and program of the magazine.

First, It Is a HERALD

The word "herald" occurs but once in our common English Version (Dan. 3:4), where it refers to the herald of a pagan monarch. But there is another word in the Bible which occurs no less than 61 times in the New Testament and is generally rendered "preach" and a few times "proclaim" and "publish". The Greek word means literally "to announce a message after the manner of a herald". Over and over the word is employed of the preaching of the gospel in such passages as 1 Cor. 1:23, "But we preach Christ crucified", and 2 Tim. 4:2, "Preach the Word". In this remarkable verb, so frequently used by the apostles, we may learn something very important about the message which was preached. For it is not enough merely to preach. The really important thing is *what* we preach. When the workers of the early church went out to save men, they did not save them with social programs, legislative schemes, or new economic policies. They did not call upon men to save themselves. They did not lay down a code of divine laws by which men might become sons of God. What they did do was to go everywhere simply *telling a story,* the story of the Lord Jesus and what He did at Calvary. As *"heralds"* they proclaimed salvation through Him, complete, finished forever, the gift of God's grace, without money and without price. And if this new magazine does what they did, it will truly be a "Herald", a herald of good news to sinners. Most pulpits and publications have ceased to be heralds in this sense. Instead of telling sinners what Christ did to save men, they are telling men how to save themselves. And this is to mock the needs of sinners. As the old Chinese said to the modernist missionary, "We are dying for want of Bread, and all you do is tell a *recipe* for making bread."

Second, It Is a BRETHREN Herald

This magazine is to be a "Brethren" publication in the complete Biblical sense of that term which is deeply precious to many of us. That means its devotion to the whole Word of God. In its pages nothing is to appear which even by intimation puts a question-mark after anything in the Word. On the other hand, it will welcome the presentation of any truth which is clearly taught in the Word. When our Blessed Lord says, "Swear not at all", the editors of this magazine will not exclude this command, nor try to soften its solemn force, merely to hold a few subscribers who may have violated it. And when the Bible declares an uncompromising attitude of enmity toward this present evil world with all its ways, and demands that the Christian come out of it in holy separation, this magazine will never apologize for this demand, no matter what the cost may be in material gain. It has been a vicious practice of the professing church, through the centuries, to lay great stress on the Biblical commands which can be obeyed without any great bother, and at the same time ignore the commands which cost something to obey. The editors. by the grace of God. expect to be chiefly concerned about what is taught in the Word, not what some men may think about it. For this cause there must be constant prayer that we may be delivered from the fear of men and kept in His will.

Third, It Is a MISSIONARY Herald

It matters not how perfectly orthodox we may be in faith, or how zealous we may be about the correct observance of the forms of the church, if we shut up our bowels of compassion for a lost world, God Himself will write "ICHABOD" over the portals of our churches. For the glory has departed from the church which is content to eat the Bread of Life in solitary selfishness. Now it is no secret that the group of churches supporting this magazine, although numerically about half of The Brethren Church, nevertheless give at least ninety per cent of the missionary offerings. This fact is pointed out to show the absolute necessity for a magazine which will give proper emphasis to the cause of missions, not to boast of what we have done. As a matter of fact, in the face of the world's desperate need, we have done nothing worth boasting about. But since we have made a good beginning in the matter of carrying the gospel to a lost world, we need a magazine which will jealously guard this missionary interest and seek to increase it in coming days. There is a type of thought in some so-called Brethren churches which is satisfied to devote its energies and funds upon its own selfish welfare and comfort. It should be the business of this magazine to fight against all such tendencies without ceasing. For the end of these things is death to the church. He that would save his life shall lose it.

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"THE HARVEST IS PLENTEOUS"

The Brethren Missionary Herald

We hail the birth of two very important infants this week: First, the year 1940, with all its tremendous possibilities, and its momentous probabilities.

Secondly, *The Brethren Missionary Herald,* which, if our Lord shall tarry, with this issue is making its initial bow as a representative of the work of The Brethren Church, standing stalwart and true in these times of world-wide apostasy, for, "the faith which was one for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3); which faith was proclaimed by the fathers who gave our denomination birth back in those hectic days of the early '80's.

As the faithful sons of those fathers, we reaffirm their creed: "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible," and pledge our very lives to be absolutely loyal to that creed. If the New Testament of our Lord teaches a doctrine or a duty, we are for that doctrine or that duty, whatever that doctrine or that duty is. If the New Testament (the New Covenant) does not teach that doctrine or that "duty", we shall not force that doctrine or that "duty" upon any man. To that end, as the editor of the organ o The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church, we pledge ourselves, body, soul and spirit.

While the Executive Board of The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church must finally determine at its next meeting, the permanency or the temporality of our relation to *The Brethren Missionary Herald,* yet, we can safely say that only so long as *The Brethren Missionary Hearld* shall stand true in all her issues to the well-known faith of our beloved church, and to the founders of The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church, can we continue our fellowship. The founders of The Foreign Missionary Society brought the Society into being to carry the message of salvation, as that message is set forth in the New Testament, to the nations of the earth. *To that purpose we must* be infallibly true.

We have confidence that to that great purpose *The Brethren Missionary Herald* will ever be true!

Therefore, we greet the new-born child, and pray God's choicest blessing upon it, and upon our mutual relations, until its mission, under the Spirit of the living God, is finished and the Lord calls His workmen home!

The Brethren Missionary Herald vs. The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church

The Foreign Missionary Editor wishes to make very clear in this issue, our relation to *The Brethren Missionary Herald.* Therefore, we repeat several matters already set forth in the special magazine published last month.

First. For years, the organ of The Foreign Missionary Society was known as *The Brethren Missionary.* Some years ago, in order to assist The Brethren Publishing Company, publishers of *The Brethren Evangelist,* in its hour of financial stress, a merger was formed whereby The Foreign Missionary Society took over as its own, one issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* monthly. The National Home Mission Board took over another issue; and, The Woman's Missionary Society took over a third issue. Each of these societies ceased the publication of its magazine that had theretofore been unrelated to *The Brethren Evangelist.*

From this merger The Woman's Missionary Society two years ago, for reasons of its own, withdrew and again began the publication of its own magazine. One year ago, at the National Conference of The Brethren Church, R. Paul Miller was dismissed by The National Home Mission Board, a creature of The National Conference, although a majority of fifty-five voted that he should be retained. The majority vote demanded that he be given a trial upon charges which the members of The National Home Mission Board had against him. Such a trial was refused.

This brought about a division of the national home mission work of The Brethren Church, and a new organization, known as The Brethren Home Missions Council, was born, representing the greater majority of the supporters of home mission work of The Brethren Church. This brought about the revival of the former magazine, *The Brethren Witness,* that formerly represented the interests of The National Home Mission Board, under the name, The Brethren Herald, which now represents The Home Missions Council. R. Paul Miller is again its editor.

The Foreign Missionary Society remained in the merger with *The Brethren Evangelist* until last September. At the annual meeting of the Foreign Board, it was learned that there would be an attempt to get control of the National Conference by the utterly illegal means of casting aside enough of the credentials of duly elected delegates known to be favorable to the Home Missions Council, to enable the National Home Mission Board to get absolute control of The Brethren Publishing Company, and thereupon dismiss Charles W. Mayes, as editor of *The Brethren Evangelist,* and J. C. Beal, as Secretary of Publications.

With the control of the machinery of the National Conference in their hands, with an effrontery that was amazing, especially among men and women professing to be led by the Spirit of God, this was done.

Anticipating such an action, by the same methods that worked so successfully for the Ashland College Group at the Indiana District Conference, the Foreign Board decided that it would not be a party to any such deal, nor could it conscientiously support the deal in any way if carried through. Therefore, the following resolution was passed by the board:

"Many Enemies—Much Honor"

"I have no enemy," you say?
  My friend, your boast is poor.
He who hath mingled in the fray
  Of duty that the brave endure.
Must have made foes. If he has none
  Small is the work he has done.
He has hit no traitor on the hip;
  Has cast no cup from prejured lip;
Has never turned the wrong to right;
  Has been a coward in the fight.

—*Anastasius Grun*

"A motion prevailed that, if the Brethren Publication Board shall not support the continuation of the present personnel (Secretary of Publications and the Editor of The Brethren Evangelist), then, at such time as the President, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Candidate Secretary shall determine, The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church shall cease to be a party to the merger, its electives to said Board shall withdraw from the Publication Board, and the abovementioned officers of our Society shall arrange for the publication once again of our former magazine, namely: 'The Brethren Missionary', or for a merger with some other magazine as said officers shall deem best, until such time as at the regular annual meeting of the board other arrangements may be effected. Should any steps be successfully taken by any one to deprive any share holders of their rights, then this action shall immediately follow."

By this action on the part of the Foreign Board, it became our duty to withdraw from the merger with The Brethren Publishing Company as soon as that board, by methods unjust, illegal and unChristian, ignoring the rules of the National Conference, should gain control of said conference, and then, contrary to the Scriptures that are our "rule of faith and *practice,*" drag brethren into court in order to wreck its vengeance and oust from their positions two men, as eminently fitted and as successful as ever held the positions of editor and business manager. There were no other reasons for their dismissal than their refusal to bow the knee to the college that was out to control the Brethren Church in its own interests, even to the risk of destroying the church itself.

The plans of the college and of the National Home Mission Board worked, it being all to their advantage that brethren, opposed to its methods, themselves refused to appeal to the courts. Mayes and Beal were put out by process of injunction.

However, the committee, having authority to act for the Foreign Board in the matter of the merger, was loath to leave the merger, fearing that its action might seem vindictive. Therefore, we decided to continue with the now illegally organized Brethren Publishing Company, temporarily at least, and see what the immediate future might hold in store. *We soon found out!*

Stopping at the office of the Publishing Company en route from Pittsburgh back to California, we left our copy for the November issue, which would have gone into the mails the first week of that month.

Then, upon passing through Winona Lake, and later in Waterloo (Iowa), we learned that the name of "The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church," as well as our own name as the editor of the Foreign Missionary number of *The Brethren Evangelist,* had been taken entirely out of the magazine. The last *Brethren Evangelist* containing either name was that of October 14th, 1939. We then realized that Mayes and Beal were not the only ones who were "out". Henceforth, some one else proposed to be the editor of the Foreign Missionary Number of *The Brethren Evangelist.*

From Waterloo, we wired our protest to Willis E. Ronk, "President" of the illegal set-up of the Publishing Company, and requested him to return our copy. It was returned, and in a wire from him, he said:

"Your name omitted as editor *one copy* without my knowledge or consent. I offer apologies."

Apparently, some one in the office had assumed considerable authority. We noted that we had been omitted from *"one copy."* Therefore, we took it that the name would be immediately restored. We waited—in vain! Meantime, we held our copy. Members of The Foreign Missionary Society were calling for the missionary magazine. Finally, when December came, the names still omitted, and now most surely with "knowledge" and "consent," we decided that again, not being subservient to the powers on College Hill, we are not wanted. Therefore, we arranged for The Brethren Herald to publish in its pages a special issue, together with a complete statement of the whole existing situation. The facts have been told over and over. But we felt that because of this break, a statement once more should be made. As often as truth is denied, truth must be affirmed.

But—*what next?* The largest and most forward-moving churches of the brotherhood, engaged in a common cause, must have a voice—a contact. Their work in common must be known. The Brethren Home Missions Council, The Women's Missionary Council, Grace Theological Seminary —these are going concerns. Then, there must be church news told, and Christian Endeavor and Sunday School plans carried forward. These interests, with the churches back of them, were tagged "disloyal", and refused any recognition in the new Ashland College set-ups, *its* "National Conference", the district conferences it controls, and the boards it controls. Of course, *The Brethren Evangelist,* now a college organ, was closed to all who were disloyal to the oligarchy on College Hill.

There was only one thing to do—*create an organ to become again the voice of all churches and church organizations that still believe in congregational government, and are free of all other control. All such churches and organizations are welcome to its pages, we are sure. To this end, The Brethren Missionary Herald is born.*

It was evident that The Foreign Missionary Society was no longer a part of *The Brethren Evangelist* merger. Only the name of The National Home Mission Board and its editor, Claud Studebaker, appeared in the official roster. The columns of The Brethren Evangelist would probably open to The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church under the censorship of Ashland College authorities. The Foreign Missionary Society, however, refuses censorship from that source. The Society pays for its magazine, and therefore has some inalienable rights. The editor of its magazine, under God, is subject only to the Board of Trustees of The Foreign Missionary Society, or to the members of the Society, who are the final word.

What were we to do? The resolution of the Board of Trustees authorized us to publish "once again our former magazine, namely, 'The Brethren Missionary', or for a merger with some other magazine as said officers shall deem best, until such time as at the regular annual meeting of the board other arrangements may be effected."

The group of churches that will be friendly to *The Brethren Missionary Herald,* most certainly include at least 75% (and probably more nearly 85%) of the members of The Foreign Missionary Society. Therefore, why should we not form a temporary arrangement with the new magazine, taking the first issue each month as our own? For, according to the resolution of the board, any arrangement we may make is to be only *"until such time as at the regular annual meeting of the board, other arrangements may be effected."*

Therefore, the first issue each month of *The Brethren Missionary Herald* will be the voice of The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church *until the next annual meeting of the board,* at which time the board in council together must decide whether or not such an arrangement may be made permanent, and if not order the matter according to its own best judgment.

In the meantime, The Foreign Missionary Society will faithfully keep all the pledges we have made in the past. The life members of The Foreign Missionary Society will receive the foreign missionary issue of the magazine without cost. The rest of the members will receive their magazines free at least until their present memberships expire. In the meantime, we believe that we shall continue to have the loyal support of all those who are truly interested in giving God's great offer of salvation to all who believe. Pray that the Holy Spirit may guide us all, and give wisdom.

That "Brief Statement of Facts"

As a sample of what we would have to endure and support, were we to remain in a merger with the so-called "Emergency Set-Up" of *The Brethren Evangelist,* we refer our readers to the black-faced editorial in *The Brethren Evangelist* dated December 2d, 1939. This statement appeared under the caption: "A Brief Statement of Facts."

It is to be regretted that the "Statement" is so "brief" that not one iota of proof is given to show that the "facts" are facts.

In the first place, we would like to have it shown that any "emergency" existed for an "emergency set-up" in The Brethren Publishing Company, unless it was an emergency in the battle Ashland College is making to assume full control of The Brethren Church, and silence every voice that may not praise its lordship, no matter what it does. *The Brethren Evangelist* was a voice. The silencing of that voice, except when it shall speak to serve the purpose of Ashland College, gave birth to *The Brethren Missionary Herald. Thank God, freemen still can speak!*

The editorial states that "The former Editor and Secretary of Publications refused to recognize the place or authority of The Brethren Publication Board as now constituted by National Conference, which refusal compelled the board to dismiss said employees."

The *fact* in the matter is that "said employees" never refused to recognize the "Brethren Publication Board as constituted by National Conference." If "The Brethren Publication Board as constituted by National Conference" had met, Mayes and Beal would have instantly recognized said board. On that board would have sat Russell Barnard, Foye Miller and R. Paul Miller, instead of J. G. Dodds, F. C. Vanator, W. E. Ronk and A. L. DeLozier.

A "National Conference of The Brethren Church" is not a National Conference of the Brethren Church unless ALL regularly organized and recognized Brethren Churches are permitted to CONFER. When three men on a credential committee sit at the door of a supposed "conference," and with extreme bias, select the list of Brethren churches that they desire to *confer and organize the "National Conference,"* arbitrarily throwing out the credentials of any delegates from supposedly sovereign Brethren churches as they may will to do, *such a "National Conference" ceases to be a national conference in any sense of the word.* To this, all just men must certainly agree.

Another one of the "facts" of "President" Ronk is that the *"control of the assets and properties of the company . . . . was granted and has since been made permanent and perpetual."* Now, if the foreign missionary editor has not been misinformed, the real fact is that the injunction against Mayes and Beal *personally* has been made "permanent and perpetual." The matter as to who constitutes the legal Brethren Publication Board, with the absolute right to "control the assets and properties of the company." was not the issue at all. The injunction was against *two men* — Mayes and Beal — who, receiving all they desired, were willing, as far as they were *personally* concerned, to have the injunction "made permanent and perpetual." The case was settled "out of court." *It was never tried on its merits.* We could wish that it had been. It might have settled the really legal status of things.

The editorial further states that *"the kindly Christian counsel of the court, and Christian forbearance on our part, led us to effect a settlement"* out of court. "Kindly Christian counsel of the court" may be a statement true to fact. But when it comes to "Christian forbearance on our part"—well, we certainly are kind in letting that "fact" be answered with a broad smile! We saw that "Christian forbearance" in action at the last regular National Conference of Brethren Churches held in 1938, and again at "The National Conference of Brethren Churches" that was not "The National Conference of The Brethren Church," but only a "National Conference of *Some* Brethren Churches," in 1939 — "Christian forbearance" that would not "forbear" the giving of any representation on any committee or elsewhere of a single delegate who refused to be a mere puppet! We can only wonder whether it was "Christian forbearance," or whether it was a fear that a judge, even in Ashland, would be just enough to settle the case "on its merits," that caused a hasty settlement "out of court."

Again, the "Statement" of "President" Ronk says: *"If this is, as has been claimed, 'a great victory' for the opposition, be assured, it was at a price some of us would not care to pay for victory. We shall not do wrong that good may come."*

We know the broad grins—we shall not say "looks of disgust"—that must have crept over the visages of even "President" Ronk's friends when they read that! Since when has "President" Ronk become so careful as to the price he has had to pay "for victory"? Before God, and with all solemnity, the writer is ready to say that he would rather go to his grave than to pay "the price" "President" Ronk and his associates have had to pay, are paying, and will pay in the future for their "victories" at the recent so-called "National Conference of The Brethren Church."

"President" Ronk continues: *"We shall do no wrong that good may come."* And that is another one of his "facts." Let others pass judgement, as we know many thousands did as they read that "fact." One of the closest and most influential associates of "President" Ronk in his brotherly (?) and "Chistian" acts of kindness and "forbearance", was asked this question by a certain very intelligent and cultured school teacher at the last so-called "National Conference":

"Honestly, do you think that you men are doing right?"

This outstanding leader of the college forces hesitated for a moment, and then replied slowly, as if in a bit of doubt:

"Under the circumstances—YES!"

Just what are "the circumstances" that justify men in

using the methods that the Ashland College forces at Winona Lake, August 28 to September 3d, 1939, used to make The Brethren Church utterly subservient to it?

And just how will "President" Ronk harmonize his "fact" that "We shall not do wrong that good may come" with the well-known facts, as to the deeds of himself and his associates at the memorable so-called "National Conference of The Brethren Church" that "assembled" at Winona Lake, Indiana, on the morning of August 29th, 1939? Has he come to the place where he calls black white?

"A Real Speaker"

We have just read a letter written by Eld. R. D. Barnard, the up-and-going pastor of our great church in Dayton, in which he says that our Superintendent of our work in Argentina, spent a Sunday with them in that church. This is his comment: "Say, Brother Sickel is a real speaker! Our people fell in love with him. He is leaving tomorrow for the west."

Well, we have always known that Sickel was "a real speaker." That report has come to us through the years of his splendid service n the Argentine. They say that he excels when speaking in the Spanish. He is without the foreign brogue. But, even better than being a "real speaker," Brother Sickel is every inch a man—a Christian gentleman—an honor to our cause in the far-away southland. Every church should hear him at least once before he returns to his post. If you want to make sure of doing this, contact the Deputation Director, Eld. A. V. Kimmell, 2259 N. Tenth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

"The Prince of Peace Movement"

We have just learned of "The Prince of Peace Movement", with its headquarters in Los Angeles. "Movements", "movements", "movements" galore! But what do they *move?* A circular sent out by "The Prince of Peace Movement" says: "The more powerful the peace movement becomes, the sooner peace will be positively established in the Holy Land and all over the world." Well, peace isn't coming through any so-called "Prince of Peace Movement". There is just one "Prince of Peace Movement" that will bring peace to this poor distracted world of ours. We are looking for that movement. It will be the movement of the Prince of Peace upon His great white charger, riding out of the heavens to the battlefield of Armageddon. And when the smoke of that battlefield rolls away, then "the Son of Righteousness shall rise over the world with healing in His wings" (Mal. 2:4), and peace shall come at last.

A Roman Catholic Is Right in This Case

On matters theological the Secretary-Treasurer is as far away from the theology of a Roman Catholic cardinal as the north pole is from the south pole. However, sometimes these cardinals say things, and we agree with them 100%.

The Roman Catholic Church today is putting up a battle against the brazen wantonness of women who walk our streets today clothed only with the garments that thirty years ago would have made a harlot blush for shame. Cardinal O'Connell of Boston said a few days ago that: Fashion always has been a silly and senseless dame. and she seems to be growing more silly and senseless than ever. A clever psychologist of the day has said that you can tell the quality of a woman's brain by the kind of a hat that covers it . . . . One asks in constant wonder how it is that they (women) venture to enter even the portals of the temple of God clothed in the silliest raiment of those who are dedicated to the temple of shame." And then, as he stood before an audience of more than 1000 Catholic women at the Third Diocesan Congress recently, he further stated: "All the modern pagan influences which are attacking the sanctity of the family and the home—divorce, vicious propaganda, immodest actions, the theatre, immoral dancing, and every form of degrading recreation—should be resisted by all God-fearing men and women." To every word of this we say, "*Amen!*"

The W. C. T. U. Appeals to Foreign Mission Boards

Mrs. Ada Reed Ferguson, who is the Director of the Department of Temperance and Missions in the "World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union", from her headquarters at Bishopville, Vepery, Madras, India, has sent out an appeal to the mission boards of the world which every mission board ought to heed.

After an absence of 12 years from India, she returned "delighted to find that the cause of prohibition is growing in many parts of India." However, she is most distressed because of "the increase of drinking among the educated people of higher classes of Indians." She explains that "many educated abroad have learned to drink, and returning to India keep up the habit, men and women. But the thing which causes most distress is the habit of smoking among both men and women, which is becoming more common among the younger missionary group, and the occasional cocktail which is partaken of, and seemingly without any thought."

"Surely Christians", she says, "at such a time as this, cannot afford to do *anything* to lower the prestige of their religion and the work of the Master, but these habits are doing just that.

"When Hindus and Moslems are urging the abolition of this traffic, and are willing to pay for the abolition, we as Christians cannot afford to do any less than to throw our influence into the same channels as theirs."

She closes her communication with the appeal: "Will it not be possible for *all* foreign mission boards to see that those they send out as teachers or regular evangelistic workers in any capacity whatsoever, shall be those who do not use either liquor or tobacco in any form? Is it asking too much?"

Mrs. Ferguson desires a definite reaction from the various foreign mission boards to her appeal. We are happy to say that no missionary supported by The Brethren Church uses either liquor or tobacco in any form. We believe our board would instantly recall any missionary who would set a very bad example for the heathen by such indulgence. We believe that this is a matter for a positive resolution to be endorsed by our Foreign Missionary Society and forwarded to Mrs. Ferguson.

The World's Greatest Book

The dear old Book. the Bible, inspite of the sneer of the atheist and the scoffing of our modern intelligensia, is still the most popular book in the world. In its sales and in the actual reading of it, it is so far in advance of all

other books that there is utterly no comparison. Rev. Wilbur M. Smith, D.D., of Chicago, Illinois, in an address at the Founder's Week Conference at Moody Bible Institute, is the authority for some very interesting figures. He declares that the best selling books published in the English language during the last 60 years are as follows: First, "Tom Sawyer", appearing in 1875. It had the remarkable sale of 1,500,000 copies. Then came "Black Beauty", published 2 years later, with a sale of 1,000,000 copies. Following that came Dr. Sheldon's famous book, "In His Steps", with a sale of 8,000,000 copies. And it is to be noted that this particular book, with its remarkable sale, had to do with the Lord Jesus Christ. Gene Stratton Porter's beautiful story on "Freckles", which appeared in 1904, had a sale of 2.000,000 copies. Harold Bell Wright's, "The Winning of Barbara Worth", reached a total sale of 1,500,000 copies. H. G. Wells' inaccurate "Outline of History", which first appeared in 1926, had a circulation of 1.200,000 copies. "Gone With the Wind", published in 1936, has thus far had a sale of 1,800,000 copies.

Now let us turn our attention for a moment to the old Bible. The British and Foreign Bible Society, from 1800 to 1936, circulated 79,306.000 copies of the complete Bible, and reported September 18th, 1938, that in the previous year alone they had circulated 1,151,000 copies of the complete Bible. Likewise, this same Society, during the first century-and-a-quarter, circulated more than 476,000,000 copies of the New Testament or portions of the Word of God.

Then again, the American Bible Society from 1816 to 1936 circulated approximately 31,000,000 copies of the complete Bible, and 276,000,000 copies of the New Testament and portions of the Word of God. Two Bible Societies alone have circulated, since the beginning of the 19th century, more than 110,000,000 copies of the complete Bible, to say nothing of New Testaments and smaller portions of the Word of God. Now mark you, that is the report for just two Bible Societies. The figures of such organizations as the Oxford and Cambridge Press, and the publishers of the Revised Version, and other societies that have published the Bible, are not included in this report.

More than that, the Bible continued to be read over and over and over again by millions who have it in their homes. And the other books, once read, usually go on the shelves and are practically forgotten.

Shakespeare has been translated complete into 12 languages, and in part into 23 languages. The Word of God has been translated complete, from Genesis to Revelation, into 73 different languages; and, either the complete New Testament or portions of it down to 1938, have been translated into 1,008 different languages.

The story is told of a man who once went into one of the great art galleries of Europe. He surveyed the paintings upon the wall, and then he turned and said to the keeper of the gallery, "Are these pictures here on trial?" The keeper replied, "No sir, the visitors here are on trial."

Aftr these centuries and centuries in which the old Book has been preeminent above all other books, and has engaged the attention of all the cultured peoples of the earth, we have only to say that the skeptic and the scoffer, and the critics are on trial. The old Bible is not on trial. It is the Word of God, and shall endure forever.

Mothering in Heaven

The editor has just received a letter from Mrs. Martha S. Nicholson of Wilmington, Calif. Mrs. Nicholson is known all over the world as one of the sweetest of our living poets. She is constantly expressing in a lovely way the loveliness of the One altogether lovely. As many know, Mrs. Nicholson is a shut-in. She spends much of her time in a wheel chair. She is constantly hovering near the gates of glory. No wonder she sings so sweetly. It is the flower that is crushed and bruised that pours out the sweetest and strongest perfumes. Perhaps that is the reason the Lord lets some of us be crushed.

We have written to Mrs. Nicholson some time ago that we believe the works that we love to do on earth may be brought to perfection and full fruition in glory. We told her then that her poems would be marvelous. If they are marvelous on earth how much more so when she gets to glory and there sings His praise Whom, having not seen, she loves so dearly.

Well now in reply to all that, Mrs. Nicholson wrote as follows:

"I was interested to learn that you think that I may be allowed to write real poetry in heaven. How marvelous it would be to be really able to really get into words the things that are bursting our hearts, and yet we are inadequate to express them. Just the same if I can write up there it will be only a part time job because I tell you I am going to take care of babies part of the time! There are many there that will be motherless, and we know that they will not be grown up at the time of the resurrection of the body, for how could they be growing up when they have not yet received their bodies? That has always been a comforting thought to me about our loved ones who have gone on before, they will not be a bit older when we see them again. The only change will be the glorified body, and we will have our own by that time too—that is, if we wait for the rapture before we go."

There are a lot of great motherly hearts beating in the bosom of childless women to-day. Mrs. Nicholson is one of these. There is just one thing that she would like better than writing poetry and it is the greater thing—bringing into this world a little temple, fashioned in the image of God and filled with one who is controlled by the Spirit of God. To rear a little babe up into the stature and likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ—that she rightly considers the greatest thing on this earth that any woman can do. The reigning of a queen is small business beside fashioning a king for the eternal reign of Christ.

But Mrs. Nicholson's thought is new to us. As a great unselfish spirit, she is thinking of the tragic fact that there are going to be many little children in heaven who will arrive there motherless and fatherless so far as any earthly mother or father is concerned. She is probably right that these little ones will grow up in heaven, and she wants to be the mother of one of them.

However, we were bold enough to write to Mrs. Nicholson and suggest that possibly in heaven God might allow her to mother on her bosom one of her very, very own. Now we know that sounds fantastic to a great many people. There are some that would even accuse us of being unorthodox. However, let this be remembered: When God created man in the Garden of Eden, he created man, male and female, and in His design they were intended so to live throughout the eternal years. Had they not fallen, would

they not have remained male and female? If they had eaten of the tree of eternal life they would never have sinned and never have died. What could have been the thought in the mind of God when He created these unfallen spirits for eternity, male and female, unless they were to function as male and female, and bring into existence an unfallen race, happy, beautiful, glorious beings that would be like Him, and be a praise within His glory throughout the endless ages to come? Who shall say that God's creative work—the work of bringing happy spirits into existence to glorify Him—shall not be a work that shall go on through the ceaseless ages. Why not? Let those that believe that space has its limits and that this universe would be in danger of being over-populated—let them object to our suggestion. In the meantime we dare to be a bit unorthodox, *if* unorthodox it is, to refuse to believe that God has finished His work of creating glory. and has sat down together with all His redeemed children to do nothing — nothing — nothing throughout the endless years that shall roll in and in and in eternally.

Now, then, we presume that some of our readers will accuse the editor of speculating with regard to things spiritual. Well, in the absence of positive revealed statement, we can be excused for speculating a bit, when the speculation is both sweet and reasonable!

Face to Face with Grave Danger

Under the caption, "In Defense of the French Colonial Empire," the World Dominion Bulletin gives us the following bit of information that cannot but cause some misgivings. We quote:

> "The projected increase in the French native forces in Africa will be furthered by the offer of a new civil and economic status to natives serving in the French army. During military service and for a year afterwards they and their families will be free of head tax and taxes in kind. At the end of their military service they will be granted free land, inalienable for a period of thirty years. A decree embodying these advantages has been promulgated in French West Africa, Equatorial Africa, Somaliland and Madagascar."

Our Society, in common with all other church societies who are working to advance the cause of Christ in the heart of Africa, is doing its best to educate in our Mission schools young men who shall be used in carrying the gospel on ahead to other unregenerated tribes and districts.

Now comes the state, and naturally they want the brightest young Africans that they can secure for the army. Especially do they want those who have learned to read and have been given a bit of extra training. Naturally, the best they could possibly get are the products of our mission schools. Will they take these boys and force them into military service, instead of permitting them to go on as ambassadors for Christ, giving the Word of eternal life to the perishing multitudes? Even if the government should not draft them, we wonder if the boys themselves will be able to stand the temptation that the government offers in the way of freedom from taxation, free land. etc. The only thing we can do is to go ahead and give them the gospel and trust that the Spirit of God within them shall be more potent than Caesar.

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TOPIC FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Topic for January 21, 1940
PRAYER MEETINGS (Luke 11:1-13)

Suggestions for the Leader

Today is the day for us to insist constantly upon the importance and value of prayer. Years ago the church made much out of prayer. The prayer meeting was the power house for all activity within the organizations within the church. Groups of people met in homes or in the church for the express purpose of prayer. Even our Christian Endeavor started by having prayer meetings and the discussion of Biblical subjects. There is nothing that can ever take the place of prayer. Some may suggest other things but the loss of prayer means the loss of spiritual power. Therefore it is entirely fitting that we should be using this topic tonight. Young people need to be helped in respect to their part in a prayer meeting. At least all of us ought to see the thing that we need to do to make us leaders and contributors to the prayer meeting.

Nearly every church has a mid-week prayer meeting. How many young people here see that it is meant for them as well as the older people? In fact, those who love the Lord and believe in prayer will come to the house of God at the time announced for prayer. It is almost unthinkable that any young person would stay away from the service having already pledged to be true to God. The Lord has added things in mind for those who prove their faithfulness in prayer. Let it be the object of this society to urge every member to attend the prayer service every week.

Prayer is a blessing that few Christians realize. Even those who believe that it is real and works, still fail to ask great things of the Lord. The Bible says that we ought to ask and it will be given to us. Do not let days pass without asking with thanksgiving for the things God wants to do for us.

We call every C. E. meeting a prayer meeting. Have we made it such? This means that we encourage prayer in the meeting. Get many to pray and it will work wonders for the life of the society.

1. The church was born in prayer. Acts 1:14, 24; 2:1, 2.

It was not hard to convince the disciples and leaders of the early church that prayer was a wonderful thing. While Jesus was here they talked with Him and related their problems to Him. They knew something about having One Who could help in the time of need. Of course Jesus taught them of the doctrine of prayer. They were instructed how to pray and urged to prevail in prayer.

Jesus did not stay with them always. When the time came for the Shepherd to be smitten, the sheep were scattered. Then they realized that they could not get along without prayer. Sometimes groups would get together to pray. While waiting to see something happen, the Spirit came upon them and they began to work with power.

The writer of Acts says that prayer was one of the things the early Christians did constantly. Really, they met every day, and with other things turned to God through prayer. While reaching up for God in this manner, God reached down to place them on lofty heights for Himself.

2. Definite prayer for special need. Acts 4:23-31; 12-5-12.

There may be some justification in praying all around the world and mentioning features that are as great as the universe. Nevertheless, there must come a time when we settle down to some specific needs and make definite prayer for them. This does not mean that we should not pray for the nations or our missionaries or the people in war torn countries. It does mean that we ought to use words and terms that can be understood as definite. Never let prayer be aimless or vague.

It is not the long beautiful and flowery prayer that has the assurance of a better reception in heaven. In fact. God wants us to speak in a way that would indicate that we do have the faith of a child or simple faith.

It is a good thing to mention subjects for prayer. Young people ought to be reminded of the things that need special prayer. This does not limit the Holy Spirit in His work because other things can be used likewise.

Remember that you have a right to expect great things of God. If you ask for great things believe that they will be given.

3. Informality of the prayer meeting. Acts 16:13, 25; 21:5.

Informality in prayer means to be free. There are some meetings in the church that follow a special form or order. In such meetings there is a danger of losing the life of the meeting. Informal prayer meetings lend themselves to the work of the Holy Spirit more readily. It does not mean that a meeting would be conducted loosely and in a haphazard fashion; but it does mean that the leader can call for testimonies when he pleases. Prayer can be made at any time, and even several times during the hour.

Such a meeting would be easily conducted. Young people ought to start in definite Christian work by having the midweek hour. Of course the first will be participation in the C. E. meetings, but from there activity should spread to the prayer meeting.

Another thing about prayer is that it can be made at any time or place. In the Bible days there were people who gathered at a known place during the day and prayed.

In respect to time or length of prayers. the writer remembers one great doctor and preacher who said that we should be brief in public praying but take as long a time as we desire with our individual prayers in the home.

Proverbs 28:9 Mk. 12:40.

4. Prayer difficulties. Matt. 6:5, 7; Luke 18:11, 12;

Experience will help more than we can tell. One thing sure is that the more we pray and are in prayer meetings, the metter we are going to be. Each leader will find things that could be improved. There will be some who will insist upon long prayers that nearly become wearisome. Suggest for them at the start that each should be brief and to the point to be fair to all others. You simply must admonish the people to speak distinctly so the others can hear what is said and when the person starts and stops.

If praying seems to be exalting self and condemning others, one must be quick to inform everyone that our position is one of humility. Really we are sinners and undeserving of the things that the Lord does for us.

There is no excuse for irreverence during prayer. Still some insist upon making unnecessary noise. This can be overcome through careful teaching.

5. Hints on taking part in prayer meetings.

Do you find it hard to take part in the prayer meeting? Almost everyone has had the same experience. Will you profit by a few hints, so that you may take part profitably? Do you think you *ought* to take part? Well, if it is your Christian duty, then your allegiance to your Lord demands that you do your duty or else "die trying to do it." *Some little things that are not little.*

1. Sit in the front.
2. Take part at the very first opportunity.
3. Sit with those who do take part.
4. Ask them to encourage you to take part.
5. Remember to make taking part a matter of earnest prayer.
6. Determine that you *will* take part.

Sometimes the very best thing you can do to help a meeting is to fail while trying to take part Will you ask God for grace to fail for Him, if that is best?

What can I do?

Sometimes people ask this question. Here are five things that you can do. Is the last too hard? Then try the easiest first. Do not stay in the "verse-reading class" long. Remember to be "always abounding in the work of the Lord."

1. You can read a verse of Scripture But be sure it is on the topic.
2. You can read an appropriate selection or verse of a hymn. Be sure you can read it intelligently.
3. You can preface or follow the reading of a verse by some brief remark; as "I have found this verse helpful."
4. You can illustrate the meaning of a verse or the topic —(a) by some Bible incident that you can read or better, tell; (b) by some story from history or one that you have read in a book or paper; (c) by some incident that has come under your personal experience; (d) Best of all, by some personal experience.
5. You can pray. There is nothing that helps a meeting more than prayer. We have few prayers in our meetings. It is hard to pray. Will you pray? Be sure to prepare your prayer by: praying, thinking and writing.

Questions to be Answered

1. What place does confession have in our prayers?
2. Is the lack of love for prayer a sign of a lapse in the spiritual life?
3. Do you think that we ought to have distinct object for which to pray?
4. What can we do to encourage more young people to take part in prayer?

Additional Scripture

Mark 1:35; Luke 6:12; John 17; for secret prayers. Matt 11:25,26; John 11:41-42; 12:27,28.

Examples of prayer: 2 Sam. 7:18-29; 1 Kings 3:6-9, 8:22-53; 2 Kings 19:14-19; Ezra 9:5-15; Dan 9:3-19; Eph. 1:15-23.

Topic for Jan. 28.

HOW TO CONDUCT A YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY MEETING.

PIGS AND GOATS—AND TABER!

NOTE.—The following letter from Floyd W. Taber, M.D., one of our African missionaries, while written to all the "home folks," a carbon copy of which the editor received, and was not intended for publication, is just so rich, so unique, so like the Taber that grew up from boyhood in our Long Beach Church, that we just cannot refrain from letting all our readers enjoy it. A fine sense of humor is a tremendous asset to any missionary at work in the darkness and amidst the discouragements of the sorrows of heathenism.—L. S. B.

Yaloke, Oubangui-Chari
October 13 (Friday), 1939.

Dear Home Folks:

Pigs! Pigs and goats! Goats and pigs and gardens!

Such are the principal preoccupations of the inhabitants of Yaloke station!

Pigs! Their history forms an epic! Like all characters of mythology, their origin is surrounded with a fog of contradictory legends. But I will relate to you what seems to be the most plausible and best authenticated of extant stories.

Once there was a pig. No, there must have been a pair of pigs! They belonged to a venerable chief at Bozoum named Nakaouine. According to one ancient document, they were given to him by an administrator. But this is evidently a fabrication, because the document does not even give the name of the administrator, much less tell where *he* might have procured the pigs. Another document (not so ancient, it is true, but much more interesting from our standpoint, and consequently much more trustworthy) affirms that the honorable Chief Nakaouine received these pigs as a present from a party of missionaries who lived, or who later located, at Bassai. Now this is obviously the true record, because it is known from other sources that one member of this missionary party came from Iowa.

But, however these patriarchial pigs came into Nakaouine's possession, the rest of the story may be fairly well established. It tells how the two pigs soon became five pigs, the five pigs twelve pigs, the twelve pigs thirty pigs, the thirty pigs—but I do not want to tax your credulity too much, even though the truth of the story is affirmed by unimpeachable witnesses.

And it is unnecessary to my purpose, for the part of the story that really interests me concerns four of the great-grandchildren of the original pair who, overcome by the wanderlust that had caused their forebears to travel so widely, undertook the long journey to Yaloke—two of them in the possession of missionaries, and the other two in possession of an evangelist who happened to be the son of one of Nakaouine's many wives.

Now, in spite of the care lavished upon them (or perhaps because of the unaccustomed luxury) the pair belonging to the missionaries resolutely remained only two, no more. So finally, in desperation, the missionaries sacrificed first one, then the other, to appease the god of hunger.

Now, the second pair, belonging to the evangelist, were equally obstinate in their refusal to increase their numbers. So, discouraged, he tried to persuade the missionaries to buy them and vow them to the same fate as their cousins. But the missionaries, feeling the god was *more* than sufficiently appeased by the previous sacrifices, refused. So the evangelist, unwilling longer to be burdened by caring for them to no purpose, sold them to the missionaries unconditionally.

The outcome proved that the missionaries were right; the god *was fully* appeased; so completely that soon afterwards this pair of pigs had surpassed all the records of their ancestors, and the Yaloke branch of the family was even more numerous than the original Bozoum clan.

The pigs have gone wild. They overrun the whole countryside. They are no respector of persons, ravaging gardens of the natives and missionaries with equal zeal. Kolowan (successor to old Chief Yaloke) no longer has the slightest idea how many pigs he owns. But nevertheless, they are all *his*. They are born in a bed of mud constitutued by bricks newly made by mission workmen; they grow big and fat by eating manioc and vegetables intended for our workmen, our evangelists, and ourselves; they are carried away in a truck, and Kolowan never sees them. Nevertheless, they are all *his;* all they eat is his; the whole country is his.

Any red-blooded American would step right in and *do* something about it. Yes, and he would perhaps *undo* a good part of the work done by missionaries in the past fifteen years. So we walk softly, softly! In time, with patience, the problem will probably be worked out.

In the meantime, pigs are one of our principal preoccupations. Pigs, and gardens—and goats!

The goats are ever with us. They are less destructive at any one time than the pigs, but they keep on keeping on.

The goats are all around us. They eat our young orchard trees. They come right up on the veranda and disturb us while we are trying to take siesta. And we want goats the worst way, and can't get them for love nor money! Since it is impossible to keep cows, we want to keep goats for milk. So we try to buy them.

But that should be easy. Just capture a few of the goats that come to the mission, and give the owners their value in money in place of them. Why not? First let us find out *why* the owner does not want to sell them. The natives are certainly not lacking in love for money. Why don't they want money in place of their goats? Because the goats are of greater value to them than the price we offer? But what value do they get out of them? Milk? They never milk them. Meat? They practically never kill them to eat—never except for a wedding feast. To raise kids to sell? But they do not sell them. Then why are they so dumb as not to want to sell them for perfectly good money? What pay do they get for the work of keeping them? Not the slightest—except for one purpose—to "buy a wife." And I put that expression in quotation marks because it is a white man's expression. It is not native.

In the minds and practice of the natives, before the white man came, goats and wives did not represent a commercial value. Goats were exchanged for wives, and wives for goats, but no native would ever have thought of exchanging a wife or a goat for anything of *money* value.

But why did they want to "buy" their wives, even with goats? They didn't; they *exchanged* goats and wives, which is quite different. But why did they exchange?

At one time they were divided into clans. A man of one clan had to take a wife from another clan. How would he get his wife from the other clan? They would give her to him. But just suppose one clan was always on the *giving* end, and had trouble in *getting* wives for their young men—as would constantly happen if nothing were done to check it, in a country where polygamy was practiced. The clan that received no wives would die out. So, to assure the future life of each clan, they had to assure an equilibrium in the exchange of wives. They had no public records where they could look up and learn that one clan had given so many more wives than it had received, so they had a right

to demand that many. But, in the place of the public records they had the goats. The goats were a pledge, a promissory note, that later the clan would give a wife in exchange for the one it had received. Of course these exchanges were not simply between two clans, but circulated among a number. But, no matter how complicated it became, the goats would fulfill their function of assuring that each particular clan would be able to get a number of wives equal to the number it gave.

And so, when you try to put money value on a goat and want to buy it, you are really putting a money value on wives. *You* are then the one who institutes the custom of "selling" wives, an idea that would never have occurred to a native.

Of course goats are not in all regions the medium of exchange. Among the Karre (around Bassai) a peculiar kind of iron "money" was in use. But "money" was a name given by white men; in the minds of the natives it was simply a pledge to assure reciprocal exchanges, like the goats in our section.

(Note: I am sending copies of this letter to missionaries on the other stations so they can have a good laugh about how well I understand the marriage customs of the natives. You in the homeland will remember that a first term missionary knows more about native mentality than he will after fifteen or twenty years on the field.)

Since we can't buy goats, we have decided we don't want to! We rent them instead. We pay so much a month for milk goats, and then when they are needed to exchange for a wife, we try to get others. The plan is not a whale of a success yet, but it takes *time* and *patience* to do anything in Africa.

A week ago Thursday, Volngou left on a three week trip to preach in the villages on the road to Boda, and to hold baptism and communion there. So we have had to divide his work among those remaining on the station. Mary Emmert (with the help of natives) takes charge of the class for Sunday School teachers (every day at 1:30), of teaching the Sango class to write, and of the Tuesday morning chapel service. Doa (captain of our gang of workmen) takes charge of the Fishermen's Club and the Converts' Class on Sundays, then of the prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. Jean Mbo, head school assistant, acts as Sunday School Superintendent. Native evangelists in school, learning to read, take the converts' classes during the week. I have the class in Sango New Testament every day from 2:30 to 4, and bring the messages on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. So yeu see, it really is something to take the place of a man like Volongou. Ada has not taken any of his work, but in addition to her own schedule she has been helping Mary with one class every day in French school and with a class to teach women to read.

Now that I have told our principal preoccupations, will refer to a few minor incidentals.

We hear there is a war in Europe. But out here—there never has been such a calm time for getting work done on the station since we came to the field.

At the first announcement of mobilization they called for the Bekoro Dodge truck and for the Bellevue Chevrolet pickup. But now all men and cars in the mission are on their stations at regular work. It is perfectly obvious there is not going to be any fighting out here. We are just cut off from the rest of the world enough to give us the chance to do what we came out here for.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace . . . .". The Lord has remarkable ways of keeping His promises. He fulfilled this one for us by causing the radio to go on the blink.

It is supposed to be getting near the end of the rainy season now, but we have had very heavy showers every day except one for a long time.

The avocados are in bloom. I have been getting a little recreation pruning them and some of the oranges.

The new leper dispensary is nearly finished. Four out of the five cottages we planned to house hospital patients are up.

Charles and Marguerite took advantage of an invitation and of a trip of the Guineberts to Bozoum to visit Roger Jobson for a few days.

There does not seem to be anything else of interest to say. If I had not "manufactured" most of this letter, it would not have been worth writing. Perhaps it wasn't anyway, but at least you know that nothing has happened serious enough yet to knock any sense into my head.

Oceans of love,

Floyd.

NEWS Briefs From Our Workers

By ROBERT CULVER

Brethren of Flora and Cambria, Indiana closed a two weeks Bible Conference December 16. The meetings were held in the Public Library Building at Flora. Verne Stuber, Indiana pastor and student at Grace Theological Seminary, presided over the meetings of the conference. Interest in the meetings ran high throughout and attendance was very good. Speakers appearing on the program were Alva J. McClain, Herman A. Hoyt, Conard Sandy, Leo Polman, Robert Ashman, and Everett Niswonger. A gospel team from Grace Seminary had charge of one evening.

For the past several weeks John M. Aeby, Pastor of the Middlebranch, Ohio church, has been teaching a Tuesday evening Bible class in Mansfield, Ohio. A recent report reads, "Attendance so far at the South Mansfield Bible Class has increased every meeting."

A recent bulletin bears the news that Brother J. L. Gingrich has resigned as pastor of the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach. He will close his pastorate there December 31.

Rev. Fred William Walter, till recently a missionary in the employ of The Missionary Board of the Brethren Church in Kentucky, has assumed the pastorate of the church at Harrah, Washington. This church has been without a pastor since the departure of the last pastor, Robert D. Culver, in August.

Professor and Mrs. Conard Sandy and Professor Sandy's mother left Winona Lake, Ind., for a brief trip to California. Bro. Sandy will conduct meetings in the churches of Southern California during the Holidays, and will return to assume his duties in Grace Theological Seminary January 9.

In appreciation of their ten years' service, during which time a $41,000 church indebtedness has been reduced to $2,600, and 640 persons have been admitted to membership, 250 members of the First Brethren Church of Dayton recently held a reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Barnard. At that time they presented a console radio to the Barnards. It is reported that the fine spirit at the reception was an inspiration and encouragement, both to the pastor and his family, and to the congregation.

GLEANINGS FROM MISSIONARIES' LETTERS

The "joys" of translating the Scriptures into the native tongues of Africans who scarcely know the meaning of such words as "love", "hope", "kindness", etc., is only too well understood by our missionaries on the field. Mrs. Sheldon writes:

"Chauncey is struggling with the 23rd chapter of Acts just now, and is trying to get a word for 'hope'. Such words are hard to find, and if one must substitute something else he wants at least to get the best substitute. Just now the native helper is giving the word 'believe' for this expression. Many are the difficulties of accurately translating the Word into an unwritten language. But oh, what a blessing it is when translated! We now have Mark and John in the hands of the people and hope to finish Acts before we go home on furlough. Next Sunday our S. S. lesson is on the new birth, and what a blessing it is to have the third chapter of John to read. Yes, and it is nearly a greater blessing to have people who can read it. Our Bible reading classes have wrought wonders. We need to increase them."

Mrs. Minnie Kennedy has written a very interesting letter concerning some of her experiences with the physical troubles of her African children. If anyone thinks that our missionaries in Africa do not earn every penny of the small allowance that they are given, peruse this part of our Sister Kennedy's letter, now in our hands:

"Have had some sad cases in the medical work lately. One little baby they let fall into the fire. Its right arm was broken and actually roasted. Three days after the accident the broken piece of bone fell out; the flesh had sloughed away the second day already. The arm was burnt clear to the shoulder. The fourth day they took it home because they were afraid it was going to die, and it did.

"Another child they brought in had its lower lip and the part of the jaw eaten away by some disease. It may have been yaws or syphilis—I don't know enough about either to know when I see it. Nothing I did helped. Every day it kept eating away more and more. When we washed the mouth, a couple of teeth would fall out, and the flesh on the chin would slough off until the jaw bone was bare. Then it crept up into the eye, and finally they didn't bring it back. That was all in about a week's time."

An African funeral is interestingly described by *Miss Crawford* in a letter just received. It was written at Bassai, par Bozoum, par Bangui, French Equatorial Africa:

"On the way back from Betare Friday we passed a place where they were having a funeral celebration. When anyone dies they feast for several days, to assure the spirit a happy entrance into the other land and to do homage to the spirit so he won't come back later to punish them. Drinking and feasting seems to be the urge that motivates many of them, however.

MISS MABEL CRAWFORD

"The affair last week had more of the aspect of a street fair than any I've ever seen before. The whole village was full of people, standing laughing and talking before almost every house. There didn't seem to be much evidence of mourning. Only a small group of wailing dancing women was grouped about the drummers who were pounding the drums as though completely demon possessed, which they probably were.

"A laughable, yet pitiful thing happened as I was passing. Suddenly a man broke loose from a crowd and ran as quickly as possible into a nearby house. That attracted my attention to him (I'd have not noticed him particularly in the midst of the group otherwise), and upon second glance I recognized him as one of our Christians who always is having a hard time trying to prove to us his deep spirituality and love for the things of the Lord. I really believe the boy loves the Lord, but material things have a big hold in his life.

"Apparently 'shame killed him' that I should see him in such company, but what hurt me was that he had more concern to keep me from finding it out than to be well pleasing to the Lord. I asked my boy if he thought God could not see him inside the house. You see, human nature is no different under black skin . . . . How many do you have in your church who want you to think they are a model of perfect behavior, while deep underneath lie many things which they like to keep hidden in a house? . . . . I wonder how many of us know about . . . . perhaps all of us. People at home are so inclined to think crossing the ocean makes us sinless . . . . when we are as frail and sinful as any of them."

Fekele may have been once but an "ignorant little bush boy" of Miss Crawford's, but we predict that, if our Lord shall tarry, he shall become a great servant for our Lord and Savior in far away Africa. Of him *Miss Crawford* writes:

"In my French Bible hour this afternoon with my personal boy we were studying the Lamb of God, and I introduced him for the first time to Isa. 53. How that Messianic prophecy thrilled him as I showed how it was literally fulfilled in Christ's trial and death. Fekele was a member of my first class of ignorant little bush boys when I started French School at Bellevue. He soon went ahead of them and I took him on as my personal boy and taught him to type. When I came back this time he and his young bride were willing to leave their home and come over here with me. He has become my right hand almost, and I feel the Lord has given me a real ministry in the hours I spend with him on the Word. I recently gave him a cross reference Bible, and am teaching him the immeasurable wealth that it opens up to him. He enjoys tracing some New Testament fact back to its Old Testament origin. Yesterday we had the verse, 'No man hath seen God at any time', and in that connection I referred him to the time the Lord covered Moses with His hand until He passed, so that Moses might not see His face; also, the account of the glory reflected in Moses' face as he came down from the mount. Those made a great impression upon him."

Rev. H. G. C. Hallock, a missionary in Shanghai, China, in a letter to the Editor says:

"Our own Sunday Schools have been burned and we are refugees. Our church has been damaged and many useful things have been looted. It may be we were counting them precious instead of counting Him precious. Oh, friends, pray that I, my Sunday School scholars, church members and workers may draw very close to Jesus, so near that we can even take joyfully the spoiling of our goods. It is indeed heart-breaking, but thank God, we still have Jesus, heaven, and our work to do for Him.

"INASMUCH"

By Dr. Florence N. Gribble, French Equatorial Africa

NOTE.—The American incidents in the story are fictitious, but the missionary incidents have all occurred in the writer's personal experience in Africa.—F. N. G.

"Liouar bene, liouar bene." (There is no path, there is no path). They were her dying words. Only a few days had the gospel been preached to her, and in those few days of intense suffering and dying agony she had not been able to grasp the truth. The fact that for her there was a path had not yet entered her darkened mind. She was one of the many who hear the Word through the medical work at the hospital, but fortunately one of the few who having there received it, go out in darkness".

DR. FLORENCE N. GRIBBLE

Harvey Manton sat in his room in the city boarding house connected with Smith Medical College in Chicago, as he read this letter from his sister, a medical missionary in Africa. It was a letter of seeming failure. It was a letter which seemed to show that his sister's life was being wasted, but he did not receive it so. Upon his heart there came simply a greater burden of prayer that the Word might be preached in a speedier way, in a more effective way to souls such as this one who had gone out in darkness. He fell upon his knees in prayer—prayer that he too might sometime be privileged to minister to souls in heathen lands, as his sister was privileged to do, even though like her, sometimes, he might fail to see the immediate reward of his labors.

In Harvey's class in college there were three boys who were great chums. They were always seen together on every possible occasion. They were the sons of Christian parents, and unlike the majority of the young men in that medical college, were earnest Christians seeking to consecrate their all to Him who died for them.

Harvey arose from his knees strengthened and comforted. The pathos of the little incident in his sister's letter had touched him deeply. It would not be long before John and Jack would be coming in to spend the evening with him in study. He would relate the story to them, perhaps to them it would be a blessing also. He then threw himself quickly into his study chair and took down from his shelves a huge copy of "Osler's Practice of Medicine" and was soon lost in deep study.

From this absorption he was aroused by a tap at the door which he knew to be Jack's. "Come in Jack", he called heartily. Jack came in with an open letter in his hand. He was not a hale, hearty specimen of humanity like Harvey, but a silent, very delicate boy, who seemed indeed strangely out of place in the career he had chosen unless it might be to better care for his own health. The sorrow and suffering of one's life usually deepen and intensify one's sympathies. And so it was with Jack Harmon. His face beamed with spirituality, his eyes with a deep sympathy, as he dropped into a chair that Harvey offered him, and said: "Harvey, I can hardly wait to show you this letter".

Harvey thought of his own letter and marveled at the coincidence, but said in a friendly way, "Go on, old fellow, I am ready to hear the worst". "This letter" said Jack by way of introduction, "is from my brother in India. He has just been telling me about some terrible cases that have come into his hospital there. In the first place he has told me of four women—but wait, why tell you? I will read the letter aloud:

> Last night there came into my hospital here, four women in extreme suffering. In a military encampment near my compound these women had been sleeping together in one of the small huts. Strangely—I have not yet been able to ascertain how—the hut caught fire. It was not long before the roof crashed in upon the poor helpless women. Their cries of agony brought the soldiers to their relief. As soon as they were extricated, they started walking to the hospital. The military encampment is on the hill opposite that on which our mission compound is situated. Would you believe it, that one of these women dropped dead the moment she arrived at the hospital! So terrible were her wounds that the effort caused her death. Truly the people in this dark land need Christian care, they need Christian hospitals, they need the touch of Christ. I am doing my best for the three remaining women. It will require months of treatment. Pray that they may indeed find their Savior.
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> I forgot to tell you that the day previous to this accident had been an especially difficult one. I was extremely weary, but as the knock came at my door I heard a voice saying: 'I was sick, and ye visited me'. Could I have hesitated? Had I done so I am sure that same Voice would have spoken in reproachful accents: 'Inasmuch as ye did it *not* unto one of the least of these brethren, ye did it *not* unto Me.' "

Jack Harmon dropped the letter. For a moment he was speechless; then he said, "Harvey, you are the most fortunate fellow in the world. Were it possible for me to do so and be a Christian, I would envy you!"

Harvey considered this a somewhat radical change of subject. "Why Jack", he said, "what do you mean"?

"I mean", he said, "that you can go to some of these darkened heathen lands to relieve the suffering in the midst of conditions which we can hardly imagine, while I, alas! I can only pray!"

Jack's physical weakness was a thorn in the flesh. Gladly would he have gone to the ends of the earth for his Master. But alas, he had endured much of opposition even in taking the medical course at home, or thinking of the comparatively easy practice in a civilized land. Thinking to comfort, Harvey said: "You can do more than pray, old fellow; you can give of your means as they accumulate to carry the gospel to places where you yourself can never go".

"Give"! ejaculated Jack sadly, "Gladly would I do so, gladly *will* I do so. but"—he lowered his voice—"do you really think I shall make a successful physician"?

Harvey had cofidence in the brilliant gifts of his young friend and gave him that encouragement which he needed at this moment of testing. "Successful"? he said. "Jack, of course you will be successful. The time has come now for us to choose our specialties. I shall choose none. For the foreign field I must study every branch of medicine. But Jack, you should choose some specialty which will not be a physical strain upon you."

"I had not thought of that", said Jack; "yet, I believe you are right. I will think and pray about it that I may be guided as the Lord would have me. By the way Harvey, before I came over this evening I had an hour with Osler. I believe I could stand for a quiz on the Practice of Medicine".

"You're right, old fellow, we will quiz each other. I have not spent an hour with him, so I will quiz you first."

The two friends had finished their mutual quiz when there came another knock at the door, ringing and vibrant. Neither doubted that it was John—John, full of life, full of zeal, full also of ambition. "Just in time John", said Harvey. "We have finished our quiz". Good for you", John interrupted, "I have had two hours with Osler at home". "All right", said Harvey, "since Osler is out of the way, I will share with you and with Jack a letter I have received today". And Harvey read the sad story quoted above concerning the experiences of his sister in Africa, and then they mentioned briefly the letter which had come to Jack.

"Quite a coincidence", said John, "that you two fellows should have both received letters from your missionary relatives the same evening. I have no missionary relatives".

"You know John", said Harvey, "I am going to be a missionary myself".

"And I would like to be", added Jack quickly, "I would if I could".

"I am a Christian", said John slowly, "as you know. I too want to serve the Lord with my gifts, but I had not thought of the foreign field as a place for my service. You know", he said, "You fellows will excuse me, because you have both spoken so enthusiastically about foreign work, and I have sometimes wondered if there isn't a lot of sentiment about it after all, and especially about medical work. Of course I know the Lord said, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature', but I don't know about medical work and hospitals out there among those ignorant heathen. 'Civilized care for civilized lands' is my motto. They surely have their doctors; they surely have their ways of caring for the sick after all these centuries. Why waste money which might be spent in the direct preaching of the gospel in introducing foreign ways among them?"

Harvey rose quickly to his feet. "I keep all my sister's letters," he said. "Just excuse me John, the file is right back of there. Ah! Here it is, the very one I want. I cannot answer your question myself, John, about their doctors, but here is a letter my sister sent me. We are only young fellows, I know, and we must read it reverently. Doubtless my sister wouldn't have written to me along this line if it had not been my purpose to study medicine. I will read it all."

"Dear Harvey," it ran, "I must tell you about an African night. You don't know I haven't been on the field many months yet, and in central Africa one's freight is often much delayed. I was unpacking some of my special instruments—among them my obstetrical forceps—when a man knocked at the window-sill, having caught a glimpse of me in my little office. 'Can you come at once,' he said, 'and deliver my wife who is in labor'? Yes, I understood him. I understand nearly everything now, although I have difficulty in expressing all I wish to say. However, I have made it a principle not to use an interpreter. I find it makes for rapid progress in the language."

"And this", said Harvey as he interrupted the reading of the letter to make an explanation, "was shortly after my sister's arrival, when she had no hospital and no nurse and no trained medical assistants of any kind."

He then resumed the reading of the letter: "The superintendent of the mission volunteered to accompany me. We found the poor woman, who had been four days in the utmost agony, and whose life was about to be sacrificed according to their horrible custom of abandoning them to the hyenas in the bush. Just as they were about to carry her out, a boy who had been at the mission said, 'There is a doctor at the mission. She helps many people. Why don't you call her'? And so, reluctantly, the husband had come."

"Well, the gentleman who accompanied me gave the anesthetic, and in fifteen minutes (thanks, from the human side, to my forceps which had just arrived) the baby was born. There were cries of 'God! God!' all through the village, and some would have fallen down and worshipped us had we permitted it, but we took the opportunity to preach Christ unto them. I could understand Mr. Downing's wonderful message, although I could never have given it, and I do not wonder that the result was a great turning to the Lord among the villagers. The sad part of it is, that the woman had suffered so many things at the hands of these heathen doctors during those four days of agony without receiving one bit of relief."

Harvey replaced the letter as he finished. "There are multiplied instances in my sister's letters of the horrors of the witch doctor's malpractice." John was silent. Jack spoke quickly: "Again I can only say, I would go if I could."

There was silence in the little room for a moment or two—such a silence as augurs for a change of subject. Harvey as host took the burden upon himself.

"So you feel you are ready for Osler, do you John'?

"Yes, I believe so".

"Well, Jack and I are, too. Let's have a half hour together with Materia-Medica". And again the friends were soon lost in their absorbing studies.

More than a half hour elapsed before John and Jack left Harvey's comfortable room. Jack went home to pour out his heart to his heavenly Father that he might be shown some way to aid in relieving the world's suffering and in bringing Christ to the hearts of men. John went home to a troubled sleep, and as is so often the case with troubled sleepers, to dream.

He was riding in a taxi along Michigan Boulevard. Some way or other an accident occurred, and the occupants of the car were more or less seriously injured and were taken to the nearest hospital. John, however, was neglected. In his dream he lay there upon the cold pavement uncared for. Those around him, it seemed, thought him unconscious; but he could hear voices and understand them.

"After all," said one, "why waste money on him? Our business is to preach the gospel".

"He seems to be helpless, the rest have left him," said another, "Why should we care for him? How do we know that he would become a Christian were he to recover? How do we even know that he would recover? If he did not recover, or, if he recovered without being converted, our time and money would be lost."

"Yes", said the first speaker, "you are right, I repeat it, our business is to preach the gospel". And they left him, like those of old, who passed by on the other side.

In his dream John wished for some good Samaritan to come and minister unto him. He remembered many Scripture texts that had never been so vivid to him before. "What doth it profit, my brother, if a man say he hath faith and have not works? Can that faith save him? If a brother and sister be naked, and in lack of daily food, and one of

you say unto them, "Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself."

Thoughts passed and repassed in his mind, coupled with other verses which he had learned in Sunday School as a little child. Among them: "But whosoever hath this world's good and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" "My little children let us not love in word, neither with the tongue, but in deed and in truth". To him in his troubled dream came the realization that he was not loved in deed and in truth by those whose voices he had heard. He had been refused care at home, just as others were being refused care abroad. And again he wished for some good Samaritan to come and minister unto him!

The large clock in the neighborhood struck two. He awakened. He realized that it had all been a dream, but he realized too the purpose of his dream. In a civilized land the experience which had come to his consciousness could only have come to him in a dream; and especially in the large city where he was situated it could never have been a reality. He now offered to God that humble prayer which he could not have offered a few hours previous. "Accept me Lord, for Thy service, *where thou wilt*".

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Five years have passed. Harvey has joined his sister in Africa, and John has gone to India, where Jack would have loved to go. Jack is now one of Chicago's most successful occulists. He lives simply, and the larger portion of his earnings is devoted to the Lord's work. Many a check finds its way to Harvey in Africa or to John in India. Many a struggling nurse or medical student with an avowed intention for the foreign field receives a word of encouragement or a timely gift from the man whose success has come in answer to prayer.

In Harvey's work in Africa ten young boys are being trained to be medical assistants. Twenty young girls are being trained to be nurses. Jack has them much on his heart in prayer. For them he does what he can. The allowance of these students is very small, not more than one dollar per month for each. Many of the children in Jack's Sunday School class are interested and have volunteered to support a medical worker in training. Others among his juvenile friends are busy in the preparation of bandages and dressings for the hospitals of which Dr. Jack has told them. Little prayer circles have been formed among Jack's acquaintances where the patients in foreign hospitals are prayed for by name.

Probably the greatest joy which comes to Dr. Jack is to have some young man or young woman come to him and say: "Dr. Jack, I have decided to study for the foreign field through your influence". We cannot tell who is happiest today, Harvey in his hospital in Africa, John with Dr. Harmon in India, or Dr. Jack in Chicago—praying always, giving where he can, and going through countless proxies, which is the consequence of his having done what he could to relieve the suffering in foreign lands and to bring souls to Christ. Have *we* done what we can? Have *you?* Have *I?*

Special Announcement

Pastors and Church Correspondents take notice!!

Send in your news stories at once to be included in the regular Church News Department. We suggest that you confine your news to 1000 words and write at least once every quarter.

You are asked also to send church calendars to Rev. Robert Culver, Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind. Brother Culver is to conduct a column of news briefs gleaned from the church calendars.

Please cooperate with us in this important feature by putting Brother Culver on your calendar mailing list at once.

—Editor

MRS. KENNEDY "ON DUTY"

EDITOR'S NOTE—"BOY! BOY! THOSE MISSIONARIES of ours are busier than a boy in a corn field with seventeen bumblebees up his pants legs, and a dozen more down the back of his shirt!" Yes, that's exactly what the editor said when we read a letter from Sister Kennedy of our Be'-Miller Station in French Equatorial Africa. *Mrs. Kennedy* is our Field Treasurer in Africa. Apart from a lot of business matters, here is a quotation from a etter just received:

Have a few minutes before it is time to eat, so will get my letter started at least. I'd never make a good Christian Scientist, I get too hungry. They say it is noly a habit but I've noticed they themselves don't get rid of the habit. I knew some that actually made themselves very sick eating to much of the same thing. I can do that good myself . . . .

MRS. KENNEDY

I've surely had some event-*full*-days since I've returned from my wonderful vacation. How is this for a full day: 1:30 A. M.—Gentle tap, tap at my front door. "What is it?" "My wife is in labor". ..Is she coming to the dispensary?" "Yes." "O. K. I'll be right there." Then a hasty dressing and a still hastier search for something suitable for cord ties. Nothing, nothing available so finally cut the taps from a boudoir cap and boil them up. The next thing was to calm myself. This was the first time I'd had to do it all by myself. Then, too, one of those fierce headaches was beginning to creep up over the left side of my head. I can't tell you how wonderfully the Lord blessed. Everything just went along so smoothly. At 3:00 o'clock we had a fine baby boy.

At 4:00 o'clock back to bed until 6:00, then breakfast and off to the women's class. At 7:45 back to the dispensary again where three of us, with two native helpers, took care of 88 patients. Then back to the house to make an upside down cake. Was invited out to dinner so made the cake as a contribution. No sooner was started on the cake then one of the boys came to tell me a snake case just arrived. I let them wait until I finished my cake, left it with the boys to bake, and off to the dispensary again. Gave the injections of serum and permanganate, and back to the house again to see how the cake turned out.

It was O. K., but that headache had been getting up momentum until by this time it was raving. So we fixed up a dose of lemon and soda and ten grains of aspirin and rested for an hour. At 11:30 went to dinner, had a good dinner and by the time dinner was over the headache was just about gone, too.

Just as I got back to the house for the noon-day siesta, another tap, tap at my door. "They brought a very sick woman to the dispensary just now." So off again to the dispensary. The worst of this case is, we don't know what ails her. It seems like a case of poisoning. (They reported this morning that she is better. Praise the Lord.) Back to the house again for a little rest and up again for 3 o'clock classes with the girls. 5 o'clock, off to the village to care for three sick babies. Back home for a bite of supper, and by 7 o'clock felt fit to turn the world upside down. But I didn't do it.

Last night they called me at 12:30 A. M.—another snake case. The funny part of this case is that the man claims to have a sure cure medicine for snake bites. But when one bit him they brought him to me.

I hope you're not too awful busy but there is just one more—no, two more things—I'd like to tell you. A little fellow here, not quite three years old, asked his father how long it would be until they would be eating their peanuts. The father answered, "When another moon dies, the peanuts will be ready to eat." Then the little boys asked, "How long until the corn will be ready to eat?" The father answered again, "When this moon dies, it will be ready to eat." After a while the little fellow said, "Go and ask Mr. Kliever to take his gun out and shoot the moon so that it will die quickly. I am so hungry."

The Grace of God

Nothing is lacking for the salvation of men. God has provided all. He has not left the garment almost long enough, but needing that we should add a fringe; nor has He proved a feast almost sufficient for us if we bring at least another loaf; nor has He built a house of mercy almost completed, but leaving us to add a few more tiles to the roof. No, no. The work is finished, and from top to bottom salvation is of the Lord.—*Spurgeon.*

Giving!

"There is something about this thing of giving that blesses us. No man has ever impoverished himself by giving. It cannot be done. Those who give most, have most left. I believe that every one who gives a penny will get it back a hundred-fold. I believe that every one who dries a tear with his assistance, will be spared the shedding of a thousand tears. Give—and somewhere, from out of the clouds, or from the sacred depth of human hearts, a melody divine will reach your ears, and gladden all your days upon the earth."

Our Boys and Girls VERY OWN Page

Hello, Boys and Girls

Of course you have heard mother and father talk much about The Brethren Missionary Herald as they have been looking forward to the arrival of the first issue. Perhaps you have wished you were older so you could better understand and appreciate all the good things its pages contain. But The Brethren Missionary Herald is not a magazine for the grown-ups only—it is for you as well. We hope you will be delighted to learn that each week there will be one page just especially for you.

Start the New Year Right

New year at the Donaldson home is a time when everyone makes new year's resolutions. You know what a resolution is, don't you? When you decide to do or not to do certain things, you are making a resolution.

This year Father Donaldson resolved to be a pal to his children. He usually has scowled when the boys have asked him to help them make their sail boats, bird houses, kites, and the other things boys enjoy making. And he seldom wanted to be bothered taking the boys with him when he went hunting and fishing.

Mother Donaldson resolved to be more patient with the family. Her anger when Father Donaldson has thrown his wraps over the back of a chair, instead of hanging them where they belong, has started many a quarrel. It seems she is always shaking one of the boys for tracking mud in the house or getting into the cookie jar. And little Mary has had many a scolding for dropping jam or gravy on the clean tablecloth.

James resolved to see how helpful he can be. He has decided to surprise father by tending to the furnace, and to run errands for mother, and to do many of the other things a boy of twelve can do around the house.

Donald resolved not to tell any more lies. It seems he can't keep out of mischief, and when he gets caught he tries to deny that he has done anything. Sometimes he has tried to lay the blame on someone else.

Little Mary resolved to be as good as good can be, not only just before Christmas, but throughout the whole long year.

Perhaps the Donaldson family will not keep their new year's resolutions long. They seldom do, for they have never tried the sure way to have a successful new year. They always start out the new year fine, but within a few weeks seem to have forgotten all about their good resolutions.

Let's not be like the Donaldsons. Let's start the new year right, and continue it right, throughout the whole year. If you want to know how to do this, turn in your Bible to the following references, and find the letters which belong in the words in the place of the X's. In each sentence it is the same letter which is missing.

If you have never done so before, you must look unto God and bX savXd (Isa. 45:22).

Then you must hXde God's Word Xn your heart so you will not sXn agaXnst Him (Ps. 119:11). Read it prayerfully every day, and learn at least one verse every week.

Then you must prXy without ceXsing (I Thess. 5:17). Every morning you can ask God to help you to do the things that please Him. And don't forget to thank Him every night for the blessings of the day.

If you do these things, and do as God asks in this week's memory text, you can be sure of a happy, successful new year indeed.

Daily Bible Readings

This week in our daily Bible readings we will find seven things which our Lord Jesus said about Himself. Each day after you have read the passage, fill the missing words in the blanks.

Sun.—Jn. 6:32-35. "I am the ..... of....."

Mon.—Jn. 8:12. "I am the ..... of the....."

Tues.—Jn. 10:7-9. "I am the....."

Wed.—Jn. 10:11, 14-15. "I am the ...."

Thurs.—Jn. 11:25-27. "I am the..... and the ....."

Fri.—Jn. 14:3-6. "I am the....., the....., and the ....."

Sat.—Jn. 15:14. "I am the ...."

This Week's Memory Verse

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. (I Cor. 10:31).

Don't you think it would be a splendid idea, not only to learn this week's memory verse at once, but to make it your verse for the entire year?

Suggestions for Daily Prayer

Have you ever said you would gladly pray more if you only knew for what to pray? Perhaps the following will help you.

Sun.—Pray for your relatives—your father, mother, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles and cousins. If any are not saved, pray for their salvation.

Mon.—Pray for your friends—your playmates in the neighborhood and at school. Pray especially for those who do not love Jesus.

Tues.—Pray for those who are leaders in your church—your pastor, your Bible School superintendent, your Bible School teacher, and the officers in your class or Christian Endeavor.

Wed.—Pray for the members of your class in Bible School. Ask God to save those who are not His, and to help the others to live lives that please Him.

Thurs.—Ask God to bless the missionaries (perhaps you can name some of them) who are telling people about Jesus in other lands. Pray for the boys and girls, and the men and women, whom they are teaching.

Fri.—Pray for those whom you do not like—playmates or others who have not treated you right. See what God says about this in Mt. 5:44-45.

Sat.—Make a list of those you would like to see saved, and pray for them.

Let's Experiment

PROBLEM

To see why sin has a greater effect on one heart than on another, and to determine what kind of a heart I have.

MATERIALS

A pan of water to represent God's Word; a heart cut out of tin and one cut out of a sponge, representing two kinds of human hearts; and a match to represent sin.

METHOD

1. Drop the hearts into the pan of water for a few moments.
2. Carefully lift them out and lay them on the sink for a few minutes.
3. Pick up the tin heart.
4. Have mother light the match, and hold the flame close to the heart for a few moments.
5. Do the same with the sponge heart.

OBSERVATION

The ..... heart did not absorb any of the water, and soon dried.

The ..... heart absorbed all the water it could hold, and remained very, very wet.

The lighted match held close to the ..... heart soon made it black.

The lighted match did not blacken the ..... heart. Instead, the water put out the fire.

APPLICATION

Those who read their Bibles, and hear God's Word at church and Bible School, but do not give it any place in their hearts, are like the ..... heart.

Those who hear and read and learn all they can of God's Word, and fill their hearts with it, are like the ..... heart.

Sin easily blackens those whose hearts are like the .....heart. But sin does not blacken the heart which, like the ..... heart, is filled with God's Word. See Ps. 119:11 and Jn. 15:3.

My heart is like the ..... heart.

Topic For January 21
The Saddest Thing in the World

Aim: To show the tragedy of leaving God out of one's life.

Preparations: In colored chalk, sketch on the blackboard a scene with clouds, moon, stars, mountains, streams, trees, flowers, birds, animals, etc. Or if you prefer, cut colored pictures of these from magazines, putting them together to make such a scene, pinning or tacking them to the wall so they can be removed.

LEADER:

Have the children take turns in erasing or removing the picture of one thing which God has made. After these have all been removed, ask them what is left. Show that that is the way with a ife in which Gad has no place. There is nothing left that is really beautiful or lasting or worth while. Although the world may call such people successful, no one who leaves God out of his life is ever really a success. If their lives do not bring great disappointment in this world, their despair and regret when they stand before God to give account of their lives (Rom. 14:12 Rev. 20:11-15) will be indescribable. All the hidden thoughts and acts,

whether good or bad, will then be made known (Rom. 2:16, I Cor. 4:5). If your sins were not forgiven, would you want to answer to God for all your thoughts and deeds, some of which you would not even want me to know?

ILLUSTRATIONS

1. People tried to get along without God before the flood, but when trouble came they had no one to help them (Gen. 6-7; Lesson 5, True Stories from the Long Ago). Did it pay for them to do without God?

2. The Egyptians thought they had no need for God, but it got them into lots of trouble (Ex. 5-12; Lessons 24-27, True Stories from the Long Ago). Did it pay?

3. Ahab gave God no place in his life, and this brought suffering and misery upon his whole kingdom (I Ki. 16:30-17:1, 21:25-26, 18:1-18, Lessons 67-68, True Stories from the Long Ago). Did it pay?

4. The rich young ruler decided not to follow Christ, and went away *sorrowful* (Mt. 19:16-26; Lesson 122, True Stories from the Long Ago). Did it pay?

5. Herod did not give God His proper place, and was smitten by an angel and was eaten by worms (Acts. 12; Lesson 138, True Stories from the Long Ago). Did it pay?

CONCLUSION

People may seem to get along all right without God, but sooner or later they will pay dearly for it (Ps. 37:7-17). Can I afford not to give God first place (Mk. 8:35-37)? Am I ready to do so now?

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FOR PULPIT AND PEW

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THIS WEEK'S POEM

In This Coming Year

I will make it a year of faith and prayer,
A year of high endeavor;
I will crowd it with deeds both brave and fair,
I will act the hero ever;
I will travel God's path at God's own rate,
I will welcome both gain and loss,
Nor will I rebel when heaven's gate
Looks tragically like a cross.

—*Author unknown.*

Pellets For Preachers

An elderly invalid clergyman said to me, "There are three or four churches that ask me to preach now and then; but I never can sleep the night before, lest I should not get the right message; and I cannot sleep the night after, lest I should not have spoken it right."

I said: "Well, I will give you a little healing medicine. Psalm 37:5, 'Commit thy way unto the Lord. Trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.' That will give you a Saturday night's sleep. And Proverbs 16. 3: 'Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.' Then you will have a Sunday night's sleep."—*Rev. Hubert Brooke.*

(at Keswick Convention).

Pointed Paragraphs

He who walks through life with an even temper and a gentle patience—patient with himself, patient with others, patient with difficulties and crosses—he has an everyday greatness beyond that which is won in the battle or chanted in cathedrals.—*Dr. Dewey.*

"Kindness is not wasted. Even when it seems to fall on unresponsive ground, some one is helped—the person who bestowed it."

The way to preserve the peace of the church is to preserve the purity of it.—*Matthew Henry.*

READY BIBLE OUTLINE

Scripture Facts About Salvation

God thought it (Rom. 3:19-26; 1 Cor. 1:17 to 2:16).
Christ bought it (1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19).
The grace of God brought it (Tit. 2:11).
The Church taught it (Acts 8:4; 26:22, 23).
The Holy Spirit wrought it (1 Cor. 2:4, 5; 1 Thess. 1:5).
The Gospel never fails to laud it (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-4).

That the angels might know its profound and fascinating mystery, they sought it (1 Pet. 1:12).

The Devil fought it (2 Cor. 4:3, 4).

But by grace, through faith, we poor sinners reached out and caught it (Eph. 2:8).

And now it will take a long eternity for us to shout it (Eph. 2:7; Rev. 5:6-14).

Then why, lost sinner, will you go through life and all eternity without it? (Mark 8:36, 37).

And lastly, sinner, what say you about it? (Matt. 27:22).

ILLUSTRATIVE JOTTINGS

A Child's Conversion

A little girl in America, when she was asked by the church committee as to her knowledge of Jesus Christ, and asked to recite her experience, said, "I do not know if I have any 'experience.' All I know is that Jesus said, 'Come unto me,' and I came, and He said, 'I will give you rest,' and He gave me rest." One of the older men said, "But you don't seem to know much about the Slough of Despond, my dear." She dropped a curtsy and said, "Please, sir, I did not come that way."—*I. T. Pierson.*

A New Year Resolve

Let us make this a truly New Year by filling it full of:
NEW FERVOR in helpful service.
NEW POISE in the careless problems of living.
NEW TENDERNESS toward all our fellow humans.
NEW INSIGHT into the fathomless depth of spirit.
NEW AUSTERITY against all moral compromise.
NEW CHEER in an environment of tribulation.
NEW DEPENDENCE upon the Infinite, expressing itself through PRAYER.

Bible Briefs

The Hebrew word translated "rib" in Genesis 2:21, is used 42 times in the Old Testament and rendered "rib" in only this place. It is usually given as "sides" or "chambers." The word for "rib" is entirely different (see Dan. 7:5). Harper renders Gen. 2:21 as follows: *"He took one from his sides and closed the flesh instead of it."* Another scholar says the word means "flank"—woman was taken from the flank of man. In any case it should be noted that she was declared to be *"flesh of his flesh"* as well as "bone of his bones."

Sentence Sermons

EVIL THOUGHTS will in time bear evil fruit for all the world to see.

TOO MANY OF US are like wheel-barrows: useful only when pushed, and easily upset.

EVEN RAILROAD TIES wouldn't last as long as they do if they didn't "give" a little to every jolt and passing burden.

NOW THEY'RE TELLING that a lady in Glasgow went on a hunger strike, and within a week had received twenty proposals!

Enoch was translated (Gen. 5:24) and, like the church, which will be translated, was not left to see the world's evil rise to a head.

The earth was filled with violence (Gen. 6:11). The earliest skeletons show that man had great muscular powers and there are indications of violence and brutality.

"Noah found grace" (Gen. 6:8). The first thing said of Noah and the first use of the word "grace" in the Bible. Grace is the foundation of every life pleasing to God.

"The waters prevailed" (Gen. 7:18). Science says that if the earth were level, there is enough water in the seas to cover the earth to a depth of two miles. Cf. v. 20—"fifteen cubits"—20 or 30 feet.

The raven is the first bird mentioned by name in the Bible (Gen. 8:7).

Gen. 9:13—"Bow in the cloud." The rainbow is the joint product of storm and sunshine. God's grace may be seen on the background of man's sin.

The temperance question was first raised in Gen. 9:21.

Confusion of tongues in Gen. 11:7 is seen as an expression of judgment, in Acts 2 as an expression of grace.

"Babel" (Gen. 11:9) means "confusion." Federated selfishness will always end in confusion.

Abraham is the only man called "the friend of God"—Is. 41:8; 2 Chron. 20: 7; Jas. 2:23.

There are thirteen recorded famines in the Bible.

Wanted—Peculiar People

I have heard it said, "Yes, he is a good man, but peculiar." I should like to find a church made up of peculiar people—that church would shake the world. Christ said we were to be peculiar, zealous (on fire), full of good works. Elijah was peculiar, but he was worth more than the hundred thousand around him. Enoch—I suppose all pointed to him; and Daniel was the most peculiar man Babylon ever had. When God has a great work to do, He will call some peculiar man to do it—a man who sets his back to the world and his face towards heaven like a flint. And the eyes of the Lord run to and fro to find such an one!—D. L. Moody.

The Bible Supreme

"Suppose you were sent to prison for three years and could only take three books with you, which three would you choose? Please state them in order of their importance." This question was sent by the editor of an influential London newspaper to one hundred prominent men—peers, members of Parliament, professors, authors, merchants—a comprehensive selection. Few of them were keen about religion; many were not even church-goers; others were agnostics or atheists. Yet 98 of them placed the Bible first on their list. —*The Missionary Review of The World.*

Precious Package

As a teacher I have heard many funny things said by children—but this is the best:

"What is cowhide chiefly used for?" I said to my class one day. A boy raised his hand. "I know, sir," he said brightly. "Tell the class," I encouraged him. "To keep the cow together, sir," was the reply.

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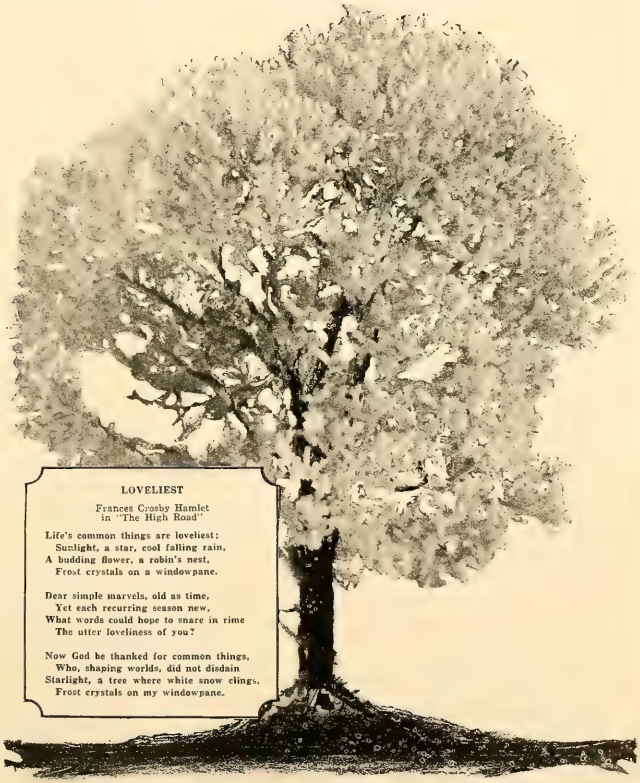

LOVELIEST

Frances Crosby Hamlet
in "The High Road"

Life's common things are loveliest;
Sunlight, a star, cool falling rain,
A budding flower, a robin's nest,
Frost crystals on a windowpane.

Dear simple marvels, old as time,
Yet each recurring season new,
What words could hope to snare in rime
The utter loveliness of you?

Now God be thanked for common things,
Who, shaping worlds, did not disdain
Starlight, a tree where white snow clings,
Frost crystals on my windowpane.

By the breath of God frost is given (Job. 37:10).

He giveth snow like wool: He scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before His cold? (Ps. 147:16-17).

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"Like unto Children Sitting in the Markets"

There are some people who have warped their own souls into a state of continual fault-finding against the children of God. In their eyes nothing is right that the true believer tries to do. They have made up their minds in advance to admit no good regarding those who are faithfully declaring the message of the Lord. Argument, no matter how reasonable, has no effect whatever upon their minds. They have decided what they will see, and they are able to see nothing else. To satisfy them is impossible. Even if God Himself should walk once more among men in flesh and blood, as He once did, they would regard all that He said and did with disgruntled and critical eyes.

If the preacher proclaims salvation by free grace alone without human works, they will denounce him as a "sinner" who teaches men to go on living in sin. But if, on the other hand, he condemns the worldly ways of professing Christians who defile themselves with such things as divorce, tobacco and the demoralizing movie, the same people will say that the preacher is a narrow minded radical.

The Lord Himself had to face such carping critics, and He dealt with them effectively with ironical humor. You are "like unto children sitting in the markets," He said, "calling unto their fellows, and saying, 'We have piped unto you and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they said, 'He hath a devil.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners'" (Matt. 11:16-19).

Humanity has not changed in nineteen hundred years. If we lay dofn the commandments of the Lord and demand that those who profess to be His should walk by this rule, they will brand us as fanatical devils. But if we preach the infinite grace of God to lost men, they denounce us for showing mercy and hope to "sinners," for making salvation too "easy." Well, it is no accident that our Lord just a few verses lower in the passage says this very thing, "For my yoke is *easy,* and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:30). As the servants of the Lord, we doubtess make many mistakes in our ministry. But let us forever beware of making "hard" what the Lord declares to be "easy."

Can the Christian Endorse Kagawa?

There is no doubt but that Kagawa, Japanese preacher and social worker, is one of the most remarkable men of modern times. His self sacrificing labors in the city slums of Japan are a saga of heroism. So impressive has his work been, that by many prominent religious leaders of this country he has been named "The First Christian" of the present generation. And not long ago a lecture tour through the United States became for Kagawa a veritabe march of personal triumph in which church and educational leaders vied with one another in paying tribute to the little quiet-spoken Japanese. His writings have been loudly applauded and sold widely in our country.

Now in seeking to appraise such men as Kagawa, it is necessary for the Christian to examine first exactly what he teaches. And in doing this, we should beware of prejudice either for or against him as an individual. That he happens to belong to another race, not very well liked in America today, should not be permitted to enter our estimate of his message. On the other hand, the unquestionable heroism of his personal deeds must not blind our eyes to anything that may be wrong with his message. Too often people thoughtlessly infer that a man capable of heroic deeds must be a teacher of truth. Unfortunately this is not so. The ancient Stoics were capable of tremendous personal heroism, but their philosophy was false for the most part, and their courage was the courage of despair.

What about the teachings of Kagawa? Let us examine a few specimen passages from his books and writings. In his *"Love, The Law of Life"* (298-299) he writes, "This is the message of evolution, that the world is still in bud....Belief in evolution is faith in the progressive entrance into an ever-expanding freedom—from seed to shoot, bud to flower, from anthropoid to human, from man to son of God. What a courageous faith! The belief that there is a direct line of evolution from amoeba to man is a more daring and romantic faith than the belief in the myth of a Creator making something out of nothing. I will not enquire how the amoeba became man. If it is said it became man through the process of Nature, the explanation is simple: The amoeba is cleverer than a bungling god." Again on pages 302-304, Kagawa makes the following statements: "The terms evolution and God point towards the same entity." God is evolution itself at work within the *ego.*" "He who affirms evolu-

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tion will necessarily affirm God, for the one God is evolutionary power intrinsic."

These clearly expressed statements makes it evident that Kagawa is simply a pantheistic evolutionist who like the ancient Stoics confuses the Creator with His creation. If you want to know what the Apostle Paul would say about Kagawa, read Romans 1:18-25, especially the last verse.

The Pope and our Present Government

More than one thoughtful observer, both in and outside the Christian church, has watched with considerabe anxiety the intimacy which is growing up between the Vatican and high officials in this country. Joseph P. Kennedy, devout Roman Catholic and United States Ambassador to Great Britain, was asked in a news interview to describe his impressions at the ceremony of inducting the new Pope into his office. This is what he said:

"It was a day overwhelming in its solemnity, in its magnificence, in its universal appeal. Forty-one nations were represented. But above all the pageantry, ceremonies and cheers stood the figure of His Holiness. It seemed to us *no longer the figure of a man, but more a God-like figure.*"

Holding to the honored policy of our nation, we dare not question the right of such men as Mr. Kennedy to think and worship as they please without hindrance. That is one thing. It is not that anyone wants to deny the Roman Catholic the right to worship as he feels is right. But the thing which should concern us is the *political* views of the Roman Catholic hierarchy which still holds that the Pope is a temporal sovereign who, because he reigns in Christ's stead, is the rightful ruler of all other rulers.

Recently the Roman Catholic organization has launched a drive in America to *put God* into government and its affairs. Now such a drive looks well on the face of it, and more than one Protestant has endorsed it. But we do well to ask just what the Roman Catholic means by "putting God" into government. To this question there is but one answer: It is the *Roman Catholic* "god" who is to be put there, together with his ancient policies and ways, if not now, at least eventually when the fears of men have been quieted sufficiently. For it is the boast of "Rome" that she never changes, and that her official voice is infallible.

There are two distinct tendencies which we should watch and fear: First, after centuries of supporting the divine right of kings against democratic movements, Rome has suddenly become the defender of democracy. Why? Because today Rome needs friends, and she has found that the democracy of this country is the richest and easiest field for exploitation in the world today. Therefore in this country (but not in Italy and other Catholic countries) Rome has become a defender of "religious freedom." On the other hand, the democratic governments of the world, feeling the need of help in their battle against the totalitarian nations, and appraising the amazing organization and influence of the Vatican as a possible help, are looking definitely and favorably toward Rome. Thus the marriage of civil government and organized "Christendom" becomes more and more a possibiity. But according to the Word, it will be merely a marriage of convenience. Read Revelation 17.

Who Left What?

Some time ago a certain Methodist minister out in the state of Kansas got sick of the unbelief and apostasy in his denomination, and feeling that he could do nothing more to help the situation he announced publicly his intention to leave the denomination. As reasons for taking this momentous step after eighteen years in the Methodist church, he gave the following: "It is common practice today, in the Methodist Church, either to deny outright the most essential doctrines of the Bible or to hush them up." Among these doctrines, he cited the virgin birth, the resurrection of the body, and the second coming. "Instead of preaching regeneration," he charged, "I am admonished to teach the devil's doctrine that all men are brothers." And he closed his public announcmnt with the prayer, "God help the Methodist Church."

Now this incident is nothing new today. The same thing has been taking pace in various denominations. But the really significant thing about the above mentioned incident is the way the newspapers reported the matter. According to the headline of the article, readers were informed that this certain Methodist minister had *"left the faith"!*

Ignorance & Hyprocrisy

Two things about the whole story will interest the informed Christian: First, the profound ignorance of the press in general about the situation in denominations like the Methodist Church. Second, the deep-dyed hyprocrisy of many denominational leaders. As a matter of fact, many denominations have all but scuttled the real Christian *"faith"* as far as the officials in control are concerned. But let some faithful minister of the Lord withdraw from the camp of unbelief, and the officials at once denounce him as an apostate from "the faith." And the newspapers, often uninformed as to the real issues, sometimes repeat the hypocritical slander. Loyalty to some man-made organization is placed above loyalty to faith in the Lord Himself.

Perhaps we should not be surprised at such ignorance and perverseness. The last days, according to the Apostle Paul, would be characterized by the falling of men from the reality of Christian faith, and at the same time by a fanatical adherence to mere "forms of godliness" (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

For many years the Brethren have warned against substituting loyalty to man-made creeds for loyalty to the faith of Christ. We need to learn that it is no less vicious to substitute loyalty to man-made organizations for loyalty to the faith once for all delivered unto the saints.

The Old Testament deals with Law and ends with a curse (Mal. 4:6). The New Testament deals with grace and ends with a blessing (Rev. 22:21).

NORMAL CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE FOR EVERY BELIEVER

Herman A. Hoyt
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The little book of Philippians was written to describe normal Christian experience. So observe carefully the phrase "normal Christian experience." While it is true that everyone has experience, for experience is simply to live through the course of events, it is not true that everyone has "*Christian* experience." And while it is true that every believer has "Christian experience," for Christian experience is simply to live in relationship with Christ, it is not true that every believer has "*normal* Christian experience." Nevertheless, normal Christian experience is the standard for every believer, and anything less than that is neither completely beneficial to the believer nor pleasing to the Lord.

Most people want to be normal; that is, they do not want to be supernormal, nor do they want to be subnormal, for either extreme is freakish in its deportment. And while in the realm of mentality we refer to the supernormal and to the subnormal as well as the normal, in the realm of spiritual things we recognize only two levels instead of three. There is the normal Christian who is the spiritual man, and who stands at the very top of the spiritual ladder, and there is the man who falls below the normal level, who is the carnal man. Now it is normal Christian experience of which Paul writes in the little book of Philippians, and into which the Holy Spirit would lead every believer.

Also, let it here be said, that normal Christian experience is the life with fulness of joy, as a careful study of this epistle will attest. Therefore, where Christian experience falls below normal, there will be absence of joy; and where Christian experience follows the course which is marked out as normal, there will there be fulness of joy; for joy is the emotional overflow from the fulness of Christ. It cannot be worked up under any circumstances, and yet in conjunction with the fulness of Christ it will manifest itself regardless of circumstances. And since every believer wants his life filled and overflowing with joy, it therefore follows that he must travel through the realms of normal Christian experience as outlined in the book of Philippians. Therefore note,

First, The Person of Christ is the Philosophy for Christian Living (1:21)

"For to me to live is Christ." Contrary to what a great many have taught, the phrase "to live" does not mean the same as the word "life," for the word "life" may mean the principle of existence, or the span of existence, or the condition of existence; but the phrase "to live" extends far beyond that, referring to the acts and activity that fills one's life; to the events and circumstances which go to make up the daily routine of the believer's life And since living consists in thinking, willing, speaking, and doing, Paul is asserting in his case, Christ is to fill up his thinking, his willing, his speaking, and his doing. Christ is to be the subject of his thoughts, the object of his will, the message of his speech, and the substance of his deeds.

Thus, Christ becomes the philosophy for normal Christian experience. Nor should the Christian shy away from the word philosophy as though it were a pagan idea. For as a matter of fact the word simply means a system of thought or a world-view which motivates one's life. And the Christian, no less than the average man of the street, needs a philosophy by which to motivate his life. And for him, that should be Christ, Who will cause the aimlessness of life to disappear, mental confusion to beocome order, and disturbances to cease. This philosophy will undergird him for all the experiences of life and equip him for a life of fruitful service.

Second, The Mind of Christ is the Principle for Christian Conduct (2:5)

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." This is to remind the believer that normal Christian experience does not consist alone in a philosophy to motivate one's life, although that is primary and basic, but include a principle to guide one in his conduct. That there is a need for such a principle is very definitely demonstrated in the quarrels and clashes that occur in every congregation of believers. So Paul describes the principle that should guide Christian conduct in verses 1-4 of chapter two, and follows this description with a superb illustration from the life and ministry of Christ in verses 5-11. When the salvation of men was at stake, He did not selfishly cling to what rightfully belonged to Him, but gave it up that He might accomplish the work of the cross, and all of this He did for the glory of the Father. That is the mind of Christ, and the principle which should guide every Christian in his service for the Lord.

Selfish ambitions will wreck the most well-organized society and throw it into a confusion where order can never be restored. Lucifer, the son of the morning, now the arch-enemy of God, once wrecked heaven, and has since wrecked the earth, all because he selfishly sought his own glory (Isa. 14:12-14). But Christ, in that He wrought out the whole plan of salvation for the glory of the Father, has supremely demonstrated the principle that should guide every Christian

Third, The Mark in Christ Calls for Progress in Christian Life (3:14)

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." And in this verse it is definitely implied that every believer should be making progress toward the mark in Christ. It is not enough to have a philosophy of life, and a principle to guide conduct, but the believer should employ both of these in making progress in the direction of the mark in Christ. Now that "mark" is the perfection which is in Christ, and which every believer will experience when Christ comes again and calls us out of this world. But the fact that we shall then be perfect is no occasion for indolence today. At least Paul found no such occasion in that blessed fact. On the contrary, to him there was in it a definite incentive for progress in the present life toward that goal. And as one of God's saints has said,

"If we expect to look like Him some day, then it follows that we ought to begin to look like Him now." And toward that goal Paul found joy in continually pressing.

Nor is that goal vague and indistinct, for all that Christ was and is morally and spiritually is the image of what we shall be some day when we shall see Him as He is. For the present any believer has access to the blessed book, mirrored in whose depths there is the image of the face of Him who is altogether lovely. And that child of God who faithfully and persistently gazes upon His face as reflected in the Word will be "changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Cor. 3:18). Thus he makes progress toward the mark in Christ.

Finally, The Riches of Christ are the Provision for Christian Life (4:19)

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." And with this the cycle of normal Christian experience is completed. With the philosophy for life in the person of Christ, and the principle for conduct in the mind of Christ, and the mark in Christ for progress in life, and now the riches in Christ as the provision for life, the journey of the Christian through life can be successfully undertaken and completed. Best of all it can be traveled through regions that are wholesome and healthful and spiritual. And all of this is provided out of the bountiful riches of God in Christ.

Though a motorist may have a vehicle in which to travel, and a steering apparatus with which to guide his machine, and a destination and a road over which to travel, he still cannot make the journey without supplies of gasoline and oil. And so it is with the believer. He may have a philosophy which is the Person of Christ (1:21); and a principle for conduct which is the mind of Christ (2:5); and a point of destination which is the mark in Christ (3:14); but he still needs provision for the way which alone can be found in the riches in Christ (4:19), for without Him we can do nothing (Jn. 15:5).

Nothing short of joy can rise in the heart of one who has experienced all of these things during his life. He must rejoice when he realizes how completely Christ solves every perplexing problem of the journey through life. He must rejoice when he realizes how perfectly the mind of Christ motivates every service for Christ. He must rejoice when he realizes how easy it is to make progress toward the clearly revealed goal in Christ. He must rejoice when he realizes how remarkably God has made provision for every human need. This is normal Christian experience and the life of joy.

True Sacrifice

True sacrifice consists, not so much in giving up great things as in daily relinquishing personal enjoyments for the sake of others, without looking for love or gratitude in return.

"THAT I MAY KNOW HIM"

Phil. 3:10

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The partcular word in this passage which suggests our theme is the word "know." We are much concerned in this day with knowledge. Public schools, colleges, universities abounding on every hand bear a silent testimony to the truth of this statement. So much emphasis is being placed on education that the religious life of the nation is being engulfed. While men have progressed in their learning, they have perverted the truths which we value so highly, turning their backs on the only source of all true wisdom. To a large extent the standard by which men are being judged today is the academic alphabet which follows their signature. More and more the emphasis is being placed on the knowledge which a man posses. Since this is such an important theme we do well to consider for a few moments the thought of knowedge in reation to the Biblical standards bearing on the subject. Therefore let us notice a few things about knowledge.

Knowledge is a Universal Passion among Men

From time immemorial there has been an evident unrest and discontent in the hearts of men, a longing to know things which were beyond their present experience. This desire first made itself known among men in the experience of the fall in the Garden of Eden. Human nature has not changed since it was created, so down through the ages men have expended their energies to satisfy the longing of their hearts. Picture the experience of the Apostle Paul in the city of Athens (Acts 17), or a missionary on the field today, and you can very readily see what we mean. A passer-by with some strange teaching or trinket can always create a following. Thus you see that no matter what age you examine or what country you explore you will find evidence of the fact that men are continually seeking to satisfy an insatiable appetite for something which they do not possess.

Knowledge is a Fundamental Basis of One's Belief

Here again we may appeal to history and experience to prove what we have to say. It is easy to see that the training one receives to a large extent determines the course and nature of his thinking. The great philosopher Plato certainly furnishes us with an example of the influence which one person can wield in the world. Every age from his to the present has had to deal with the teaching which he instituted. In our own day the power of modern Romanism is no less unique. The better one understands any code of faith or ethics, the greater the probability that he will abide true to it.

Consequently the great value of training for service be-becomes evident. This is especially true when preparing for Christian service.

At this place we desire to express a word of appreciation as a personal testimony to the three years spent in Grace Seminary. Believing that a knowledge of God's Word is one of the greatest factors in a life of service, Grace Seminary has presented a consistent course of study in the Scriptures. Here, under the guidance of consecrated instructors, the Word of God has been faithfully presented. While the World is ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth we have had fellowship, not only in the truth, but in the Author of the truth. My desire is that many other young people may have the privileges which have been mine in the last three years.

Knowledge to be Complete must have Christ as its Object

There is a limit to human wisdom. For millenniums men have been studying, writing books, ferreting out new discoveries, exploring the world below and the stars above, and yet natural man has never been able to come to a knowledge of the truth. In all their searchings men have been only partially successful in solving the problems which confront them. We said above that there is a limit to human wisdom. We believe that this limit is reached the moment a man refuses to recognize God in his life. Men may search where they will, but till they find Christ they have not found the truth. When they have found him the search need no longer continue spiritually, for he himself said, "I am the truth." We can know all about the world, its philosophies, its sciences, but till we know Christ we do not know the truth. With the wisdom of the ages as our heritage one would expect that the world would naturally be getting better and better. But we must face the fact that just the opposite is true. Thus no matter how much knowledge a man has, no matter what his experiences have been, till he has found Christ he has only a partial solution for the problems of this world and none at all for the problems of the world to come.

To know Christ fully means more than to know something about Him

Rarely do we find a person who knows nothing concerning the facts of Christ's life and person. Yet what a great want of knowledge we meet when we speak of having a personal knowledge of him as an indwelling Savior. Paul in this passage prays that he might *know* him. "Know" in this instance means a knowledge derived from personal experience. Thus there is a great difference between simply having an objective knowledge of Christ—that is, a knowledge of some of the facts about Christ—and having the experience of the presence of Christ as a person living in one's life. This, of course, can be had only by receiving Christ in one's life. But above this there is a phase of this knowledge which we dare not overlook. That is, to really know Christ means to grow in the knowledge of Him. It might require a lifetime under the most severe and trying circumstances before one could truly say that he knew his Lord. Paul was continually buffeted, beaten, exposed to danger and death. He had suffered the loss of all those things which we hold dear. Day by day he had both internal anxieties and external afflictions. But none of his losses were to be compared with the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus his Lord. The experiences of the Apostle Paul have been promised to all who will live godly in Christ Jesus (II Tim. 3:12). It is after reminding the believers that such is their lot that Peter in his second epistle tells us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." This growth in knowledge can be ours only by continual consecration and communion with him. There is no substitute for it.

To know Christ personally is the guarantee of eternal life with all its blessings and privileges

The world has its knowledge. This seems to be increasing every day. Sometimes we are discomfited when we realize that the children of this age are wiser than the children of light. They do seem to make progress faster than the sons of God. However, all their knowledge apart from Christ only leads men farther into darkness and despair.

But there is a knowledge which presents a most glorious and happy contrast to that of the world. We find this expressed in the words of our Lord himself, "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent." Here is wisdom indeed! All the satisfaction that the world can give to relieve that passion in man is but for a moment, but here is a solution for all the problems which men meet, both for time and eternity. Again and again in the Bible we are urged to learn of Christ, by experiencing his presence within. To refuse to listen to these calls is far from an act of wisdom. Thus, if you would know the truth, if you would have that wisdom which is from above, there is only one way to get it, and that is by receiving Christ into your life. For in the words of another, "A man might be a great astronomer, so that he could talk learnedly about the stars and planets, of the heavens and their wonderful movements in the universe; and yet he might not be able to discover 'The Star of Bethlehem.' A man might be a great botanist, able to speak learnedly about all the flowers, plants, and trees, and their technical and scientific names and classifications; and yet might not be able to identify 'The Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley.' Again, a man might be a great geologist, able to discourse in an erudite way about the rocks, fossils and the diversified strata of the earth's formation; and yet he might not know how to take his stand on the 'Rock of Ages.' Once more, a man might be a learned mathematician, competent to solve all the problems of his recondite science; and yet he might not be able to solve the most fundamental and important problem of all, namely, "what would it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Here, then, is the final solution to that great longing within the hearts of men for something which so far has not been their experience. That solution is the knowledge of Christ which comes with acceptance of Him as Lord and Savior, and growth in His wonderful grace. Do you know Him?

THE MAN TRAP WITH THE WORLD'S LARGEST PEARL

By Tom M. Olson

From "Pic" comes the following incident telling how the primitive tribes of the Philippine Islands depend upon the ocean to gve them much of their food. In diving for shellfish which abound in the warm waters of the South Pacific, they often come in contact with sharks and octupuses, yet, odd as it seems, these denizens of the deep do not hold the terror of a clam that inhabits the South Seas. Science calls the clam *tridacna gigantea* but the natives call it the "man-trap." The clams which weigh as much as 350 pounds, lie upright and open on the ocean bottom ready to snap up passing objects. The diver, in searching for shellfish, stirs up the black ooze of the ocean floor, and is unable to see the waiting man-trap. When a foot or hand touches the clam, the half parted shells snap like a pistol shot. If the victim is fortunate, he loses an arm or leg and escapes to the surface, but if his arm or leg isn't amputated, he dies a horrible death.

One such diver died in May of 1934. When his comrades got him to the surface, the clam still held his arm at the elbow point. There was no chance of reviving the drowned man, and it was hours before they succeeded in prying the shell apart. But when it was at last parted, they saw a sight never before seen by humans — a 14-pound pearl. The pearl is 9½ inches long, 5½ inches wide, and 6 inches through. It was 300 years in forming. The shell which enclosed the pearl weighed 320 pounds. It is more than 600 years old.

The pearl was given to the tribal chief, who put it under special guard and rarely displayed it. The chief recently gave it to Wilburn D. Cobb for curing his child of malignant malaria.

This striking story of the world's largest pearl recalls a parable which the Lord Jesus related. He said: "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it" (Matt. 13:45-46).

Much misunderstanding prevails regarding this *pearl;* for many think the Lord Jesus Christ is the pearl of great price.

But in this parable the Lord Jesus is seen under the figure of the *merchant man*—not the pearl. He it was who sought "goodly pearls." He it was who found "one pearl of great price" and went and sold all that He had to make that pearl His own.

The sinner cannot be the merchant man, for even if Christ were the pearl of great price, the sinner has nothing but "filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6) to sell—and they are worthless.

The Lord Jesus Christ is not for sale, but even though He were, He could not be bought with the "filthy rags" of man's own righteousness.

The Lord is the One that "was rich, yet for your sakes became poor" (2 Cor. 8:9). He was in the form of God, but made Himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men, and being found in fashion as a man, humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:6-8).

The church is seen in the parable under the figure of the "one pearl of great price." For although the church is composed of every redeemed person, it is "one body in Christ" (Rom. 12:5).

The church cost the Lord Jesus Christ His all—and His death!

The church of God is referred to as being "*purchased with His own blood*" (Acts 20:28). Believers are spoken of as being "*bought with a price*" (1 Cor. 6:20); and "*redeemed with the precious blood of Christ*" (1 Pet. 1:18). We required purchasing for we were "sold under sin" (Rom. 7:14).

Thus it is evident that Christ is the Purchaser, not the pearl. The world's largest pearl may be this fourteen pound one found in the South Pacific, but the Lord's one pearl of great price is the church which He loved and gave Himself for—and which He will soon present to Himself, a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing" (Eph. 5:25-28).

If the church is the pearl of great price and is, so to speak, to be displayed by the Altogether Lovely One throughout Eternity, how eager we should be to glorify Him here and now in our bodies and in our spirits which are His!

Would You Be Ready

"Suppose the trumpet were to sound to call the dead and living saints to meet the Lord in the air in one hour from the time you read these lines (and who can say it will not?), are you ready to meet Christ? Does the thought give you joy? Are you sure you are His; that your sins are forgiven; that He is your Saviour, your righteousness, your sanctification, your all? John 14:1-3. Thess. 4:14-18.

"Is this your Blessed Hope? or, are you afraid to think of the possibility of this taking place so soon?"

The Candle's Story

"I'll soon be dead," the Candle said;
I inch by inch decline;
But I make light of my sad plight,
For while I live — I shine."

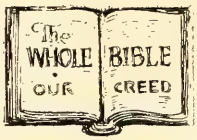
Thou art the way; to Thee alone
From sin and death we flee,
And he who would the Father seek
Must seek him Lord by Thee.
Thou are the truth; Thy word alone
True wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst inform the mind,
And purify the heart.—Sel.

God Is Faithful I Cor. 10:13

"God is Faithful" — not He has been,
Not He will be; both are true;
But to-day, in this sore trial,
"God is Faithful" now to you! M. M. D.

The present tense is so beautiful. The words were written to saints when in trial. Isn't it comforting? For there is never a day but we are in greater or lesser trials: but in each "GOD IS "FAITHFUL."

BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



By Tom Hammers

This department of our magazine will be known to our readers as the Bible School Department. Not that we object to the name Sunday School, but that we believe there is real need for a greater emphasis upon the Bible in most of our schools.

A church may have a Sunday School, and yet — not a Bible School. There are some Sunday Schools, it is true, which are genuine Bible Schools. Fortunate indeed is the church and the community where this is true. Too often however, the Bible is conspiciously absent in the class, in the lessons, in the teaching, in the life and activities of the individuals as well as in the general program of the school.

We are also aware of the fact that many false religions of our day have their Sunday Schools. Even Communists conduct Sunday Schools in which the boys and girls are well indoctrinated with the tenents of Atheism and are even taught to sing "hymns" which are nothing more than godless parodies on our own Christian hymns.

So, whether we may call them Bible Schools, or Sunday Schools, the chief concern of this department will be to place proper emphasis upon the Bible, in order that Christ might be the very heart and soul of all our work.

The Bible Has Not Lost Its Appeal

As in the pulpit, so in the Bible School, God's Word still has the greatest appeal to the hearts of young and old. When intelligently and attractively presented, folks will listen to the teaching of the Scriptures. True, the Old Devil would have us believe that the Bible is out of date, and would encourage us to offer our people "substitutes." Hoping to capture the crowds, lectures and discussions of "popular" subjects have been substituted for Biblical instruction. As for the children, they are now spending most of their time playing games, doing hand work, singing songs, (all of which may have its rightful place) but it certainly does not deserve preeminence over the study of God's Word. The ignorance of the scriptures among both children and adults who attend our Bible Schools today is appalling. The reason—the Bible is not being taught under the pretense that it has lost its appeal for people of this modern day.

Having listend in on the teaching of some Bible classes we are not surprised that folks show little interest. The fault, however, did not lie in the Scriptures but in the teacher and the very poor presentaion. The teacher must make adequate preparation through prayer, the study of God's Word, and then such helps as may throw light upon problems arising in the lesson. Too often, Bible classes are dry business because the teacher simply mulls over the comments found in the Bible Class quarterly, material which each member of the class can read for himself. Nothing new is added and as far as the individual in the class is concerned, it would have been much easier to sit at home and read the lesson than go to all the trouble of going to church.

It seems that a word is in order with respect to the use of Quarterlies and helps for lessons. Too often they have taken the place of the Bible. Such was never the intention of the writers or of those who planned them for Bible School use. They were designed as aids to study and preparation of the lesson on the part of both teacher and student. They were intended for "home use," and should be left at home. Take your Bible to the Bible Class. Study your lesson beforehand and then you'll be able to intelligently discuss the lesson in class.

Try such a plan in your Bible School and you'll be surprised just how much folks are really interested in the study of the Bible, for the Bible has not lost its appeal. And—if folks don't come back for more in your Bible School, don't blame the Bible, but look elsewhere for the trouble.

Bible Teaching Produces Results

We have discovered that the largest, fastest growing and most successful Bible Schools in this country have been and are being built around an intensive Bible teaching program for all ages.

The first objective of such a program is the salvation of every soul in the school, regardless of age. Too long, we have been putting the cart before the horse in Bible School work. Instead of evangelizing the children for Christ, we have been telling them Bible stories and have been telling them to "be good." This is not enough. To ask anyone to "be good" who has not first of all been "born again" is asking the impossible. We must teach children as well as adults about SIN and the awful consequences of sin, we must then teach them God's plan of Salvation and if possible, lead them to accept Christ. And only in schools where a real Bible teaching program is in force is this kind of thing being done. It does produce results for scores are being saved, are being baptized and are uniting with the churches of which the School is a part.

Those who have studied statistics of Sunday Schools and churches tell us that "on the average, five out of seven (who enter our Bible Schools) pass out of the church school without having confessed Christ, and many of these are lost to the church at least for a time, if not altogether." This is a terrible indictment of the present day Bible School. However, we are thankful that there are many schools where such is not the case. But, lest we be satisfied with our own work and the results which it is producing, we suggest that you take the records of your school for the past five years, and of all who have entered your school during that period, check and see just how many are still with you, how many have accepted Christ as Savior, and how many have been baptized and have become members of your church. You may be shocked by the results. And if shocked, may it drive you to your knees in earnest

prayer for a Heaven-sent Revival, in which the Word of God shall go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, convicting and converting men, women, boys and girls. And be sure of this one thing—that *nothing short of a real Bible teaching program will produce results pleasing to our Lord.*

The second objective in this program is to so train the saints that they might become real witnesses for the Lord. We have no statistics at hand, but we know from experience and observation that there are some folks who have been attending Sunday School for five, ten, fifteen, twenty, maybe forty years and yet—have never gone out and won a single soul for Christ. What's wrong?

Any number of things might be wrong. They might not be saved, and therefore have nothing about which to witness; or they might be saved and yet have no assurance of salvation (thinking like many folks and unscripturally, that we can't know until we die); or being saved they are ignorant of scriptures, and therefore would not know how to lead a soul to Christ; or being saved are indifferent to the needs of others or are just lazy, the "let George do it" type of Christians. But no matter what we discover about those who do not witness for the Lord, we will probably discover that behind this entire problem is the failure of the Bible School to properly teach those who come within its doors.

On the other hand, we find that schools with real Bible teaching programs are the ones in which there are many soul-winners—folks who through the week are going out into the shops, the stores, the homes, and are "talking Christ" to the people and are then leading them to the Lord as Savior and are bringing them into the churches and schools for public confession, baptism and church membership.

And only in proportion as the Bible School grows will the church grow. The two are inseperable—and not seperate as some superintendents and leaders seem to think. Always, the Bible School is a part of the church and as such works in harmony and cooperation with the church and not in competition to the church.

Plan Early For The Summer Camps

Mid-winter and near zero weather may seem like a strange time to be talking about summer training camps for the young people of our Brethren Churches. However, now is the time to be developing plans in order that the summer camps of 1940 might be the greatest in our history.

We believe every person associated with the Bible School should have a vital interest in camps. The contribution which they have already made toward the development of capable, willing, and trained leadership for our Bible Schools is a matter of common knowledge. And, in most schools, the demand for trained leadership usually far exceeds the supply. This being true, superintendents, teachers, officers, and pastors should begin early to encourage their young people to attend one of our camps. In fact, we recommend that when possible some definite financial aid be given to those young people who have proven themselves worthy. A simple and effective plan for determining just who is worthy of such aid is to require perfect attendance at Bible School over a definite period of time such as one quarter, four months, or even six months. A week at camp with expenses paid would be as fine an award as any school could make to its deserving young peope.

A fine response to the above path will usually follow where it is announced well in advance and it is made clear that a certain portion or maybe all of the camp fee will be paid for those who have a perfect attendance record for the specified period. Other plans are also in use, but no matter what the plan—it must be put into effect at an early date. It has no value if you wait until a week or two before the camp starts. Now is the time to get busy.

Do You Have A Camp In Your Distrrict ?

Many Brethren young people do not attend camp simply because there is no camp near enough at hand for them to attend. In many cases young people find it difficult enough to raise sufficient money for their camp fee, let alone pay the expenses of a long trip to and from the camp.

This year we should see the opening of a number of new camps. We owe it to our young people to provide camps where none now exist. There is still ample time if those with a vision will get busy at once. First locate a good camp site (maybe you can rent one for a week or ten days). Then organize the staff with men and women who know how to reach the hearts of young people. Next, plan a curriculum which is Biblical from beginning to end. Finally, be sure to make ample provision for recreational activities, sports, and of course, plenty of good food. Why not have a camp for the young people of your district this year! It's possible.

There is no more thrilling, nor more profitable work among the young people in our Brethren churches today than camp work. For some reason, camp seems to fill a peculiar need not otherwise fulfilled in the local church and Bible School. In camp as no where else, young people learn how to assume responsibility, to cooperate, to work together, to live together and even to play together. Even more important is the fact that many young people first accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior while attending camp. For others, camp was the place of decision for full-time service for the Lord, while for others it was the place of victory over sins and habits which had beset their Christian experience.

A Camp Directory

It is our plan to publish through the pages of this department a directory of our camps scattered throughout the United States and available to young people of Brethren churches. In this manner, Bible School superintendents, leaders, parents, pastors and the young people themselves will be able to get first hand information concerning the camp in their own immediate section.

We are asking the various leaders of our camps to submit as early as possible, factual information concerning their 1940 camp. Name, location, dates, ages, prices, sponsors, courses, as well as the Dean or Secretary of the camp to whom inquirers may write for information should be sent in as quickly as possible. May we hear from you?

Plan Early For That Daily Vacation Bible School

A successful vacation week day Bible School depends largely upon the preparations which have been made well in advance, according to Rev. Wm. H. Schaffer, Pastor of the First Brethren Church of Conemaugh, Pa. Last minute plans cause a lot of confusion and embarassment on the part of those responsible, and, he continues:

The superintendent should have plenty of time to select the teaching staff and the type of material to be used. He should also have regular sessions with the teaching staff.

If the superintendent and teachers do not have access to a regular Vacation Bible School Institute such as are held in various communities, a series of discussions among the members of the staff will be profitable.

Where can we get the materials such as we need? A number of church schools have successfully used the program and lesson materials as published by the Summer Bible School Association of Chester, Pennsylvania. This material can easily be adapted to our Brethren emphasis. This program will give a systematic study of the Word of God with public school efficiency, yet with no handcraft. Another highly successful program and lesson materials can be had from the Scripture Press, 800 N. Clark street, Chicago, Illinois. Both of these materials are strictly Biblical and have proven to be superior in teaching the Word of God, to those programs which make large use of handcraft.

This type of Vacation Bible School will pay large dividends in your church and Bible School work. Never arrange for a Week Day Vacation Bible School of less than two weeks duration if at all possible.

Child Evangelism And The Bible School

A comparatively new movement with which every Bible School superintendent, teacher, leader, as well as pastor should be well acquainted is the Child Evangelism Fellowship. As the name implies, its sole purpose is to bring Christ to the little boys and girls of America and to lead them to accept Him as their own Personal Lord and Savior. Its first concern is the evangelization of the more than 27,000,000 boys and girls in our land who never go to any church or Bible School. However. it has a definite relation to the organized Bible School in any church, and while not intended to take the place of the Bible School, we do believe it will make a most profitable contribution to your present program.

Brethren Churches will do well to give more attention to the "little children" than we have done in the past. We seem to have forgotten that Children need a Savior from sin, just as do adults, that before God it is a great sin to neglect the salvation of boys and girls and that boys and girls can be born again. Besides this, we know that children often die and it may be that they will have reached that "age of accountability" (which none but God knows) and died without ever having an opportunity to accept Christ. A more urgent reason for their evangelization however, is the imminence of the Lord's return, in which event we fear that many boys and girls about whom we have shown no concern, will be left behind.

Through these pages we are planning to present material on Child Evangelism. Should you desire further information write us. The following article is written by Rev. Harry H. McArthur and is published as a part of the Child Evangelism Correspondence Course offered by the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

Meaning of Evangelism

It is necessary at the beginning of this study to clearly define the term Evangelism. It is an old term and yet there is a great deal of misunderstanding and confusion as to its meaning.

It is not merely teaching the Bible or seeking to interpret its meaning to the children. Yet this, properly and conscientiously done, is vital in Christian work, in that it provides a foundation for the reception and understanding of the gospel message. It is a schoolmaster that leads to Christ. There must come, however, the point in the process of every properly taught young person or child where he or she should have a distinct consciousness of having entered the Kingdom of God, of enjoying a personal saving relationship with Jesus Christ. That is what all teaching and training must lead to, and children must be made to understand.

It is not teaching children the morals and the ethics of the Scriptures, yet this should not be minimized nor neglected in the teaching ministry of the Bible School.

It is not baptizing children. Baptism, it is true, is a divine command, but it is a believer's ordinance, and should be administered only to those who have first been evangelized.

It is not bringing children into the membership of the church. It is possible for one to unite with the church without having first been evangelized. Yet we should do all in our power to persuade those who have been evangelized to unite with some church.

There is a danger that baptism, confirmation, church membership and participation in the church ordinances may become substitutes for saving faith in Christ, or be put in place of regeneration.

It may hep us to answer the question by looking into the meaning of the word Evangelism. The Greek word "Evangel" and the English word "Gospel" mean the same, that is, "Good News" or "Good Tidings."

Evangelism is therefore the telling of the Good News of the Gospel of Christ to the children, and winning them to Christ, or persuading them to yield their lives to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. It is the regeneration of the individual soul.

Faith And Prayer

Faith is rudimental; prayer is monumental. One is a cornerstone on which all is built; the other a capstone in which all that is built reaches a climax of completeness.

Our Boys and Girls VERY OWN Page

A Trip To Africa

Have you ever wished you were a missionary's child so you could take a trip to Africa or some other foreign land? Perhaps you have wondered how it would seem for your playmates to be children with a different colored skin. When she was a very little girl, Mrs. Harold Dunning, who was then Marguerite Gribble, went with her father and mother to Africa. Letters which her mother wrote for her at that time tell some interesting things about her first days in Africa.

Loanda, Portuguese W. Africa
Feb. 23, 1918

I wish you could see me now running around the broad veranda of the big mission house at St. Paul de Loanda. I am hand in hand with a little girl a few shades darker and a few inches taller than myself. My mamma is sitting in a rocking chair on the veranda, writing this for me, and every time I come where she is I say, "Mamma, I am afraid." Do you know why I am afraid? It is because the little girl is black. But mamma puts her arms around the little black girl, and pats her little hand and says, "What a nice little girl you are!" So I go around the big veranda another time, wondering as I go why she should be so black, and my own little hand looks so white as it lies in hers. Mamma tells me many things from the Bible about Jesus, and He is helping me to love this little black girl, who is indeed very kind to me.

We have had a pleasant time here at Loanda, which is our second stop since we left New Orleans. One was because our boat was leaking, the other was for cargo. We are very glad to be in Africa, but mamma says she will be gladder still when we at last reach our destination.

Test Your Knowledge Of The Bible

Let's play a game of A's. The names of all the following Bible characters begin with A. The dashes tell the number of letters in each name. Every character whose name you can complete without looking it up counts ten points. Those you complete after looking them up count 5 points. What is your score? .....

A — — —. The first man who ever lived. Gen. 3:20.

A — — —. The wickedest of all the kings. I Ki. 21.25.

A — — — —. The priest whose rod budded. Num. 17:8.

A — — — — — —. The man who was called the friend of God. James 2:23.

A — — — — — — — —. The king who made Esther queen. Esth. 1:1 › 17.

A — — — — — —. David's son who was noted for his thick hair. II Sam. 14:25-26.

A — — — — —. The man who took his brother to Jesus. Jn. 1:40-42.

A — — —. A prophetess in the temple when Jesus was a baby. Lu. 2:36-37.

A — — —. The man whom Cain killed. Gen. 4:8.

A — —. One of Judah's very best kings. I Ki. 15:11.

This Week's Memory Verse

Mt. 6:33, But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Daily Bible Readings

Our Bible reading this week is Mt. 6:19-34. Begin with v. 19 on Monday, and read until you come to the words after Monday. Write after the words the verse in which they are found. On Tuesday begin with the next verse, and so on throughout the week.

Sun.—"There will your heart be also." V. .....

Mon.—"How great is that darkness." V.....

Tues.—"Ye cannot serve God and mammon." V. .....

Wed.—"Are ye not much better than they?" V. .....

Thurs.—"Was not arrayed like one of these." V. .....

Fri.—"Ye have need of all these things." V.....

Sat.—"Is the evil thereof." V. .....

Some Things For Which To Pray

Sun.—In many lands Christians are suffering greatly because they love Jesus. Pray that God will keep them true to Him.

Mon.—Pray for Christian boys and girls everywhere, especially those who live among unsaved people.

Tues.—Pray for those who have never heard of Jesus. Ask God to send out missionaries to them.

Wed.—Pray for the missionaries and others who are telling people about Jesus.

Thurs.—Pray for your unsaved friends and relatives.

Fri.—Pray for your pastor, Sunday School superintendent, Sunday School teacher, and other leaders in your church.

Sat.—Pray that your Christian friends will live lives that will make others want to know Jesus.

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The first article from our Personal Problem editor, answering a question concerning worldly amusements, will appear in an early issue of The Brethren Missionary Herald. Be sure to watch for this, as you will not want to miss a Scriptural discussion of this timely subject.

Sh-h! Don't tell anybody, but we need your pastor's birthday and favorite Scripture verse right away. Don't wait for someone else to tend to this, as we're in a big hurry. Call your pastor right now, get the information, and drop a card to your news editor. And remember, don't tell anybody.

A new Christian Endeavor Society for the Junior High age has recently been started in our home mission church in San Diego. We always watch with interest the progress of C. E. in our new churches.

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TOPIC FOR JANUARY 28, 1940

How To Conduct A Young People's Society Meeting

(I Tim. 4:1-16)

Suggsstions for the Leader

One of the most active Christian Endeavor workers in Pennsylvania once said that it took only one person out of a group to make a society successful. He meant that one person on fire for Christian Endeavor could save the society and make it go. That is as much as to say that any society that is dead or dying must have no one to care, at least no one feels able to do anything about it.

Today we do have a problem of leadership. After we have the proper leaders in active work every problem will be easily met. For any young person to reach out to be a leader among young people means that he looks forward to a noble work. Eternity will reveal how many persons were led to accept the Lord because someone was interested enough in them to do a work for their salvation. Can you say that because you have lived others have come to know the Lord?

There are many little things to be done in a public meeting that contribute to its success. We simply can not remember all of these at one time, but constant care will help any leader to be able to do better and accomplish more work. Remember that the Lord's work ought to be done decently and in order. Any meeting ought to have a purpose that is greater than simply to have another place to go and something to do. It seems that the original idea of Christian Endeavor was to bring young people to Christ and strengthen those who were already Christian.

Most every person has a feeling of timidity at the first. This ought not hinder one's work for the Lord. Timidity can be overcome. A person must develop a certain amount of self confidence. Then, too, remember to trust in the Lord. We ought to go to a meeting with a prayer that the Lord will help us and supply the needs.

1. Preparation. 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Tim. 4:15-16.

It is wrong to think that any person can lead prayer meeting without preparation. The leader must know what the topic is about and what to suggest to make the meeting interesting. These things can come about only through study. The Bible does say that we are supposed to study to show ourselves approved unto God.

In our day school work, the teachers make assignments and expect the pupils to bring in their home work. Nearly every school boy and girl knows what home work is. Now if the teachers feel that each lesson requires a special preparation, how much more should be given to that which deals with the Word of God!

Unless proper preparation is made it is not fair to the speakers. Let them know in plenty of time that you want them to speak during the meeting as they have preparation to make too.

Prayer is an important factor in a leader's preparation. No one has a right to attempt a service in which the Word of God is handled without praying for guidance and leadership.

2. A Good Beginning. Ps. 147; Eph. 5:19.

If the meeting is to have any inspiration and life in it, most likely it will come in the early part of the service. Therefore the success often depends upon the start of the meeting. Select a good song of praise. Do not use some old song that puts half the people asleep. Of course there are extremes and we do not aim to use the wrong songs at either end. This all proves that a leader ought to be careful with the details of the meeting. Do not let any art of it "drag." Sometimes it is fittting to have an invitation song for the first. It will call the people to worship. Get songs that go with the subpect under discussion.

Promptness always pays. Try to be one of those persons always on time. It is a trait that is commendable in any person and desirable by those who look for good things in another's life. If you start on time and let it be known that you expect to continue to do so, others will develop a habit of promptness. We ought to have a way to express our feeling of sympathy to those who are always late. No matter what time is set, they are late anyway.

Those people who did come out are going to watch what is done at the very start. Try to have a good beginning and the rest will come easily.

3. A Place of Prayer. 1 Tim. 2:1-8.

If we believe in the importance and power of prayer, we ought to be concerned in making our prayers meaningful and not merely following a form. It is possible that in a prayer meeting people might pray by saying words and yet not have their hearts in it.

When we pray in public it ought to be as an urge from the Holy Spirit and be to the point. Certainly there are things that are placed upon us to be items of special prayer. Requests and needs should be honored as a ministry of intercessory prayer.

There is always a place for quietness before the Lord that He would be able to speak to us. Silent prayer brings us to the place where we let the things of the world flee away and we can think on things of the Spirit.

This is a day when we need young men and women to be consistent in prayer. How wonderful it is for any church to have youth that are interested enough in the Lord's work to be faithful in prayer. It is a sign of spiritual growth and the lack of it is also a sign of a dwarfed spiritual life. The future of our church will be bright from the time we can see scores of young people prevailing with God in prayer. Never think that it is overdone in the C. E. meeting. Prepraver — sentence or chain prayers and others — are always wonderful and should bring us closer to God.

4. Special Features. 2 Tim. 1:6; Ps. 107:2.

Young people have many talents and gifts that differ. It is a wise C. E. organization that is able to recognize these and use them for the good of the cause of Christ. Nearly everybody likes to hear special features. Music, poems, testimony and such have a real place in a worship program. There are cases where men have been converted through the singing of a song or hearing a testimony.

Remember that these things can be over done. Try to have a happy use of them and not crowd the main discussion of the topic. After all, the matter of salvation is the most important. We need constantly to honor the Lord and present Him as the only hope of the world. He alone can save. It is our purpose to have every part of the meeting directed toward th s one thing.

One lack that is noticeable in our meeting is the matter of testimony. Really we ought to have some word that we should say for the Lord. In some places young people never bear a testimony. To try to develop a testimony meeting during the year would be a great thing for the society.

5. Seek to Understand. Matt. 13:19, 23.

The prayer meeting will never mean much to us unless we put ourselves nto it. We need to keep our minds upon the topic and seek for something that will be of benefit to us. If there is anything said that seems strange to us, we ought to ask about it in order that we might understand.

According to the parable of the Sower and the Seed, there was a different reception of the seed. It all depended upon the nature of the soil. In some cases the hearts of the people are hard or filled with other things and the Word of God can not have free access. It is a matter of concern to each of us that our hearts are open to the truth. Be ready and willing to be led into the things of the Spirit. He can take of the Word and make it clear to us.

The more we make something out of the meeting, the more interest will be shown. Any problem along this line can be solved by asking the Lord to stir up within you a hunger and thirst for the Bible knowledge and a love for it.

6. The Necessity of Action. John 13:17; James 1: 22-25.

Once a speaker said that it was easy to preach or teach, but quite a different matter to live the gospel. This means that we must be extremely careful in our behaviour if others will come to know the Lord Jesus because we have lived for Him.

Talk is cheap and we do hear many things. Even our discussions in these meetings will avail but little unless we are ready to go out to live what we learn. The Lord will reveal His will to us little by little. Unless we are true to the trust that He gives, and do something for Him, however small, He will hardly call on us to do something great. This means that we ought to be true to the commission that comes to us and then be ready for greater tasks.

"Leaders of meetings remember much more than others, partly because they have studied it and partly because they have done something to put it into action."

7. The Close of the Meeting. Rom. 12:1.

Much of the value of a meeting depends upon the close of the discussion. There is a necessity for application that can be handled in different ways. There should be a consecration song used in some cases to suggest yieldedness to the Lord. Then, too an invitation song is always proper because we cannot tell how near a person is to accepting the Lord. It would

be a good thing for decisions to be made in the meeting. Of course it has always been customary for a person to come before the church to make a public decision for Christ. The Christian Endeavor does not want to take undue rights here and we expect converts to meet the church requirement before becoming members. On the other hand, a step toward becoming a Christian in a C. E. meeting will make it easier in the other service.

Let the leader make some summaries or draw some lessons at the close for every person present. The repetition of the most outstanding thoughts will make an impression upon the minds of all.

Questions to be answered

1. What is the value of testimony in a prayer meeting?
2. What decision should be made before one becomes a Christian?
3. How can we put something in a meeting in order to get something out of it?
4. Do you think that the Lord holds us responsible for good order in a meeting? 1 Cor. 14:40.
5. What does it mean to say that we should pray in the Spirit?
6. How can we best put in action the things we learn in a C. E. discussion?

JUNIOR TOPIC FOR JAN. 28

Sin Is Too Expensive

Aim: To show the importance of turning immediately to Jesus for cleansing from sin, whether one is unsaved or whether he is saved and has fallen into sin.

Approach to the lesson

Ask each child what he wants most of all and how much he would be willing to pay for it. Write these facts on the blackboard. If any of the prices are far more than the objects are worth, show how expensive that thing would be. If not, multiply the actual price by ten, and ask what they would think of anyone who would pay that much. Then show that sin is always very costly. It may look delightful, appealing, and enjoyable, but it always costs far more than it is worth. That is why anyone is a fool to play with sin (Prov. 14:9).

Illustrations

Cain would not let God cleanse him from his sins, and it cost him earthly happiness and fellowship with God. Gen. 4; Lesson 4, True Stories from the Long Ago.

David wanted a beautiful woman, and had her husband killed so he could marry her. It cost him his son's life. II Sam. 11; Lesson 58, True Stories from the Long Ago.

Ananias and Sapphira lied to God, and it cost them their lives. Acts 5; Lesson 133, True Stories from the Long Ago.

In contrast, Nehemiah made confession of sins, and God blessed him mightily and made him a great blessing. Neh. 1-6; Lessons 101-102, True Stories from the Long Ago.

Conclusion

God has good news for you. He sent Jesus to save you from your sins (1 Tim. 1:15). Now is the time to let Him do it if you have not already done so (II Cor. 6:12).

In Ps. 32 David tells of a great discovery he made. When he kept silent (did not confess his sins) he was miserable, but as soon as he confessed them, God forgave him. If we are saved, let us remember and obey I Jn. 1:9.

To keep sin out of your life, study and heed God's Word (Ps. 119:9-11).

NEWS Briefs From Our Workers

By Robert Culver

News We're All Glad to Hear: The Second Church of Los Angeles has recently called Walter W. Lepp, student at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, to be Assistant Pastor and Director of Music. In this capacity he will begin his association with the pastor, Paul R. Bauman, about February 1.

Bulletins from the following churches, containing prominent announcements of the publication of The *Brethren Missionary Herald,* crossed the writers desk this week: Tracy, Calif., Fort Wayne, Ind., Peru, Ind., Whittier, Calif., South Gate, Calif., and Middlebranch, Ohio.

Practically every church that has made any kind of report states that its offering for home missions is far in excess of last year's offering. Perhaps these reports are only evidence of renewed spiritual vigor in the churches. Many reports, like the following from the Rittman, Ohio church of which L. L. Grubb is pastor, so indicate. "Praise the Lord for the salvation of four souls over the last week-end." Equally encouraging is the note from the bulletin of the church in San Diego, of which Albert Flory is pastor, that two had been baptized and received into the church the week preceeding.

Some Typical Signs of Health in a New Church: A goal of $400 for home missions passed; a young man of the church in training for the ministry, home preaching in the pastor's place over the Christmas week-end; a men's gospel team in full swing; a layman, converted since the founding of the church, now moved from the locality but conducting a large Bible class, busy for the Lord, in the place to which he has moved; a Bible Conference to begin soon. The church? Covington, Virginia. The pastor? Bernard N. Schneider. The young minister? Phillip J. Simmons. The layman? George C. DeHart of Carthage, Virginia.

Five Iowa Churches, Williamsburg, Garwin, Waterloo, Leon, and Dallas Center, cooperated in a Brethren Bible Conference November 24-26. The conference was held in the Dallas Center church of which James Cook recenty became pastor. Speakers for the conference were Professor Herman A. Hoyt of Grace Theological Seminary; Harold S. Parks, pastor of the Garwin Church; Miles Tabor, pastor of the Leon Church; and R. H. Kettel of Marengo, Iowa. Attendants at the conference organized themselves into an association to be called the Iowa Brethren Bible Conference. Enthusiastic reports of the conference relate that it was a great spiritual and inspirational help to all the churches.

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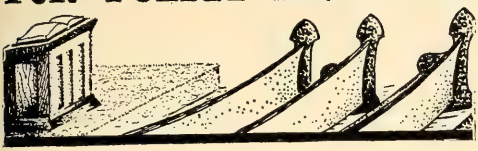

Compiled by Alan S. Pearce

THIS WEEK'S POEM

Questioning

I asked the New Year, "What am I to do
The whole year through?"
The answer came,
"Be true."

I asked again, "And what am I to say
To those who pass my way?"
"The kindest words," he said,
"That you can say."

"What thoughts am I to think, day long, year long?"
And clearly as a quick-struck gong,
The answer,
"Think no wrong."

"And what roads take across the earth's worn sod
Where many feet have trod?"
Swift came the answer—
"Those that lead to God."

—*Grace Noll Crowell.*

Two Times To Preach

It is said that an old time English bishop sent for John Berridge to reprove him for preaching at all hours and on all days. "Sir," said he modestly, "I preach only two times" "Which are they, Mr. Berridge?" "In season and out of season, my lord" (2 Tim. 4:2).

Pointed Paragraphs

Charles Spurgeon once said, "Why should I dread to descend the shaft of affliction if it leads me to the gold mine of spiritual experience? Why should I cry out if the sun of my prosperity goes down, if in the darkness of my adversity I shall be better able to count the starry promises with which my faithful God has been pleased to gem the sky? Go, thou sun, for in the dark we shall see ten thousand suns which were hidden from us by thy light. Many a promise is written in synthetic ink which you cannot read until the fire of trouble brings out the characters."

Five "Ifs" To Beware Of

1. "If thou wilt." Luke 5:12. Doubt of divine willingness.
2. "If thou canst." Mark 9:22. Doubt of divine power.
3. "If I may." Matt. 9:21. Doubt of personal fitness.
4. "If it be thou." Matt. 14:28. Doubt of divine word.
5. "If the Lord would make windows in heaven." 2 Kings 7:2. Doubt of divine providence.

A Child's Prayer

"Whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me" (Matt. 18:5).

A missionary lady had a little Hindu orphan named Shadi living with her. She had taught him about Jesus, and one night, when he was six years old, she said to him: "Now pray a little prayer of your own." And what do you think Shadi's prayer was? It was this: "Dear Jesus, make me like what you were when you were six years old."—*Pacific Baptist.*

When Children Become Christians

A teacher asked when children should begin to be Christians. One child said, "At thirteen;" another, 'At ten;" another, "At six." But a little girl who loved Jesus answered, "As soon as they can understand enough to love anybody."

—*Christian Endeavor Times.*

Words From Lovers Of The Word

W. H. Griffith Thomas, D. D.

" 'The seed is the Word of God.' (Luke 8:11). I am convinced that every great truth that has ever been expressed by the lips of men or ever will be expressed, whether they knew of the existence of the Bible or not, has its seed in the Word of God. There is absolutely no incentive to great thinking in the world to compare with Bible study, and when I say great thinking I mean clear thinking."

T. R. Miller.

"If we would live strong, noble, beautiful, radiant and useful Christian lives, we must get seasons of secret prayer into our busy days. But we must take our Bible with us into the closet. While we talk to God we must also let God talk to us. God feeds us through His word. Seasons of prayer without meditation on some word of God cannot yield the full blessing that we need."

James Stalker.

"Bible reading requires the whole force of our thinking. The Bible will richly repay study, but only if the conditions are observed which common sense dictates. It has no power to work a charm so that a chapter can be read in a few minutes with a preoccupied mind, to much profit. The mind must rest upon it, give itself time to receive impressions. It requires the whole force of our thinking and the whole force of our feeling."

Bible Briefs

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he has seven times spoken of "one": "one body," "one Spirit," "one hope," "one Lord," "one faith," "one baptism," and "one God" (Eph. 4:4).

Please note that the three "ones" precede the "one Lord," and three "ones" follow the "one Lord." So HE is the center of these seven ones.

Bible Briefs (Continued)

Christianity has suffered little from those who bear not the name of Christ. It has suffered much from those who do.

The secret of a Christian's life is to walk upon a narrow path with a wide heart.

The true Christian is like the figure 6. Turning it upside down only increases its value.

The puddle does not contain the heavens, but it reflects them. Can we not reflect the Master's image?

The Bible, like the star, was not meant to dispel the darkness, but it was meant to guide the mariner.

The most helpful commentary on the Bible is affliction.

Literature is a gymnasium. Go there to stir up the blood. The Bible is a pantry. Go there for something to eat.

The everyday Christian has seven chances to the Sunday fellow's one.

It is much easier to die bravely for religion than to live bravely for it.

Men are religious naturally. They are Christians supernaturally.

It may cost you a lot to be a Christian now. It will cost you a heap more later not to be.

In the street you learn a man's manners; at home, his breeding; at church, his creed; in the shop, his religion.

To be on the way to heaven is to be already partly in heaven.

Some men use their religion onl yas a life preserver; only during a storm.

Men are clamoring for "religious liberty." What they really want is irreligious liberty.

That is true Christianity which enables even the poor to become givers and even the rich to become receivers.

The evidences of Christianity which were never meant to be out of print are the lives of Christians.

To see earth, open your eyes. To see heaven, shut them.

In the early centuries Christianity suffered most from its avowed enemies. In recent years it suffers most from its professed friends.

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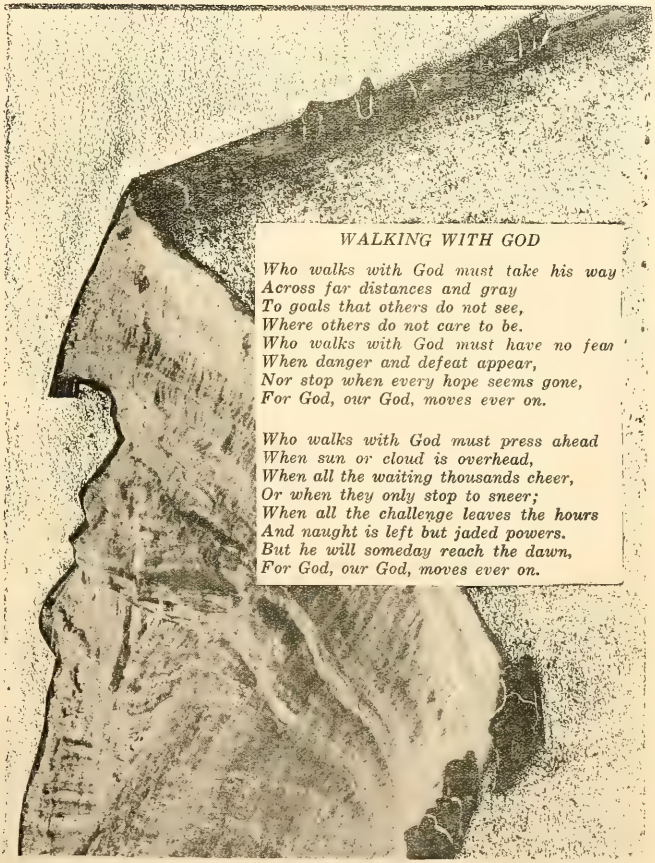

WALKING WITH GOD

Who walks with God must take his way
Across far distances and gray
To goals that others do not see,
Where others do not care to be.
Who walks with God must have no fear
When danger and defeat appear,
Nor stop when every hope seems gone,
For God, our God, moves ever on.

Who walks with God must press ahead
When sun or cloud is overhead,
When all the waiting thousands cheer,
Or when they only stop to sneer;
When all the challenge leaves the hours
And naught is left but jaded powers.
But he will someday reach the dawn,
For God, our God, moves ever on.

You are never in danger on the precipice of life when you walk with God.

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Just eleven months ago The Brethren Herald was born. We were just preparing for our first anniversary next month when we found that, in order that our testimony for Christ shoult have unity,we should have a weekly national magazine. Now the Herald is being enlarged to take in our foreign mission work and all the other departments of our Brethren work and become a weekly under the name of "The Brethren Missionary Herald."

In this, our first issue of the new magazine, we wish to voice our sincere gratitude to all our readers who helped us with many letters and words of encouragement to make the Herald a blessing to many. The growth of the circulation of our magazine was most gratifying. The last two months have seen the largest growth of all. We also wish to speak our hearty appreciation for the wonderful help given us by the authors who wrote such splendid and challenging articles for the pages of the Herald. No small amount of our success was due to them. Above all we thank our Father God for His blessing, without which nothing could have been done. We only trust that He has been pleased with our work.

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We Welcome the New Magazine

Our December issue was the last issue of The Brethren Herald.

Beginning with this number, all material that would have appeared in The Brethren Herald is found in this, our *new weekly magazine,* The Brethren Missionary Herald. In this new magazine, the first issue of every month will be the Foreign Missionary Number. The second issue of the month will be the Educational Number. *The third issue of each month will be the Home Missionary Number.* The fourth issue of each month will be the Women's Missionary Council Number, and general material.

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"But prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God" (Acts 12:5).

"Thou art coming to a King!
Large petitions with thee bring,
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much."

1. Pray for Israel. Remember in a definite way the Jewish Mission in Los Angeles, Calif., which is under the care of the Home Missions Council. Ask God to bless the ministry of Elias Zimmerman, who is in charge of this work. Share the rewards that come with having a part in winning lost Jews to Christ.

2. The Lord has placed in the hands of the Home Missions Council the responsibility and care of many new fields. Pray that our Thanksgiving offering may be sufficient to meet the tremendous need.

3. The Wooster work needs your help in prayer. God is opening a real field in this gospel-hungry city. Pray that God shall use the testimony of John Squires and his wife as they take charge of this new work.

4. A great field in Waterloo, Ia., is prospering under the hand of God. The laymen are going right ahead with the work and have already started a new building. Hold these people up before the throne of grace and pray for their work.

5. Arnold Kriegbaum entered the new field in East Los Angeles January 15th. Pray for a great outpouring of God's grace upon his ministry in that wonderful field. Watch this work as you pray and see it grow.

6. Here is a great need in Kentucky. Pray for Sewell and Hazel Landrum as they carry on the school evangelism which is being wonderfully blessed of the Lord. Remember them also as they undertake the construction of the new building which they plan to build themselves.

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Does God Love Jews More Than Gentiles?

Recently an attendant at one of our meetings came to the writer and asked, "Why are the Jews called the chosen people? Are they better than the Gentiles? Does God intend to save the Jews in spite of their sins? Doesn't it seem that God is showing them favoritism? The Jews that I know are not very attractive characters."

This question has been asked a thousand times, the doubts soaring from the idea that because the Jews are called the chosen people, therefore God has decided to save them just because they are Jews regardless of how they live, but that the Gentiles have to pay for their sins! It is an entirely erroneous conception of things. The reason they are called the chosen people is not because God has decided to save them and bless them regardless of their sins. It is because they were chosen to be the people through whom God would reveal Himself to the world of nations. God the Father had promised Abraham that through him and his seed all the nations of the earth would be blessed. Gen. 12:3, 7; Gal. 3:16; Rom. 3:2. To be chosen as the people through whom Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, should come as pertaining to the flesh, and to be the people to whom God has committed His own revelation of His will to all the world, is the high charge to Israel.

True it is that they rejected the will of God, and refused to be His "oracles" of His Word to the world. True it is that they rejected the "Divine Seed," the "Blesser," "The Light of the Gentiles and of my people Israel," and cried for His crucifixion. Nevertheless, the "calling of God is without repentance": Israel is still the chosen people. They will not be excused of their sins. They will not be saved except through faith in Christ. For 2000 years poor Israel has been paying an awful price for violating their high calling and rejecting their Messiah. Finally, through the chastisement of the hand of God upon them, they will return to their homeland, and receive their Messiah when He returns to reign. Zech. 14:3, 4; 12:10. It won't be long now.

We Could Hardly Believe It!

While browsing through a newspaper the other day we ran across a most astounding report of an address supposed to have been given by a Brethren preacher in a Methodist church. No critism could be had of a Brethren preacher in a Methodist pulpit, for there are still some Methodists who like to hear good Brethren gospel. But when we read the following report of what this preacher said to those Methodists as a Brethren preacher, we confess to a spirit of resentment. Here is what we read:—

> "There are four fundamental facts which all may understand and which must be embraced and adhered *to if civilization is to survive.*
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> "First: God is my Father.
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> "Second: If God is my Father, then all men are my brothers.** Certainly then we must be considerate, kind and helpful toward the members of every race.
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> "Third: This world in which I live is my temporal home.***** —*a beautiful, preparatory school in which to labor and strive to be fit to live in the world beyond.*
>
> "Fourth: Heaven is my eternal home.***"

This is modernism pure and simple. There is no place in this scheme for an "old rugged cross." The "fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man" sounds very nice, but it is utterly deceptive. Such an idea is wholly contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ. It ignores the need of a Savior. It is noted that Christ is not so much as considered in the above scheme of salvation—Christ becomes merely an example in such a plan of things.

Not all men are sons of God by any means. The devil is the father of some men. "Ye are of your father the devil" (John 8:44), shouted Jesus Christ to the self-righteous Pharisees who claimed to be sons of God (spiritual sons) simply because they traced their lineage back to Abraham (John 8:41). The Apostle John in I John 3:10 declares plainly that there are two classes of people in the world spiritually speaking, "The children of God and the children of the devil."

These two concepts cannot both be true. If all men are by nature sons of God, then they need no Savior, they need no new birth. All they need to do is to "labor and strive to be fit to live in the world beyond" as the preacher is reported to have stated above. He is consistent and thorough-going in his ideas to say the least. But to discover that it was a Brethren preacher setting forth such an unsound and utterly modernistic message is astounding indeed. How such a message can be tolerated among those who claim to be 'Historic Brethren' is beyond our ken.

Is This Daniel's League Of Nations?

"The Federated Nations of Europe," is already being planned to be formed as soon as the present war is over. With the three fold aim of ending the war, bringing in lasting peace, and preserving democracy, a strong and swiftly growing movement among the liberals of Europe and America, headed by Lord David Davies, member of British parliament, is already under way.

United Press dispatches carry the news that it is planned for Great Britain, France, Holland, and the United States of America to form the foundation of this great coalition of countries already committed to the democratic form of government. It is planned that

they should pool all their resources financially and materially, so as to be so strong that no other nations could obtain sufficient raw materials to wage a successful war against these democratic nations, thereby making this world "safe for democracy." It is hoped that to this group of nations may be added other western European countries until a permanent world peace would be a reality and no nation would be strong enough to oppose this powerful association of governments.

The prophet Daniel, in 2:41-42 of his book, plainly reveals that the last form of the old Roman Empire will be a common federation of ten nations of varying colors of political preference, part of iron, and part of clay. This condition shall persist till the 'Stone cut out without hands" shall smite the whole setup and instead bring in the "kingdoms of our God and of His Christ." Can it be that now, after it has seemed that the league of Nations has been thought dead and past reviving, it shall suddenly be found attractive to the nations of occidental Europe, and shall be raised up and be used to bring about the last form of the nations constituting the Old Roman Empire as Daniel has so clearly foretold?

Is This Gog And Magog?

Representative Harold Knutsen of Minnesota has just disclosed the startling information that when he was at the Inter-parliamentary Union Conference as a Congressional representative held at Oslo, Sweden, in August, he learned on first hand authority that a Federation of European Nations was also the goal of Adolf Hitler, of Germany. His alliances with Italy, and his absorption of Czechoslavakia, Hungary, Austria, and Poland, and lastly, his sudden coup with Soviet Russia, were a part of this plan of his.

If both of the above federations are carried out, the Word of God will be fulfilled in a most remarkable way. From Ezek. 38:1-4, 6 it is quite evident that there will be a coalition of Germany with Russia and Turkey and Armenia, with Russia becoming the dominating element and Germany losing her identity. In the windup of the age during the tribulation period when antichrist will be sweeping across the world, these nations in one group will form the fiercest antagonist against the reign of antichrist in Western Europe.

What a thrilling day for the Christian who knows his Bible to stand and observe the wondrous Word of God being unfolded and fulfilled right before his eyes! What a strength to his faith it should be! He knows that while Satan is forming the nations of the world for their last great conflicts of self - destruction, our Lord Jesus Christ will also soon appear to establish His kingdom over all the earth when "righteousness shall cover the earth as waters the sea." Hurry, Lord, the skies are getting dark!

Higher criticism is a torrent which, rising in the mountain, may be harmless to the mountain, but it is sure to bring devastation to the valley.

ACROSS THE NATION

—with Our Secretary

Sterling, Ohio Revival

After 25 years of evangelistic work within The Brethren Church, we went to Sterling, Ohio, to preach in a church which we had never entered before. There are mighty few churches among the Brethren in which we have not labored, but this was one of them. It was a pleasure to labor there from the start. The first night found the church building practically full. It was a fine beginning. The spirit in the meetings was always good from the start. John Squires, the pastor, had done a good work in preparation. While we were there those two weeks we had a fine delegation from the West Tenth Street Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio, and we were glad to see Brother Mayes and his people. Brother Lew Grubb brought a fine group over from his Rittman church one night. One night Ray Gingrich brought over a group from his Ellet congregation. But the way the folks from the new congregation at Wooster came night after night was a real treat. Those folks are surely full of the Spirit and enthusiasm for the establishment of their new work in their city.

We studied this field carefully while there and have concluded that from several angles, there is a real need for the Sterling church in that community. While the town is small, yet there is no real testimony for Christ in that section outside of our congregation. The church is strong and vigorous and has been growing in spite of many handicaps. We believe that they will grow more swiftly in the future than in the past. There is a fine spirit of confidence among the members in their own field, and that is a lot when it comes to success. They already have an addition started to their church building for Sunday School and young people's services. This is a sizeable addition and the best part about it is that they already have the money raised to pay for it. It will likely be dedicated without a cent of debt on it. That is most commendable and seldom equaled.

We had a fine time among the people. They have a fine spirit of hospitality. Our home was with Brother John Squires and his wife, and it was a most pleasant stay I can assure you. This young pastor and his faithful wife have a very fine prayer life. This is a wonderful thing and will do more to make them the leaders they should be, and to help them to solve the problems that are ever facing those who seek to build up the cause of Christ than anything else could possibly do. It is hard for the devil to destroy a praying man, but he will try it.

Among the many who made decisions during the meeting was the Sunday School Superintendent. He is a most promising young man who feels the call to preach the gospel. As soon as he can make arrangements he plans to attend Grace Theological Seminary. God is raising up men for His expandinig fields today.

All in all, it was a very fine meeting, and we were happy to have had a part in it. May these dear folks keep close to Jesus Christ..

Frank G. Coleman, Jr. Goes To Waterloo

Waterloo is booming right along. This group was hardly organized when they bought a piece of ground and drew plans for a beautiful tabernacle type structure. On October 20 they started digging the basement. And dirt has been flying ever since! They expect to be in their new church home shortly. We will carry the story of the dedication and give all the details of the work then.

The securing of a pastor for Waterloo has been a matter of prayer for some time. It now appears that we have found the will of the Lord in the matter. Rev. Frank G. Coleman has consented to take charge of that field April 1st. The congregation has unanimously approved of the choice and the directors of the Council have also approved. We believe that he will be greatly used of God to build a great work in that city and win a multitude of souls. He will have a mighty fine group of people to work with, a people that any pastor would delight to have in his church.

New Location In Kentucky

Since Brother Sewell Landrum was dismissed by the old Home Mission Board in September, he and his people have been seeking a new location for their work. After these weeks of praying and waiting, God has sent us the very best location that could be had. It is about one half acre, four miles on up the highway toward Hazard. It is right on the highway which does away with the need of bridges of any kind, and is above the highest water yet known in that section. The site was formerly used as a school ground and is level and ready for building on at once. It is far superior to the former location at Lost Creek, which has been badly flooded many times and was under several feet of water this last spring. One of the large landholders in that section, Mrs. Allen, deeded the property to the Council as a gift. Roadhouses and gas stations had applied for the purchase of it at good prices, but she chose to give it to us for the preaching of the gospel. We praise God for this, which is very evidently His own doing.

R. Paul Miller turning the 1st shovelful of dirt for the new building at Clayhole.

A New Thing In Day Schools

After looking over the new site on our recent trip to Limestone, Tennessee, we drove over to the Caney School, where Clyde Landrum, Brother of Sewell, is principal. No sooner had we arrived, than Clyde began gathering the students from every room into the main hall that we might talk to them. That was a real sight for anyone. I wish every reader could have seen it. The hall was full, the stairways were crowded in each direction. All children gave perfect attention. First of all, Sewell led the children in singing gospel choruses. And let me tell you, *those children sing.* You would have thought that you were in one of our finest churches where children have been well trained in the gospel for years. Then he asked for Scripture verses. That was the best of all. Every pupil had a different verse, and each one also told where it was found after he recited it. There wasn't a dull moment as those 300 children responded. We learned that there would have been many more verses, but for the fact that some of them toward the close had heard recited all of the verses they knew, and they were ashamed to repeat a verse that someone else had spoken! The atmosphere of that school was simply fine. The teachers were sympathetic and helpful and did all they could to lend their influence to the work Sewell has done a great work in this school among these children, but of course much of his success has been due to the fine cooperation of Clyde, who loves the Lord, and who has the making of a real preacher himself. We hope to have him in Grace Seminary next year. He has his college work already. Sewell has several other schools aside from this school where he does the same work every week.

Sewell Landrum and his father Mize Landrum.

A Call For Pity

While standing there watching the children march back to their rooms, Mr. Mize Landrum, the father of Sewell and Clyde, was standing beside me. He pointed out one little fellow about seven years old. He was undersized because under-nourished. "All that little chap has on is a thin shirt and a pair of overalls," he said. It was cold that day and we were both wearing our overcoats. "His father is a drunkard." He pointed out several other little fellows just like him. It would make your heart ache to see that sight. The little chaps can't help it that their home conditions are as they are. To put some warm clothes on that little boy's body and tell him that Jesus sent them is a real privilege for someone. Little children's clothes are greatly needed this fall down there. Brother Landrum reports that very few clothes for children have been sent down this fall. Most of it has been for grown-ups. Here is a chance for some kind hearted mothers whose little children have outgrown their clothes to send them down at once to Sewell. Be sure and address all packages to *Sewell Landrum.* Parcel post addressed to him at Lost Creek, Kentucky, is the best way. All express should be sent to him at Jackson, Ky.

Ready To Build

The crying need for this Kentucky work right now is for a building in which to carry on the work. Brother Landrum is now using a room in the school, but it is too small to hold near all of the children and adults who want to come to the services. Our local people

The Bus at Clayhole, Ky.

have offered to do the labor, and the lumber is being provided by local people. There is a sawmill right across the road from the new site and this will enable us to get materials cut to need. But the local folks will need help to provide the windows and the doors, and roofing and paint. We are praying that God will

A Bus Load of S. S. Pupils at our Clayhole Mission

lay it on someone's heart to provide these needs. We have no doubt about it, for He has so clearly led in all other things. Then we will need a cottage for the pastor next door. God will provide them one at a time. Let the praying folks remember these needs.

Our New Publications Setup

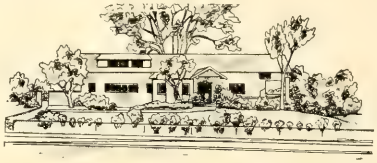
A group of Brethren have now formed The Brethren Missionary Herald Company. This company is designed to take over and produce all of the literature our churches will need. The aim is to produce a type of literature that will properly set forth the things that all true Brethren believe, to provide literature that can be used to hand to the unsaved and others to whom we should desire to bear witness to the truth. We aim to become a people that is fired with the spirit of spreading the gospel everywhere.

Cleveland Now Has A Church Home

Just as we are going to press word comes that Cleveland Brethren are now in their new church!

For 5 years, ever since they started, our young church at Cleveland, Ohio has had no church home at all. They have been meeting in public school buildings. Five years of such experience for a new group of people is not conducive to success by any means The fact that these years of waiting, disappointment, and trials have not discouraged them bears eloquent testimony to the untiring faith and leadership of Brother Tom Hammers, the faithful pastor. Many a time his heart has been like lead over the situation, but he has never once voiced it. Now he will have a real chance to build up a real church.

It was hard for many of us to understand why the many attempts that we had made to get a new church built for these folks had all come to naught. We believe we can see now why it was. God had something letter. He has sent us a 3½ acre estate right on Noble Road. It is a better location than we could have even dreamed of because of the high prices of sites on that main thoroughfare.



The house is so constructed that it is ideal for church services without one bit of alteration. It has plenty of rooms for Sunday School classes. It is well built, with hardwood floors throughout. There is also a five room house on the grounds for use as a parsonage, and a two-car garage with cement floor. The grounds are spacious for growth in days to come.

The property has been a private home every since it was constructed 20 years ago, and is in fine shape.

Wooster Church Is Now A Fact

Finding a location for the new congregation at Wooster, Ohio, has been an easy one. The first plan we had was to buy a vacant lot and build a tabernacle. Just as we were about to buy the ground we had in mind, by a quick turn of affairs it was sold to another man and we were without anything in sight. But it seems that God had something for us all the time and we did not know it. That is one reason why it always pays to keep close to God and be willing to let Him lead you to what He has for you. Twice as we passed through the city we made arrangements with the men of the new group to look over large homes that were well located. Vacant ground was simply unobtainable in good locations. Finally we were led to a property just a few doors from the high school, on Market Street, with all improvements in, and in a wonderful residential section, just a few blocks from the center

of the city. The price was within our range, and so we bought it. Several loyal Brethren loaned the Council the money to make the deal and now we have possession and the folks are busy at the alterations, expecting to hold their first services in it by the first Sunday in January. The people are enthused over their new church home and are working day and night to get it ready. God is blessing them and they are rejoicing in His wonderful leading. A sample of the wonderful spirit among them was shown when, on the last night our meeting at Sterling, Brother Johnson, the treasurer of the new group, handed us their Thanksgiving offering. It was $94! For a people who as yet have no pastor and no church to meet in, that seems to us as being pretty good. That is always the way when the hearts of the people are truly stirred for God. Brother John Squires plans to take over the pastorate at Wooster on January 1st, and after that we can look for reports of real progress. Pray for this new work daily.

NEWS-BRIEFS

From Our Workers

By Robert Culver

A Building Boom! That is what seems to be going on in the East Central District of Brethren Churches.

The Sterling, O. Church, where Bro. John Squires has been pastor for two years, is completing an extensive addition to their church building, in the form of a Sunday School wing that may be opened into the main auditorium. It is reported that this will increase the capacity of the building by about one hundred persons.

The husky new church at Wooster, O., where Bro. Squires became pastor January 1, 1940, has recently secured a building which is to be altered for use as an auditorium and for Sunday School rooms.

Pastor Tom Hammers of the Cleveland, O. Church, which has been praying for a building of its own and a permanent location these past few years, reports that they have at last secured a good building. The church had bought two lots upon which they had planned to build. Recently they have traded lots for a large estate upon which there is a commodious building, easily adaptable to church purposes with little alteration.

There is evidence, too, that while there is some building of church buildings, there is also some building of churches. The West Tenth Street Church of Ashland, reports a successful Young People's Rally at a banquet held in the church Dec. 29. There were 70 young people present, all from the local congregation. Following the banquet, a candlelight service was conducted under the leadership of Bro. Leo Polman. Many definite decisions for Christ were reported to have come through the ministry of the Spirit. That night, according to reports, will remain a remarkable one in the history of the young people of that church.

Changes At Ankenytown

On the first Sunday of 1940, the Ankenytown, O., Church changed pastors. Bro. Arnold Kriegbaum who had been pastor for three years closed his work there Dec. 24, to take up the pastorate of the new church in East Los Angeles, Calif. Bro. Kriegbaum completed his course at Grace Seminary at the close of the fall semester. Bro. Robert D. Culver, student at Grace Seminary, took up the work Dec. 31.

Taking a Long Jump to the Northwests— We hear the news from pastor Fred Walter of the Harrah, Wash. church that a revival campaign is to be conducted there this month with Bro. J. C. Beal as evangelist. Pray for these meetings.

And Back to Indiana: We hear that the church at Osceola, under the leadership of Bro. Robert S. Williams, student at Grace Seminary, has recently moved from its old location to a new one, better located, in the center of the little town. Reports are that attendance increased greatly immediately. Pray for these Brethren!

In The News Again, Gerald B. Winrod, self acclaimed fundamentalist, editor of "The Defender," candidate for governor of Kansas in 1938, made a place in the report of the Dies committee.

The report as printed in the Fort Wayne News Journal follows: ". . . . in addition to the Communist Party and the German American Bund, there are a number of . . . . organizations which seek a radical change in the American form of government and collect dues from 'such mis-guided citizens as will contribute to their support.'

"Many 'essentially Fascist groups' have sought from time to time to get together. . . . . The following organizations and individuals took some part in that effort. 'Militant Christian Patriots (Mrs. Leslie Fry), Williaim Dudley Pelly, *Gerald B. Winrod*. . . . James True, ... E. N. Sanctuary,".

Winrod has published articles by True and Sanctuary in his "Defender." Last summer, Time Magazine gave some space to expose Winrod as an anti-semitist. When even the public press wakes up to the character of this man's views and purposes, surely it is time Christians have his number! He has forfeited the right to respect in Christian circles.

One More Word: If you would like to see news of your own church written up in this column, send your church bulletin or calendar to Robert D. Culver, Winona Lake, Indiana. In addition to that, write up 25-100 words of news on a post card every month or so and mail it to the same address.

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AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

God Is Working ! !

God has simply showered new fields and obligations upon the Home Missions Council during the last few months. Now He is sending another shower upon us in the Thanksgiving offering! *Never was any group of hearts more deeply apprehensive, and moved to utterly cast themselves upon God for the work, than were the 14 directors of the council this fall when the influx of new fields began to show up.* Now we are beginning to see the answers to our prayers.

Our isolated members of The Brethren Church are a wonderful example of the way God is working in many hearts for His work. These folks have no pastors to help them. What they get they must get only through the Lord's leading. *In ninety per cent of their gifts they have increased from twenty five to one hundred per cent in their giving.* This caused us great rejoicing.

Our little group of folks in Wooster, Ohio, without even a pastor or a place to meet as yet, took up an offering and sent on $94.00. The Berne, Indiana, church, where the secretary lives, took up their offering and it was $594.00. It happened that the secretary was out there last Sunday during a few days at home. The pastor asked him to speak a few words about home missions, and at the conclusion of the talk those folks raised their offering to $800.00. How is that for a country church? The secretary would like to establish a hundred country churches like that. The Cleveland mission church raised $340.00. They don't even have a building of their own as yet. The Fort Wayne, Indiana, mission church raised $600.00. (This is the church that was supposed to have been ruined a short time ago!) Tracy, California, has raised $215.-00, about four dollars per member. Dayton has over $1000.00 and may reach $2,000.00. Los Angeles 2nd church wired that they had $1,020.00. Now comes the big news! Dr. Bauman writes that the First Church of Long Beach has raised *$3600 for home missions!* When the secretary got that letter he just about fell off his chair. He actually shouted.

We can only praise God and give Him all the glory, for it is all His own working. From all indications, we will have enough now to care for the new points that we have undertaken since our annual budget was made up. If the rest of the offerings of which we have no knowledge have increased as these have, we will have enough. Our Father God will take care of things for His own work.

LET US ALL PRAISE GOD!

San Diego, California

About four weeks ago, our people were brought to see that it would be possible to start a building in January of 1940 provided that we were able to care for the remaining indebtedness on our lots.

With this realization came a new vision. An offering was received and the indebtedness of $400 was quickly cared for, (part being pledged, payable by January 1st). Attendance in all departments of our work has shown a marked increase. Our Sunday School is averaging 88, and our morning services are running nearly as high. Other services, particularly the weekly Bible class, are reaching strangers and good prospects. On the whole, the work is in the best condition that we have seen it since our arrival about a year and a half ago.

Negotiations are in progress at a local bank for the securing of a loan so that we can start building. We expect to get a final answer from them in a few days.

Our building plans, drawn free of charge by our Sunday School superintendent, R. A. Laughlin, have been through the office of the city planning commission and are held up at the present only by a few minor details in the office of the city building inspector. After these few changes, they will get the *go* sign there.

Our plans call for a single unit structure 38' x 74' designed so that it can easily be added to. This structure will include auditorium, baptistry and dressing rooms, pastor's study, and choir room on the first floor, with a full basement most of which will be out of ground due to the slope in the lots.

Actual construction has not begun and many problems must be solved before it can begin, but we are praising the Lord for the remarkable answers He has already sent to our prayers relative to the building. We ask an interest in the prayers of the brotherhood regarding these problems that yet face us.

—*Albert Flory.*

Revival At The Trinity Brethren Church At Seven Fountains, Va.

The church is one of the most isolated churches in the entire brotherhood. It has a natural line of mountains surrounding it like a well-planned fort. In fact the valley is known as Powell's Fort. There is one easy entrance to the valley along Passage Creek. Here the road follows a deep and rocky gorge. Other approaches are over steep and almost impossible mountains.

The community has been taken by Brethren people many years ago, and represents some fine Christians who love the Lord and are concerned about winning souls for Himself. Most of the people depend upon the income of small farms and are pressed at present to make a comfortable living. Nevertheless, real interest is always shown in matters pertaining to the work of the church and especially during a time of revival effort.

The writer was asked to conduct the series of meetings this year. This was the second time he did this. The results were happy and hearts were encouraged in the matter of Christian living. The last day in the Fort, it was our good pleasure to baptize eight who had received the Lord Jesus into their lives and also extend a hand of fellowship to them for membership

into the church. Our disadvantage this year was that we could not have Sunday meetings. Inasmuch as the work at the Winchester congregation required a return to that field over Sunday, it was not neglected.

Trinity Brethren Church is near the new camp site. We are developing a fifty acre tract of land to be a permanent young people's training camp for The Brethren Church. To our great advantage, we are among sympathetic friends and families who want to see both the church and camp be a success.

Our most recent indication of progress in the Winchester church is the decision of the church to secure a parsonage. This shall be the possession of The Brethren Church in the city. On Monday, October 2nd, our School of the Bible will open, and Dr. Baker has consented to teach again for the school. Scores of Bible students and teachers are anxious that classes be taught again and will support it as they can. We have set 150 for a goal in Bible School for our Rally Day. —*Norman Uphouse.*

A Glorious Thanksgiving Day At Our Jewish Mission

By Ellias Zimmerman
Our Jewish Missionary in Los Angeles

For weeks and months we had been hoping and praying that somehow the Lord would make it possible for us to have a real Thanksgiving dinner for the many Jewish boys and men who come to our mission. Many of them are without employment, homeless and friendless, and do not know what it means to have a decent meal for months at a time. We felt we could not enjoy our own Thanksgiving dinner, knowing that so many of our boys were hungry. So we hoped and prayed, and in good time the Lord abundantly provided even beyond what we hoped or expected. Through the generosity and help of our Brother Joseph H. Cohn of the American Board of Missions to the Jews we were enabled to go ahead with our plans for Thanksgiving Day—and what a glorious Thanksgiving Day it was!

The long tables, which we borrowed from a nearby church, stretched from one end of our mission hall to the other. They were beautifully and artistically decorated by one of our Jewish young men as if for a magnifiiicent banquet. We were prepared to feed and take care of about forty people. Long before the appointed hour many of our boys were at the mission, and soon every chair was occupied. Still they kept on coming. We had no room, but we just did not have the heart to turn anyone away hungry on Thanksgiving Day. Somehow we managed, and we had almost sixty—all Jews with the exception of the few who helped—instead of the forty we had prepared for. Yes, we had real turkey with all the trimmings that usually go with an old fashioned Thanksgiving dinner.

Appreciataed Dinner

As we watched the cheerful faces and beaming eyes, we could not help overhear some of them say that this was the first time in their lives that they had a real Thanksgiving dinner. The ladies who did all the cooking and baking and planning and serving felt well repaid for all their trouble. For we could not help but think of what our Master said: "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matt. 10:42). And "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my (Jewish) brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

Indeed many of us felt that the Lord was in our midst. For the Thanksgiving feast was followed by another feast — a spiritual feast. While sitting around the tables each one told what he or she was particularly thankful for. These brief talks were interspersed with appropriate instrumental and vocal music by Hebrew Christians and touching. It thrilled our soul to hear so many of our Jewish brethren give their sincere and earnest testimonies by way of thanksgiving unto the Lord for what He has done for them in opening their eyes, whereas before they were blind now they could see. One of our converts put it this way: "I thank God for finding Him Who is the Way, for without Him there is no going; for trusting in Him Who is the Life, for without Him there is no living."

However, the climax was reached when one of our finest young men, with whom we had been dealing for some time, and for whose salvation we had been longing and praying for, stood up and made public confession of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savioir and Redeemer.

Faithful Attendant

This young man had been coming to our mission for some time. He had a job in one of the Jewish stores some blocks away from us; and though he worked hard from 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning until 9 at night, yet he never went to his room to change his clothes or rest. He would rush to the mission, and often apologize for being so late.

At times we prolonged our service for his benefit. He came to us as an atheist. Then one evening we spoke on the subject, "Why I Believe in God." Somethiing was said that made him stop in his track and think. From that day on he began to read the Bible. Finally we saw that a marked change had come over him. One night after the service we took him aside and had a heart to heart talk with him. Yes, he was convinced that Christ was the Messiah, but his mother, whom he loved dearly, was coming to Los Angeles and he could not face her if he accepted Christ. It would break her heart. Our heart went out to him. We knew the struggle that went on in this young man's heart. We realized the momentous decision he had to make. At last the love of Christ conquered, and he stood up and made public confession of his faith. How our hearts rejoiced! After a brief message and the reading of Ps. 103, we went away with praise and thanksgiving for such a blessed and glorious Thanksgiving Day.

Religion is man forcing himself upon God. Christianity is God implanting Himself in man.

NEW ANNUITY DEPARTMENT

At our Annual meeting at Winona Lake, in August, the Directors of the Council voted to establish an

ANNUITY DEPARTMENT

to begin January 1st, 1940

This department will receive Annuities in cash, or property in the form of real estate, First Mortgages, or negotiable stocks and bonds.

Annuities provide an income that is higher than any other safe investment.

Annuities make certain that your means will go to the work of the gospel after you are gone. Wills are most uncertain.

Annuities take care of you in life, and preach the gospel for you after your death.

Annuity income is based upon your age. At fifty years of age you receive 5 per cent. At eighty years of age you receive 8 per cent.

Annuities enable you to give to the work you desire to assist while you are still alive. Your desires and instructions have little weight after you are gone. Others don't always feel about things as you do.

Annuities are safe. As long as the Church of Christ is on earth they are safe After that, you won't be here.

If you have funds to invest to form an income to live on—

If you have property you would like to give, or— If you have other investments you would like to turn to Christ—

Write at once for descriptive Annuity Literature

The Brethren Home Missions Council
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Our Boys and Girls VERY OWN Page

Tell Me A True Story

Is there any story which you like better than a true story? Of course not. Since this is the Home Missions Number of The Brethren Missionary Herald, we will tell you a true story from the Fort Wayne church. This is one of the home mission churches which the very pennies, nickels and dimes you put in the Thanksgiving offering helped to build. Aren't you glad you had a part in making it possible for Suzette to know Jesus?

Knock! Knock! Come In

By Mrs. Leo Polman

A group of happy children were gathered together in a week of Bible School. The teacher was teaching a new chorus:

I will love Jesus *with all my heart*
And try to be like Him each day.

After singing it several times, the teacher said, "Jesus stands outside the heart's door of every one. Sometimes we do not know it is Jesus knocking until someone tells us about Him. Then we recognize His knocking. Sometimes little children hear Him, sometimes older children, and sometimes men and women. When we hear Him, we should say, 'Come in, Lord Jesus.' Then He will come in and stay in our hearts, and help us to be like Him. Then we will love Him with all our heart."

Right in front sat the littlest one, Suzette, a blond fairy-like girl. She sat so quiet, listening so intently.

As the teacher paused, Suzette said, "Teacher, I hear Jesus knocking at my heart."

Pleased, the teacher turned to the other boys and girls and said, "See, even our smallest child can hear the Lord Jesus knocking. He said, 'Behold, I stand at the door (our hearts' door), and knock: if any man (child) hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in.' Even a little child can love Jesus with all her heart, and try to be like Him each day. Just open your heart's door to Him."

Suddenly little Suzette spoke again, "Teacher, I said, 'Come in, Lord Jesus' He came in, and now He isn't knocking any more."

Just so simply we take Jesus into our hearts and lives. Jesus said we must become as little children if we want to see the kingdom of heaven. Let us all have the childlike faith of little Suzette, and begin loving

Jesus with all our hearts while we are young. Give Him the best of our lives—our youth—like a candle tall and white, a long time to burn for the Lord; not a candle half used or just a stub left for Him, all used in our own pleasures first.

Do You Like Puzzles?

Then, here is one for you. Begin with the C in the middle. Then take the letter to its left, the letter to its right, the second letter to its left, the second to its right, and so on. After arranging the letters in that order, separate the words, and you will have something God wants you to remember to do.

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What Would You Have Done?

A little girl in an Italian Sunday School told her mother how the other children had teased her.

"Why didn't you do your best to defend yourself," her mother asked. When she made no reply her mother said, "What did you do?"

"I remembered what Jesus did for His enemies, "she said, "so I prayed for them."

This Week's Memory Verse

Jn. 11:27, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God.

DAILY Biible Readings

Sun.—Jn. 11:1-3. Who said, "He whom thou lovest is sick"? .....

Mon.—Jn. 11:5-7. Who said, "Let us go into Judea"? .....

Tues.—Jn. 11:11-14. Who said, "Lazarus is dead"? .....

Wed.—Jn. 11:20-23. Who said, "If thou hadst been here, my brother had not died"? .....

Thurs.—Jn. 11:24-27. Who said, "Thou art the Christ"? .....

Fri.—Jn. 11:33-36. Who said, "Behold how he loved him"? .....

Sat.—Jn. 11:41-44. Who said, "Lazarus, come forth"? .....

Some Things For Which To Pray

Sun.—Pray for all the children, who, like Suzette, are learning about Jesus in our home mission churches.

Mon.—Pray that God will help the pastors, teachers, and other workers in our home mission churches.

Tues.—Pray that God will help the home mission churches to win many unsaved people for Jesus.

Wed.—Pray that those who are saved in our home mission churches will do all they can to get others saved.

Thurs.—Pray for the pastor and other workers in your own church.

Fri.—Pray that all the people in your own church may do more for Jesus.

Sat.—Pray that you may be so much like Jesus that others will want to know Him too.

Junior Topic

FOR FEB. 4, 1940

If God Be For Us

Aim: To show how completely God provides for us if we are His.

Approach to the lesson

Turn in your Bibles to Rom. 8:31. How would you answer the second question in v. 31? Now look in v. 32. How many things is God going to give us if we are His? Just think of that! Look again in that verse and find the word which shows that God is not going to be one bit stingy about giving us these things.

Now think of all the wrong things you have done—the lies you told, the naughty things you did when mother was not around, the impure thoughts you would not want anyone to know. God knows all about every one of those sins, and every other siin, too. Let's read the question of v. 33. This is another way of asking, "Who is going to accuse you of any of your sins?" Will God? No, not if we are saved, for God justifies us. This means that because Jesus saved us from our sins, washing away our sins by His blood, God looks upon us as justified (just as if we'd never sinned)—not because of what we've done, but because of what Christ has done. Then who will condemn us (v. 34)? Will Christ? Not if we are saved, for He died for our sins and now lives and makes intercession for us. This means that He pleads with God for us, whatever our need may be.

Since God will not hold anything against us who are saved, and Christ will not do so, can anything separate us from His love? Can the awful things mentioned in v. 35 do so? The answer is in v. 37. Can death separate us from Him? Can angels? Can anything present or future do it? Can anything at all separate us from His love? Find the answer in v. 38-39. How gracious God is toward us!

Points on the lesson with illustrations from Scripture

1. God makes all things new when He saves us (II Cor. 5:17). Ill. — Saul's conversion, Acts 9; Les. 136, True Stories from the Long Ago. (Give children opportunity to tell how Christ changed their lives.)

2. God has made victory possible over every temptation (I Cor. 10:13). Ill. — any of the following: The three Hebrews' temptation to wrong worship, Dan. 3; Les. 92, True Stories from the Long Ago. Daniel's temptation to stop praying, Dan. 6; Les. 94, True Stories from the Long Ago. Peter's and John's temptation to quit preaching Christ, Acts 3-4; Les. 132, True Stories from the Long Ago. (Give children opportunity to tell how Christ has helped them overcome temptation.)

3. God enables us to endure every circumstance (Phil. 4:13). Ill. — Paul, II Cor. 11:24-28; 12:7-10; Les. 145, True Stories from the Long Ago. (Give children opportunity to tell what hard things Christ has helped them endure.)

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Winning The Children To Christ

(Mt. 18:1-14)

Suggestions for the Leader

Winning the children for Christ is one of the most promising fields of Christian endeavor. Children can understand all that is needed in order to be saved, and if properly led, can experience salvation. The exact time when a child ought to become a Christian by receiving the Lord Jesus cannot be set. Educators recognize a great range of individual differences in children. Whenever a child reaches accountability, that is the time he should come to Christ. If any mistakes are to be made in child evangelism, it would be better to start too early than to wait until it is too late.

The writer once witnessed a child of six years come to Jesus and express love for Him. This may be an early age to expect children to make decisions, but after that we should look for them. The horrible thing is that many parents refuse to let their children of 12, 13, and even older, make a public stand for the Lord. To interfere with the good intentions of children might bring many tears in after years.

Child evangelism is the one place we young people can be assured of doing something definite for the Lord. It is not enough simply to tell children Bible stories and entertain them while they are in a class or Endeavor meeting. The great duty of every teacher and leader is to present Christ constantly as the only hope for salvation. Children should be told how they can love Him too.

We need to remember that a child needs to be cleansed from sin. He can distinguish between good and evil and ought to reckon with the tendency to do wrong. How wonderful it is to see a child start off right early in life and be saved from the misery and disappointments of sin. It is not right that they should fall into the things of the world. Do what you can to bring children to Christ now.

1. Children need a Savior. Mt. 19:14.

One thing that will help us see the difference between infancy and childhood is that in some places *babies* are *brought* to the church and presented to Christ, while *children come* to Christ of their own free will. Jesus is ready and willing to receive any child that comes to Him. The Bible says we should be faithful in teaching and leading them, and then let them decided for Christ.

Everyone is born in sin, having a nature to sin from the start. This can be seen early in life when small children have outward expressions of temper, selfishness or meanness. One man said it made no difference whether the lead pencil was new or used, it made the same black mark. Parents like to think their children are better than any others. They seem to feel their children do not need salvation. This is an error. Their great concern ought to be to know that every child in the home has been born again. Never shield a child in sin. Lead him to claim the Lord Jesus as his own.

2. Children are teachable. Mt. 18:4.

Tests show that adults up to fifty are as teachable as children if they want to learn. The difference is that adults close their minds on certain subjects, but children will listen to the truth. Many times they lead older people, sometimes their whole families, to receive the truth. Herein lies a great opportunity for have an entering wedge in reaching the others in the the Bible School and C. E. Seek the children and you have an entering wedge in reaching the others in the home.

A person need not understand all about Christianity before claiming it. In fact, none of us fully understand it. It takes a lifetime to grow into the knowledge. Seek the child and let him profess faith in Jesus as soon as he will. Heaven will be glad for one child coming home, the life will be saved from sinful experiences, and the Lord Jesus will be exalted. Everything is in favor of child evangelism. Hardly a one in the church can say it is too hard a work to do.

3. Children who believe have a fine foundation for a life of service. II Tim. 3:14-15.

In some cases great men of God were converted late in life after living a life of sin. This is the exception and certainly the most dangerous way to live. It would be far better to take no chances in delaying to come to Christ. In after years it would bring the convert satisfaction to know he kept himself pure and clean for the Lord's work, and would save lament for the sinful past and for the loss of time that might have been used in preparation for larger service for God. If one unprepared, though thoroughly converted, can do much for God, the same person properly prepared could do more.

The things learned in childhood are remembered longest. This is the time for Bible study and memorization, and is where the foundation should be laid for years of work in the church.

If you have to choose between these two propositions, always take your stand for an early decision for Christ and a life of usefulness for Him. It has less regrets and many more happy experiences with Christian people and with the Lord.

4. Preaching to children. Mt. 18:2.

Some people oppose preaching before children. Some churches keep them busy doing other things during the preaching hour. Children ought to hear the sermon as well as adults. None may fully understand or remember what was said in detail, but little by little they ought to get some good and help. Unlesss children are started early, they will not likely come to church later.

Any minister ought to be conscious of the children in his service. The selection of words, the wise use of time, and lessons illustrated with stories, will help keep

their interest. All children like to hear thrilling stories. Jesus frequently used objects and stories or parables to help in Hiis teaching. Preaching to children will bring favorable results because they can be led to do the thing that is right and of God. The preaching should be positive, not telling them only what they cannot do or what is bad, but what is proper and acceptable in their conduct.

5. Children and the church. I Sam. 2:18; Mt. 21:15.

There was a day when children were given no place in the church. They were supposed to be seen but not heard. When the Sunday School came, children were helped. The Junior and Intermediate C. E. did more for them. Today happy is the church that cares for the children.

"If children can receive the Lord Jesus as Savior, they can also serve him. Their testimony is often used of the Lord to the salvation of parents and friends. They ought to have a part in the one work of the church, and should be recognized as a part of the band of workers." It makes them feel good to have a part in a meeting or a work within the church. One Junior C. E. makes a regular pledge for foreign missions which amounts to more than $100. These children find enjoyment in carrying out the pledge.

Additional Scripture.

Testimony of children II Ki. 5:2-4; Mt. 21:15-16; Ps. 148:12, 13.

Questions to be answered

1. How much of the Bible must one understand in order to be saved?
2. Do you think it a good thing to make a child wait until older before becoming a Christian?
3. How is the future of this church largely dependent upon what the children do now?
4. What should the S. S. teachers and C. E. leaders do to win children to Christ?
5. What are the ways a child can be used in the work of the church?
6. Do you think we dare set an age limit on a child concerning conversion?

"He Didn't Read His Church Paper"

"What religious paper do you read?"
"None."
"Why?"
"No time to read."
"What progress is your church making?"
"Don't know."
"Where do you think missionary work is most needed?"
"Don't know."
"How many members are there in your church?"
"Don't know."
"Of course you are a church member?"
"Don't—I mean yes!"
"Is the church making any progress in your neighborhood?"
"Don't know at all."
"What good are you to the church?"
"Don't kn—; that is, I—you see!"
Yes, I see, don't you?—*Western Recorder.*

Jewish Bible Conference

Pastor, have you arranged for that Jewish Bible Conference yet. The support of our new Jewish Mission in Los Angeles, California, depends upon the offerings raised in Jewish Conferences held in our churches during the year.

Our responsibility begins January 1st. Plan at once for a real spiritual feast at the same time you provide for the great work God has given to our churches to do in bringing Israel to Christ.

Remember the words of Jehovah:

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee" (Psalm 122:6).

You may arrange your conference directly with the speakers, or through the office of the Council at Berne, Indiana.

Sentence Sermons

We are all black, only some are bleached blacks.

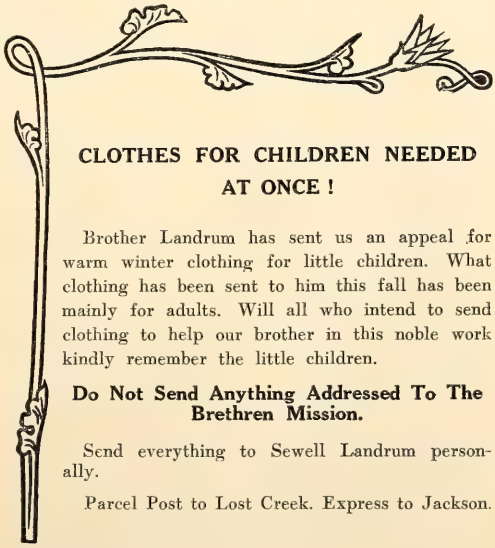
The anchor of the Christian's hope is cast upward not downward.

Christians are living far too much in the newspapers and far too little in the Bible.

The church is full of willing people. Some are willing to work and others are willing to let them.

Some believe in a very great God in Nature but a very little God in Grace.

Set the pillow of God's promises between your back and your burdens.



CLOTHES FOR CHILDREN NEEDED AT ONCE !

Brother Landrum has sent us an appeal for warm winter clothing for little children. What clothing has been sent to him this fall has been mainly for adults. Will all who intend to send clothing to help our brother in this noble work kindly remember the little children.

Do Not Send Anything Addressed To The Brethren Mission.

Send everything to Sewell Landrum personally.

Parcel Post to Lost Creek. Express to Jackson.

1940----
WHAT DOES IT HOLD?

By C. H. Ashman

"The coming of the Lord draweth nigh!" "Little children, it is the last time" (1 John 2:18). "The time is short" (1 Cor. 7:29). When the "fulness of time was come," God sent Jesus Christ in His first advent. When the fulness of time is come, God will send Jesus Christ in His second advent. But we believe that it is time to look up, lift up, be ready to go up!

What does 1940 hold in store in prophetic development and fulfilment? Soothsayers, astrologers, crystal-gazers, fortune tellers, and other quacks try to peer into the future. God has put a curse upon all "possessed with a spirit of divination." We must be ever careful in our prophetic messages not to come under this curse. Yet the Lord expects us to discern the "signs of the times." God has a prophetic clock. All the future is timed. With the precision of nature, the future will unfold according to this prophetic timepiece When the time arrives, when the hour strikes, the bright and morning Star will appear. Will this be during 1940?

Some years ago in the New Outlook, there appeared an article on "Technocracy." It ended with these words, "We have reached the end of an age." Is the end of *this age* drawing nigh? Sir Arthur Geddes has said, "In Europe we know that an age is dying." Is our age dying? "But the end of all things is at hand" (1 Peter 4:7). Is the end drawing near? Is it at hand? Will it come for the church during 1940? What time is it by God's prophetic clock?

The Times of the Gentiles

We believe that 1940 will witness the world's *darkest midnight of poverty, perplexitiy, and paganism.* The Lord's prophecy that there should come upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:25-26), will increase in the intensity of its fulfilment. The times of the Gentiles are in the last stages of decay. The city of Jerusalem has been "trodden down of the Gentiles" for centuries. It will be so until the "times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." From A. D. 70 until 1917, the Gentiles were in full control of this prophetic capitol of the world, Jerusalem. When General Allenby captured Jerusalem in 1917, there was a striking fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah 31:5, "As birds flying so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem, defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it." Upon good authority we learn that the sight of airplanes flying over the city persuaded the Turks to offer a peaceful surrender of the city. The Lord defended, delivered, preserved the city. From that hour the times of the gentiles have been drawing to a close. Ever since the world war the Gentile nations have been degenerating in power. They have been decaying from within and are being attacked from without. They threaten to devour each other. Will 1940 witness their total collapse?

Political and Diplomatic

The diplomatic world is crumbling and crashing. What do parleys, pacts, treaties, leagues, etc., amount to? They are more worthless than "mere scraps of paper." On the tenth birthday of the League of Nations, when the corner stone of the Palace of Peace was laid in Geneva, leaders of over 20 of the leading nations of the world were present. They voiced enthusiastic forecasts of a glorious future of peace and prosperity for the nations in the league. What has become of these forecasts? 1 Thess. 5:1 could well be applied to them, "For when they say, peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them." Roger Babson a few years ago warned America that unless she would cease from her selfishness and get back to God three things would result, namely, financial collapse, national collapse, and international collapse. America has not ceased from her selfishness nor has she turned back to God. The financial collapse came, national collapse is threatened, and behold the international collapse all about us. The sea of nations with its waves is roaring. Nation is rising against nation. There are wars and rumors of wars over all the earth. On land, in the air, on the sea, and under the sea, the mighty conflict is raging as never before in the world's history. In 1916 I. M. Haldeman wrote, "It has been foretold that during the absence of Christ enormous political changes would take place within the countries now occupying the territorial limits of the old Roman Empire. There would be the overthrow of monarchy, the uprising of red democracy, its overthrow, and finally a federation of nations in western Europe." Twenty-three years have witnessed the rapid fulfilment of these things. What will 1940, one more year, bring forth? Will these prophecies come to a climax? Will there come the Federation of Nations of western Europe over which eventually the Anti-Christ shall rule?

Social and Criminal

The social world is breaking all restraints and flooding the earth with paganism and civilized crime. Paganism is awful, but civilized crime is worse! The days of Noah are being repeated with their violence, atheism, agnosticism, and moral corruption. The days of Lot are being duplicated. They were "marrying and giving in marriage" in Lot's days. Does this mean just a multiplicity of marriages only? No! It means not only giving in marriage, but "giving out" also, that is getting out of the marriages into which they had entered. The days of Lot were days of divorce! In that period during which the U. S. has doubled its population, it has increased its divorce *ten times!* Five times as fast as the increase of population has been the increase of divorce. We are rapidly becoming an "adulterous generation." Witness the unnatural sex crimes. Behold the nudism in pictures and in person You know, we are coming to that state which we stamp

as *educated licentiousness.* We are not being overcome in our sins and by our sins, but we are planning them, plotting them, and with modern inventions available we are becoming a nation of *educated licentiousness.* R. E. Neighbor has described our day in these graphic words, "We are living in a day when modesty and morals are fast touching the bottom of the mire. Young people need to be talked to in plain and unvarnished words about this. Everything—dress, pastimes, reading and conversation — is conducive to looseness of morals. Virtue and modesty, the two bulwarks of a Christian girlhood and womanhood, seem to be in the last throes of death. This age is rushing headlong into the vortex of unbridled sexual debauchery." Yes "Evil men and seducers are waxing worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." Iniquity is abounding on every hand. Behold the robbery, rape, assault, suicides, murders, the diabolical and atrocious deeds of men, even mere lads! God save America! What will 1940 witness in increase along these lines? We believe the world will go deeper into the darkness of sin and crime during the coming year, bringing moral corruption closer to its inevitable harvest of judgment.

Religious

The religious world is plunging into the apostasy —"departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and the doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hyprocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron." This prophecy in 1 Timothy 4:1-2 is meeting fulfilment today. Many have a "form of godliness, but deny the power thereof" (2 Tim. 3:5). Yes, they have the outward profession and appearance of godliness, but they have denied the power thereof. They still keep up the appearance, the profession, after having renounced the authority. The most subtle form in which this appears today is that described in Romans 10:3, "for they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." This description is supplemented in 2 Cor. 11:13-15, "for such are false prophets, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." Professing to be good and do good, to be the apostles of righteousness, they are deceiving many. Herbert Lockyer has wriitten, "Churches there are of all sorts, faithful, fancy, and false. But the church today is impotent in the face of its challenges, it is retrenching instead of going forward. Her feet are embedded in the mud of indifference. She is a well-dressed corpse instead of a living body." What will 1940 bring to pass in the religious world? If the Lord tarries in His coming, we believe it will witness the line of separation between pre-millennialism and post-millennialism drawn sharper and sharper. The denominations will be torn asunder between "the righteousness which is of faith" and that which is of human merit of works. It may be, God grant it will be, that the *true church* will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. But, if He does not come during 1940, the winning of precious souls, genuine evangelism, will become harder and harder. It will become more difficult to even induce lost sinners to come within the church buildings. The hearts of men will become harder and harder. We will have to triple our prayers, our efforts, our influence or suffer staggering losses.

Deliverance and Preservation

Will 1940 bring deliverance to the redeemed? Lot was delivered before the fire of judgment fell on Sodom. God said, "I cannot do anything 'till thou come out." "God hath not appointed us unto wrath," but unto salvation. It is unthinkable that He will permit His bride to go into the judgments toward which this world is plunging. Before these vials of wrath are poured out upon this sinful world, "the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord." The bodies of the saved which are now being planted in the graves will not remain there long. Deliverance awaits us!

We are sure that 1940 will bring preservation to Israel. Noah went into and passed thru the flood, but was preserved from the flood. The Jew will pass into the judgment period following the rapture of the church, but God will preserve His people. In Rev. 12:13-17, there is a prophecy of a flood which foretells the persecution of Israel. But God has a place of preservation for Israel. He will fulfil his promise "when thou passeth through the waters, they shall not overflow thee."

The Coming Miracle of the Conversion of All Jews

What hope is there for the Jews? There seemed to be high hope when, in 1922, Great Britain accepted from the allied powers a mandate for Palestine, making herself responsible for putting into effect the declaration of 1917 "in favor of the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people." For some years the most amazing things began happening in the Holy Land, —agricultural transformations, business and financial prosperity, —and Zionism flourished. Then came jealousy of the Arabs, riots, bloodshed, and it looked as though the prophecy of "Jerusalem a burdensome stone" (Zech. 12:3) was beginning to be fulfiled. Now, after increasing riot and bloodshed, Britain has abandoned her pledge.

But God's Word stands. He has promised Israel to bring her people back to the land from the whole world. *And the miracle of the conversion of all Jews is coming.—S. S. Times.*

Fellow-Christians, let us "redeem the time for the days are evil." Let us "walk circumspectly." "What thou doest, do quickly." "The Lord is at hand." "The business of the King requireth haste." We must live *on tip toe!* Let us love, long for, and look for *His appearing.*

NO IMAGINARY HURT

A certain Christian Science woman in Mineola, N. Y., according to the newspapers, recently sued a motorist for injuring her in an automobile collision. Because she had refused medical aid after the accident, in loyalty to her Christian Science creed, saying that her hurts were only "imaginary," the court refused to award her damages. However, the court required her to pay $75 to the man for injuries to his car, which injuries were by no means imaginary.

No amount of minimizing of sin's hurt to the soul can make that hurt only imaginary. Such delusive claim may prevent men from obtaining the salvation provided for sin, but it cannot absolve from the penalty for sin's damage. Our heavenly Father loves us, but he does not mince matters. Unerringly he puts his finger on the source of all our woe: "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door" (Gen. 4:7). God calls sin by its right name. He bears down heavily upon it, in the individual and in the nation: "Sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34). "The Lord.... will not at all acquit the wicked" (Nahum 1:3).—Sel.

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EDITORIALS

By Chas. W. Mayes

Our Publication Interests

The month of February is publication month. At some convenient time during that month we are expecting our people to give toward the establishment of the new Brethren Missionary Herald Company. In spite of the handicaps in starting a new company, our work has already made remarkable progress. The office routine has been established. All needs for a complete literature have been met so that our churches may now secure everything they ever could get in the past from the graded series. Other quarterlies in the high school series are also available. The large orders for quarterlies have been gratifying. Many of our churches are planning for the largest publication offering in all history. Our purpose is to make a desperate effort to place *The Brethren Missionary Herald* in every home in our churches. The next few months will reveal startling progress in this direction. It is also our goal to raise $5,000 for our publication day offering. Pastors and workers, get busy. With a magazine unhindered by controversy, we expect to present a publication second to none in its defense and exposition of the faith. We are optimistic. The greatest day for our people is just ahead.

A Great Opportunity

It takes courage to stand for one's convictions, especially when one seems at the time to be in the minority. We believe the new venture of this magazine is supportd by some of the finest Brethren the centuries have ever produced. We are a people with convictions, united not only by the bonds of a common faith, but with a common purpose. Although Brethrenism down through the years has not had a careful system of theology, today we have come to know both what we believe and why we believe it. Never have we had such harmony in viewpoint in our emphasis on the fundamentals of the faith. Never have we had an educational institution so united as Grace Seminary. Never have we had such enthusiasm and determination in the establishing of new churches as we see in the Council. Never have we had so many young men willing to go into the centers of population to establish self supporting congregations. Never have we had so many fields ripe for the harvest. Truly great opportunities are before us. Let us not fail God in this time of crisis. Ours is a great opportunity and a great task.

More Than Religion

The Evangelical Christian reports that Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Chinese Generalissimo, prepared an address which was read a few months ago in New York City before a certain organization. The address is said to have included the following most interesting statement.

"Unless a radical change comes over the hearts and the minds of men, some of us, at least, will live to see civilization perish by the very means used so long and so ruthlessly to destroy China. There is only one thing that can prevent such a disaster to humanity—it is religion, whose partial eclipse I lament. When national consciousness and individual consciousness are developed through the central pivot and motivating force of life and a belief in religion, when religion is accepted as conduct, then the doom of civilization may be averted, but not until then."

One cannot help but admire the spirit of this world figure and honor her for the place she gives to "religion." However, we also find ourselves *hoping* that she has the proper conception of religion. How much better if she had said Christianity, or the truth of God's Word, or best of all, Christ. Religion can do nothing for this lost world. Only the crucified, risen, and living Savior can be the hope of the world. Even the message of salvation as it has been proclaimed for 1900 years will not correct the world's sickness—because men will not receive His message. The hope for the world is the second coming of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. Until the day of His appearing the world will go on in blindness, sin, war, and unbelief, rejecting the sufficiency in Christ. The living Christ will settle the world's problems when He comes again. Madame Chiang Kai-shek, when you spoke of the world's hope being wrapped up in "religion" we hope this is what you meant.

Just A Word

Thanks to all who had a part in the fine response in the way of Sunday School orders. And to *all* those who remitted with their order —double thanks.

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"Greetings From Your National President"

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It is still January and therefore New Year greetings to you all are in order. May the blessings of the Christ of Christian Endeavor bring to each and every society and member victory thru faith in Him thruout the coming year.

By the time you have received this issue of this new Brethren magazine, each society shall have been supplied with a letter including samples of the goal cards and other items of interest. If your officers did not get one of these letters, please inform us and we will see that they get it promptly.

First of all, may we express our thanks for the honor placed on us by your other officers in making us president of Brethren National C. E. There are many things which can and ought to be done if we will unite our forces "for Christ and His church through Brethren C. E."

Our projects and goals remain the same with the addition of aiding toward the support of the Bible coach and tent work in South America in connection with our foreign missions project. Your executive secretary will send you upon request enough goal cards for every member. We urge every Endeavorer to continue in prayer for these projects and goals. Keep them before your society at all times.

We join with the treasurer in asking each Endeavorer to make sure your Easter offering envelope is marked "C. E. Kliever". Jake is our C. E. missionary. We have covenanted with the Lord to support him on the field. We dare not fail. There ought to be no less than $500 coming into the foreign mission offering thus marked.

Then, too, there are the "to the Jew first" and home missions projects which call for the support through prayer and finances of each society. The only way your national organization will be able to make these projects what they ought to be is through the prayers and support you will lend. Make your society pledge. Report that pledge to the executive secretary and then forward it as soon as you can to him.

No, Brethren C. E. is not merely asking for your financial support. Indeed this is needed but more than this it is the desire of all your National officers that each endeavor may be on fire for the Lord in these trying days. A most important goal is "some one won to Christ by individual effort." How many has your society won in the past year?

"Jake Kliever Takes Moving Pictures In Africa"

By Rev. R. D. Crees, Pastor
First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Penna.,
Treasurer, Brethren National Christian Endeavor Union

Jake Kliever, our very own Christian Endeavor missionary to Africa, is right now taking moving pictures of African villages and natives, and will send them to the United States to be shown to our Christian Endeavorers! Just think of it!! Many times we have seen stereopticon slide pictures of our African work, but never have we seen moving pictures! Our missionaries all tell us you will enjoy action pictures of the natives, for they are never still.

Now here is our plan. We have purchased the films, with the help of the money you sent us, and have sent them to Jake. He has a movie camera and started taking the pictures around Thanksgiving time, 1939. They will be developed in France, then sent back to Jake for editing, so we know what the pictures are all about. Jake will send the completed pictures and story to us about May of 1940. We expect to show them in our summer camps, to C. E. societies and churches, and at the National Brethren Bible Conference in August at Winona Lake, Indiana. War-time conditions may affect our shipments, so will you please pray with us that the moving pictures of Africa will arrive in our hands safely?

Jake writes that he and Ann Celeste are just thrilled by the thought that all the C. E.-ers in the United States are supporting them. Of course, you know that Ann Celeste is that grand little baby daughter of the Kliever's and is supported by our Junior Endeavorers. Jake asked me to thank all you Christian Endeavorers for "your prayers and faithful support as evidenced by your offerings." That made me feel very much ashamed, for although in the Easter of 1938 we went "over the top" in our Foreign Missionary offering, yet in the Easter offering of 1939 we fell way below our goal. I'm afraid some of our societies did not do their best. No use crying over the past. Let's forget it, and may God help *all* of our Brethren C. E. Societies to do their best *this Easter* by giving the greatest offering ever for Jake and little Ann. Their allowance is pitifully small as it is—just $350.00 per year for Jake and one-third that amount for Ann Celeste. Then we have the expense of the films, etc. We ought to have

at least $600.00, but I feel as if it will go over $1,000.00 *if every Brethren C. E. Society does its part!!*

Please Read These Directions Carefully:

1. This Easter or before, receive an offering in your Intermediate, Young People's, or Adult C. E. Societies for the support of Jake Kliever. Junior Societies will receive theirs at the same time for Ann Celeste Kliever.

2. Give your individual offering this Easter to Jake or Ann Celeste.

3. Mark on your offering envelope, whether it be for the society or the individual, the words, *"C. E.-Kliever"* or *"C. E.-Ann Celeste."*

4. Hand in your offering on Easter Sunday through your local Brethren Church, which will also get credit for the offering.

5. The local church will send your offering to the treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, and he will credit your gift to the Klievers through the Brethren National C. E. Union.

I want to thank our societies in advance for their loyal support of Jake and Ann Celeste this Easter, for I know you will not fail them nor your Lord. Don't forget to mark your envelope *"C. E.-Kliever,"* or he will not receive it, and you will get no credit.

What C. E. Has Done For My Church

Louis S. Bauman
Pastor of First Brethren Church of Long Beach, California

The First Brethren Church of Long Beach of which it is my privilege to be the pastor has nine Christian Endeavor Societies in operation every Sunday evening. And better yet, they "operate" also every day of the week. An international C.E. officer several years ago publicly gave us credit as having the largest Christian Endeavor body of any church in the world. We may yet hold that position, unless some other organization has passed the mark we held, for one thing is certain, we have not grown smaller since then. At that time, we were averaging about 360 in attendance at the C. E. services every Sunday evening. A few days hence, when the annual reports will again come in, we shall know exactly what our present figure is.

But what has Christian Endeavor done for my church?

In the first place, it would be impossible for the pastor and his associate to give personally all these young people (and older ones as well) the spiritual touch they so much need for the deepening of their spiritual lives. Being fortunate in having real spiritual leadership in all our societies, they get this touch. The social life within these societies means much. But the social end of the work becomes secondary in them all. There is a marvellous spirit of testimony and prayer pervading the lives of our young people; and that is largely the result of these fine Spirit-filled C. E. meetings.

In the second place, Christian Endeavor had broadened the spiritual outlook of the youth of my church. This is due to the great C. E. conventions that they are privileged to attend—city, state, national, and international. The Los Angeles County Christian Endeavor organization is in the control of real Spirit-filled men. (We regret that this is not true of all county organizations). Scores of the young folks of my church attend these conventions. They receive a tremendous spiritual impetus there, and after three or four days contact with from 5000 to 6000 other Christian youth, out and out for Christ and His church, they return home with a new and almost boundless enthusiasm for Christ and His church. This alone is invaluable.

Thirdly, Christian Endeavor is helping to give a solution to the youth problems of today—a genuine Christian solution. And to the so-called "youth problems" confronting the world, there is only one solution—Jesus Christ. "Remember Jesus Christ!" One way Christian Endeavor helps with the problem of youth is in keeping the social life of our boys and girls well within the walls of the church. This helps toward "the separated life."

Fourthly, there is seldom a Sunday that from four to ten (and often more) souls do not walk down the aisles of the church and accept Christ as a Savior. Without this result, of what great value is all the other work of the church? Many of these are won by these enthusiastic Christian Endeavorers.

What C. E. Has Done For My Church

Rev. Homer A. Kent,
Pastor First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.

The church of which I have been the pastor for a number of years has been blessed with a fine group of young people of consecration and ability. These young folks in many instances have shown splendid leadership qualities and in no little measure this may be attributed to the place that Christian Endeavor has occupied in our church. From the Junior age they have been trained to talk and pray and sing and lead in their groups. Thus when they come to maturer years they do not find it difficult to assume places of leadership in the church.

Oftentimes fine Christian people of the church remark that they are not able to do what they see the young people of the church doing with apparent ease, and they add that they never had any leadership training in their younger days. They did not belong to a C. E. society. It has been evident to the writer for a long time that Christian Endeavor provides the opportunity for training in Christian leadership and develops capable servants of the Lord in the church.

Christian Endeavor serves to bind the young people of the church together in a wholesome fellowship and provides an outlet for the expression of their Christian life. It is a mistake to think that Christian Endeavor is simply a society for the purpose of training for Christian service. Christian Endeavor makes pos-

sible a present service for Christ and the church. Oftimes some of the finest service rendered by the church is accomplished by Christian Endeavor young folks. We have found this to be true in our church.

Bush Murmurings From The Vicinity of Bekoro—French Equatorial Africa

By the Klievers, our C. E. Missionaries

The grass is now tall, the winds are blowing and the rains are falling. All tends to make a peculiar murmuring sound in the *"gonda"* or bush. The lions are running wild and plentifully. Tracks of them are seen in the neighboring gardens. The elephants have been heard near by. Chickens are found, bitten by wildcats, and some folks have come in wounded by leopards. The water buffalo, equally as fierce if not more so, are about; and ligums, the wild scavendger dog of Africa, comparing to the timber wolf of North America for fierceness, leaves his tracks in the neighborhood. The sound of the dance drums, when the moon is shining, is heard until the wee hours of the morning, the songs of hunger and weakness because of much work and not too much food right now, because they made too much into beer and the animals have spoiled gardens, is heard also.

Among this great *veldt* or frontier wilds of Africa, stands a little mission station, half way from all places and near none, sending out a few voices into all this murmuring, hoping that some will hear this message and be freed first of all from the greater dangers and evils that lurk in the heart, and then go out giving a testimony that will change the song of Africa from noise and madness to joy and gladness. Our evangelists that are better equipped for service than any of the rest are at school right now in Bozoum; and so we are, as you might say working with substitutes. But as in all good clubs, the substitutes are real stuff also, (I was one myself once!) so they have been going out to the villages in the vicinity of a 10 mile circle, and have faithfully preached the gospel with encouragment and thanksgiving - worthy results.

On Saturday, when there are no classes, we will (the missionaries and the substitutes) get into the truck and go along the auto road, dropping off the speakers until they are all gone, and the missionaries have been placed in the villages. Yours truly takes the last village. The Word is preached in all these stopped-at places, and hearts again hear another little installment of the gospel whenever time, means and opportunities allow.

We can't start before 5 P. M. as they are still in their gardens at that time, so at 5 P. M., we start. Last night we did likewise, but at the first village they hadn't started to come back yet as it was a real nice *warm* day and they wanted to take advantage of it to the full. We were on a bush auto road, so we went slowly, not by choice but for sensible reasons. We saw a few wild fowl, that we put into our larder, and going on we saw a small herd of antelope so we bagged one of those olso. Anne saw me shoot, saw the antelope jump almost straight up into the air and over backwards and to the ground to run no more. She said, "poor antelope, he's tired!

We drove on until all speakers were placed. The moon shone brightly and we held services. Many came to listen. In our service, 7 came to confess Christ. The others reported similarly, there being a good sized group for the size of the bush villages, so our joy was great on returning. But at the same time our hearts were burdened for these new born babes, to be left as it were out in the cold, to try to resist the ravages of sin and the cold world; but how glad we are that the Lord knoweth his own, and *keeps* them. How they pray that someone who knows about the affair of God might come and teach them more about it. If only someone that has heard more than they have would come and teach them. So we are praying with them that it will soon be possible.

How the already heavy load of the missionary can be increased to take in the supplying of material for these villages also, is something that we are committing to the Lord. If it means sleep a little less than the 6 hours that we sleep now, we'll trust Him for strength; if it means speaking to the hearts of home folks that they give of selves and means to make possible more missionaries, that is being committed to Him also. There is a hunger, even a begging, for the Word of God; and here we are with only two hands, and only two feet, and only one mouth to speak, and know only one of their languages as yet, altho the second is on the way. What can we do among so many, when we can only be one place at a time, and only have one mouth to speak with in telling them the blessed story they are so hungry to hear?

On this little bush station, we are having a baptismal class for the women wishing to receive baptism, and one for men, which are taught 3 times a week; a post baptismal class for the men and women, also 3 times a week, a class preparing the speakers for their village visitation, twice a week; a personal workers class 5 times a week; 6 men's and boys reading classes 5 times a week, 3 women's and girls' reading and Bible story classes 5 times a week, and a class for teaching them to write so they can keep records etc.

In the baptismal classes there are 169 enrolled; in the personal workers class, 24; in the evangelist class, 4; in the reading classes, 221; and in the writing class for men, 33. These classes occupy much of the time of Mrs. Kennedy, my wife, myself, two vernacular teachers and two helpers. Besides these things, and the preaching and village visitation, we are trying to keep the concession in a presentable manner, the buildings in repair, the orchard weeded, the grass cut, etc., etc., as well as preparing to place a permanent building of somekind here in the next year if possible. Then what time isn't taken up in study, eating and keeping the wife sweet (?), we might spend in a little sleeping. This of course doesn't take in making trips that are required because we happen to be the custodian of the mission truck. If we didn't feel that we were in the Lord's will for our lives, and weren't in love with Him who loved us first, this would be hard work; but now it is a joy, because the more the work, the harder the task, the greater opportunity we have of giving a testimony to His all-sufficient grace and power!!

We are in fine health at this time. Some trials and testings have come along this line, but our hearts are

filled with praises to Him for His faithfulness and goodness.

Anne is keeping busy. She attends some of the classes and can recognize as many of the alphabet as the others in the class, and then comes home and teaches her dolls and cats the lesson she heard in the class room. She also teaches them the songs, and gives them some very good advice. The other day, right after the Sunday morning service, we were walking down the auto road as a little form of relaxation. She heard a specie of pigeon making its songs or call, and she said, he is calling "Gepoudou," which is the name of our boy that does the ironing and washing. She is always begging us to tell her stories and sing songs to her. We ask her what we shall tell her, and what she wants us to sing, and the answer is always the same, "About Jesus." Has she gotten that feeling from the native who is always wanting to hear about Jesus, or is her own little soul already thirsting for her Savior? When she has eaten all she wants to eat, it is always "Anne got plenty."

The church services are well attended. It is quite a sight to see them come at 6:30 Sunday mornings, carrying a stick that is smoking on one end, to keep them warm. The mornings are cool, especially since all that the women wear is a string of beads around their hips, from which they suspend a few strands of beads in front and behind, or a few leaves attached thus, and the men wear a loin cloth or shorts. Some of the folks that come are dirty with dirt and filth on the outside. How it must be inside we can only guess. Some are all shiny, having oiled their bodies. Others are just plain washed, and others we see, as if they have a suit (their own skin of course, but it looks about 6 sizes too large for their body. They are the old people, and they are all wrinkled and not only wrinkled on the bodies, but pleated.

This morning one of these old souls came forward, led by two grand-children, as she was totally blind. She said she had been living a life of sin. She drank both native beer and tobacco juice, and other evils were her practices, but she had heard the good way. She wanted this blood to wash her evil heart clean, and although she couldn't see things here, she wanted to go to God, and see Him who had loved her enough to provide for her salvation. In another meeting, some came forward with this word, "We were sinners, children of the devil, but now we accept the Jesus way, and becoming children of God, we greet you as your new brothers and sisters." Who told them to testify thus? To us it is evidence of the Spirit of God working on these sin-blinded hearts, opening them wide to the blessed gospel, and such is the evidence of their faith.

I trust you have gathered a little news; that this will be considered as a personal letter by all who read, but most of all that you will receive a greater burden for the work here than before; and that you will continue earnestly in prayer—increasingly more so if possible—that many precious souls may find Christ precious to their souls, being loosed from the awful deathhold of sin and darkness, and delivered into the marvelous light and joy found only in and through our blessed Lord and coming Savior—I say coming Savior, since when He returns, as He will soon, I believe, our salvation will then be completely realized.

Observance Of C. E. WEEK
February 4th to February 11th

HOW TO OBSERVE IT—Present the cause of Brethren C. E. before each service in some way — Arrange with pastor for C. E. to have some part in mid-week prayer service — Arrange for definite periods of prayer thruout the week—Follow suggestive program for C. E. Day—Seek to win someone to Christ during the week—Plan a C. E. banquet for Friday, February 9th—Send *offerings received in C. E. on C. E. Day to National Executive Secretary* for national work.

A SUGGESTED PROGRAM
FOR NATIONAL C. E. DAY—FEB. 11

Prelude.

Song Service—Hymns & Choruses: "Give of Your Best to the Master," "He's the One I Love," "I'll Live for Him," "Christ the Hope of the World," etc.

Season of Sentence Prayers—(See Prayer Suggestions)

Reading In Unison of C. E. Active Members Pledge.

Special Music.

Report of News from the C. E. columns of the Brethren Missionary Herald.

Leaders Remarks—(Explaining purpose of this special day in interest of National C. E.)

Topics—(Make use of the articles and other items of interest in this special issue.)

General Discussion—How your society can benefit thru cooperation with National C. E.

Remarks by Pastor or Superintendent.

Special Number.

Closing Meditation and Benediction.

(Note—To further make this day of interest to the entire church, call on your pastor and Sunday School superintendent to give one or more of your C. E. members opportunity to present Christian Endeavor before the other services of the day).

Theme—*"For Christ and His Church Thru Brethren C. E."*

A Call To Intermediates To Enlist In The Army Of Jesus Christ

Miss Lena Marie Kortemeier
Intermediate Superintendent, Brethren National Christian Endeavor Union, Mabton, Washington

Greetings, Intermediates. May the Lord bless you each one, through this year of 1940!

The call to youth is insistent these days. The nations' leaders are depending on the youth of their countries to carry out their programs of aggression, destruction and death. Many hundreds of young lives are sacrificed. Many are following these leaders.

But to you who have the privilege of knowing the Lord, comes the call to follow a Leader who will lead to certain victory, and the service now is glorious, the reward sure; not death and destruction, but life — eternal life — and an eternal reward.

Can you say, "I'm in this army, this glorious army, and the God of battles will defend me?" If you can, you have the assurance of the reward of which Paul writes in II Tim. 4:7,8, "A good fight....a finished course....a crown of righteousness.... at that day."

This glorious army is made up of volunteers. None are drafted. Your equipment for effective service is provided. It is complete, and described in Ephesians 6:10-18.

The soldier upon entering the service of his country, must lay aside his civilian clothes and wear the uniform provided by his government. Even so, the soldier of Jesus Christ must "put off the old" and "put on the new." Colossians 3:9, 10. A Christian is known by his uniform. What you are is shown by what you do. "Christ in you" shines out through your personality.

Why not resolve now to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, *looking unto Jesus.*" Heb. 12:1, 2. If Christ is your Captain you cannot be defeated, for we are "more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

C. E. NOTES and NEWS

Send all news letters, or other items of interest, to your news editor, Miss Grace Allshouse, 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The regular young people's topic is omitted this week as you will want to follow the suggested program for Brethren National C. E. Day on page (?).

Here's the good news most of us have been waiting for. Bethany Camp at Winona Lake has been engaged for Brethren young people during conference week next August, and again the Polmans will be in charge! If you missed Bethany Camp last year, you really *missed* something. So say both old and young—ministers, seminary students, Brethren Student Life Volunteers, parents and others—from coast to coast. For instance, Brother L. L. Grubb, pastor at Rittman, Ohio, writes, concerning Bethany Camp:

"A *place* where one is brought close to the great God of nature; an *atmospere* in which Christian experiences are deepened and strengthened; *a hallowed spot where* Christ becomes Lord of the life; a *center* for the finest Christian fun and recreation. To be convinced, *try Bethany Camp this year!*"

Yes, Bethany Camp last year was certainly all of that, but those who attended "ain't seen nothin' yet!" The Polmans will soon have some real announcements to make regarding our next national Brethren camp, so don't fail to watch the C. E. Notes and News.

Roll call at your consecration meetings need not be monotonous. There are many novel ways to make it an interesting contribution to any meeting. For instance, call the names by states in which the members were born, by month of birth, by streets on which they live, etc.

Thirteen societies received awards last year for meeting the Brethren National C. E. goals: Y. P., Canton, O., 100 per cent; Adult, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 100 per cent; Sr. Y. P., Peru, Ind., 95 per cent; Adult, W. 10th, Ashland, 90 per cent; Y. P., Oakville, Ind., 90 per cent; Y. P. Clay City, Ind., 90 per cent; Y. P., Center Chapel, Ind., 90 per cent; Sr., Roanoke, Va., 80 per cent; Y. P., Roan, Ind., 80 per cent; Jr., Washington, D. C., 100 per cent; Jr., Leon, Ia., 100 per cent; Jr., Ft. Wayne, Ind., 100 per cent; Jr., Roanoke, Va., 100 per cent.

The president of the Center Chapel society writes regarding the awards, "We received the books and were pleased to get them." If your society has not been working toward the goals, why not begin today? For 1940 they are as follows:

	Points
1. A Pre-Prayer Service before the C. E. Meeting	10
2. At least Forty C. E. Meetings during the year..	5
3. A five minute spiritual closing of C. E. Meeting (by Pastor, Counselor or Supt.).....	5
4. At least Four Missionary Meetings a year. (Two Home; Two Foreign)	5
5. Quiet Hour Pledge Meeting at least once a year	5
6 Tithing meeting at least once a year.....	5
7. Observance of our Brethren C. E. program on C. E. DAY in month of February.....	5
8. Annual Society Pledge sent in to Executive Secretary	5
9. Payment of Annual Pledge, monthly or whole, not later than July 31st	5
10. Twenty-five per cent of members having access to our C. E. Page in The Brethren Missionary Herald	5
11. Delegate sent to National, State or Sectional Brethren C. E. Convention or Rally.....	5
12. Delegate sent to a Brethren Summer Camp..	5
13. An increase in membership during the year in local society	5
14. A report of local society activities through C. E. Page in the Brethren Missionary Herald (At least once a year)	5
15. Statistical blank filled out and returned to National Executive Secretary, Leo Polman, not later than July 31st	5
16. Conducting some devotional services outside of regular C. E. Meetings; Choice of Jails, Hospitals, Missions, Old Folks Homes, etc.....	5
17. Some one won to Christ by individual effort. (A member of C. E. Society)	5
18. A monthly review on National C. E. Union Letter or C. E. News Column in Church Paper, before society	5
19. At least four C. E. Socials held during the year with devotional services at the close and invitation to C. E. services	5
Total number of points	..

NOTE: All societies who attain the 100 per cent in points of these goals, will be awarded three Christian Fiction Books. Those attaining 90 or 95 per cent will be awarded two Christian Books. Those attaining 80 or 85 per cent will be awarded one Christian Fiction Book.

These goals and the statistical blank must be in not later than July 31st.

If your society is not getting the letters sent out regularly by the Brethren National C. E. Union it is because your statistical report has not been sent in. You cannot afford to miss these letters. Statistical blanks and goal cards are furnised free upon request. Write Rev. Leo Polman, 4007 S. Tacoma Ave., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

An old lady expressed her opinion of a certain perso , saying: "I never see her beat! She'll lop down in a cheer an' she'll set an' *set,* doin' absolutely nothin' fer hours an' hours day after day. 'Pon my soul, I sh'd think she'd mildew!" The expression is a good one for some Christian Endeavor societies. They lop down and set and set, and they are completely covered with mildew. But a single wide-awake member following the suggestions of the Standard C. E. Manual, can rout them out of their chairs, wipe off the mildew, and arouse them to happy activity. Order manuals today for every member of your society from Brother Polman. Price, in lots of a dozen or more, 12 1-2c each, single copies, 15c.

Many more interesting items which you will not want to miss (party plans, answers to personal problems and to society problems, etc.) will appear soon in the C. E. columns of this magazine. Watch these columns and keep up to the minute with Brethren C. E.

Don't throw away last year's Christmas cards or Scripture text calendars. Brother Claude Pearson, whose address is 261 W. 10th, San Pedro, Calif., can use the Christmas cards in connection with his mission work among seamen in the San Pedro harbor. Brother Sewell Landrum of Lost Creek, Ky., in connection with his work among the school children in the Kentucky Mountains, can also use Christmas cards which have verses from Scripture text calendars pasted over the names. The pictures on Scripture text calendars will be useful for sand table cutouts, flannelgraphs, etc., in the children's departments.

The Scripture verses from the calendars are useful also in making calendars of comfort for the sick. Paste the verses on sheets of paper of uniform size, and distribute them among the members. After pictures, poems, messages of comfort, and anything else that would add to the attractiveness and usefulness of the sheet have been added, the sheets are arranged and dated so that there will be a message of cheer for each day in the week.

This announces another Scrap Book Contest which will end the first day of our Brethren National Bible Conference in August. Every society sould have a scrap book of ideas, plans and suggestions for every officer, committee and phase of C. E. From C. E. Notes and News and many other sources such material can be found. Not only should the collection include methods of value to the members assigned to the various duties, but there should be reference material for the leaders —Oriental customs which make Bible passages more clear, archaeological findings, methods of varying the meetings, etc. All material should be indexed to conform with the Standard C. E. Manual. Neatness, variety and cleverness of material and percentage of material secured from our Brethren publications, will be among the things taken into consideration in judging the scrap books. All books submitted will be displayed at the national Bible conference, and the society sending the best work will receive an award.

Your C. E. Prayer Corner

Pray for—your National C. E. officers.

Pray for—each project.

Pray for—"C. E. Kliever" and his family as he labors in Africa.

Pray for—your local C. E. society and its officers.

Pray for—your pastor.

Pray for—C. E. followers who are not Christians.

Ironing Out Your Society Wrinkles

Send all society problems which you would like to have discussed to your news editor, Miss Grace Allshouse, 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind., and they will be referred to one who knows the ins and outs of C. E. for the ages found in your society.

Question: Many of our Endeavorers refuse to lead a meeting. How can we get them to take part?

Answer: It is not always wise for young, inexperienced Endeavorers to try to lead a meeting until they have helped some one else to lead who has had considerable experience. In other words, the Prayer Meeting Committee should choose experienced leaders to lead, and they should use others to help them until the inexperienced leaders become experienced. Sometimes the leaders can have two or three sitting up front with them, giving them whatever part they can do; for a poor leader makes a poor meeting.

Question: No matter what topics we use, our meetings are so full of matter of fact. How can we make our meetings lively and full of interest?

Answer: One of the main reasons that meetings are not interesting is lack of preparation. One person should not plan a meeting alone, but should plan it out with the prayer meeting committee. There should be:

A good song service.

A worship service.

Special features (music, solos, drama, etc.)

A time for testimony.

A five minute summing up of discussion with spiritual emphasis by someone chosen before the meeting (the pastor, sponsor, or some capable adult).

It is rather difficult to give a general remedy for all meetings in one article, for each society needs to be studied separately. There are a number of books issued that make helpful suggestions, but an adult advisor or counselor should be very close to the young people and be able at all times to render assistance by making criticisms and constructive suggestions.

Roy E. Creighton, Executive Field Sec'y, Los Angeles County C. E. Union.

Note: If you are interested in the books to which Mr. Creighton refers, write Rev. Leo Polman, Secretary of the Brethren National C. E. Union, 4007 Tacoma Ave., Ft. Wayne, Ind., for names and prices.

"To The Juniors"

By Miss Miriam Gilbert

Junior Superintendent, Brethren National Christian Endeavor Union, Washington, D. C.

Greetings to you in the name of our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ. I want not only to extend greetings to all our Junior Endeavorers, but I want to extend to you my hheartiest wishes for a wonderful year of service for your Savior, Jesus Crist.

It is my prayer as your superintendent that you may grow in grace and knowledge of your Savior during the coming year.

At the close of an old year we always look back and think of the things we might have done, but we also

look forward to the new year with great anticipation. If we could spread the new year of 1940 before us like a map we would coose the things we would like to do and fit them into the pattern of a year. But this is not for us, for God holds the pattern and lets us work out the pattern each day, each week of the year. There is much we ought to do in our Junior societies, so many things we want to accomplish for our Lord this year. I am sure if we will let God lead the way during the days to come, He will fit each day into the pattern that He has for our individual lives and our local Christian Endeavor societies as well as our National Christian Endeavor work. Let this be our prayer for the days to come.

God grant me the strength to do
Some needed service here,
The wisdom to be brave and true.
The gift of vision clear,
That in each task that comes to me
Some purpose I may plainly see.

We are not attempting to present to you a long list of goals for the remainder of our Christian Endeavor year, but are presenting to you one project, that we want you to get behind and really put across during the few months remaining.

For several years the Juniors have had the privilege of contributing toward the support of Anne Celeste Kliever, who is living with her parents in French Equatorial Africa. It is hoped that every Junior Christian Endeavorer will place Anne Celeste's name on his prayer list and remember her daily in his prayers.

We are furnishing only 17 scripture verses for our memory work this year.

A—Romans 8:28
N—Titus 3:5
N—Romans 6-8
C—Matt. 11:28 or Psalm 51:10
E—James 1:17
L—Matt. 5:16
E—Matt. 7:13
S—I Tim. 2:15
T—Psalm 119: 105
E—II Co. 9:7
K—I Cor. 3:16
L—Heb. 5:16
I—John 6:51 or John 14:14
E—Psalm 26:2
V—John 5:25
E—Eph. 2:5
R—Eccl. 12:1

Let's see how many societies can have 50 per cent of their members memorize these verses before June 30, 1940.

This makes only three goals:

First, let us have definite prayer for our little missionary friend, Ann Celeste Kliever.

Second, let us all have a part in her support on the African field by sending a contribution to Rev. Leo Polman, our executive secretary.

Third, let us have 50 per cent of our members memorize the above prescribed memory work.

Junior Topic

FOR FEB. 11, 1940

What God Does For His People

Cut the lids from two small boxes, and cut a round hole at the bottom of each box. Paste a piece of red paper over one hole, and a green one over the other. Turn the boxes on their sides with the covered holes toward the audience. Put a flashlight or small electric bulb inside each box to give the effect of a traffic light.

The society having been divided into two sides previously in order to prepare for competition in the traffic contest, each member is expected to take part. The leaders of the groups sit behind the boxes and turn the lights on and off at will. The red light indicates time for one group to take part, the green light for the other. Any person who does not take part in his turn has blocked the traffic and counts against the side. If desired, judges can decide which group presents the best program, consisting of Scripture reading, songs and choruses, prayers, special numbers, testimonies and talks, all of which should fit in with the theme of blessings which accompany a life lived in the will of God.

Approach to the lesson

Short talk by leaders on blessings which come from God; or quotation of Scripture verses naming some blessings wich comes from Him, to be summed up in a short talk by a member. The talks could be built around such passges as James 1:17 (every good gift comes from God); Eph. 1:3 (in Christ God gives us every spiritual blessing); Rom. 8:32 (God gives us all things freely); II Pet. 1:3-5 (God gives us all things pertaining to life and godliness).

Scripture illustrations

The children can choose ahead of time any of the following characters, and be prepared to tell briefly how God blessed taht character for trusting Him. All lesson numbers refer to lessons in True Stories from the Long Ago. Those who do not take one of these characters can tell of some blessing God has given them personally.

Noah—Gen. 6-9; Les. 5-6.
Abraham—Gen. 22; Les. 12.
Joseph—Gen. 41; Les. 19.
Rahab—Josh. 2, 6; Les. 40-41.
Gideon—Judg. 6-8; Les. 45.
Ruth—Book of Ruth; Les. 48.
Samuel's parents—I Sam. 1-3; Les. 49.
Elijah—I Ki. 16-19 ;II Ki. 2; Les. 67-68, 73.
Jehoshaphat—II Chr. 19-20; Les. 71.
Naaman—II Ki. 5; Les. 74.
Elisha—II Ki. 6; Les. 75.
Hezekiah—II Chron. 29; Isa. 36-38; Les. 83, 85.
Josiah—II Ki. 22-23; Les. 87.
Daniel—Dan. 1-2, 6; Les. 88-89, 94.
The three Hebrews—Dan. 3; Les. 92.
Esther—Esth. 3-8; Les. 98-99.
Nehemiah—Neh. 1-6; Les. 101-102.
Any of the people who came to Jesus.
Peter and John—Acts 3-4; Les. 132.
Peter—Acts 12; Les. 138.
Paul and Silas—Acts 16; Les. 141.

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Objectives Suggested For The Year 1939-1940

1. Regular monthly devotional meetings.
2. Missionary prayer circle.
3. Bible reading—entire New Testament, or a chapter a day of your own selection.
4. Missionary project—Support of Bouca Station, with dime calendars turned in not later than Feb. 25.
5. Special offering lifted in January and July (for administrative purposes).
6. Thank offering received at National Conference for Home Missions Council.
7. Public service held and offering lifted for Grace Seminary not later than May 1.
8. Mission study class using "Biographies of Brethren Missionaries," Study II.

Devotional Topic for the Year: Christ Our Sufficiency.

Devotional Program For February Topic: Christ Our Sufficiency For Missions

Opening Hymn
Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 4:1-10
Season of Prayer (mentioning by name our home and foreign missionaries)
Topic: *Christ Our Sufficiency in Argentina*
Hymn
Topic: *Christ Our Sufficiency in Africa*
Special Number
Topic: *Christ Our Sufficiency in Home Mission Work*
Business Session
Closing Prayer

A Word About Our Monthly Programs

These are *suggested programs.* There is no compulsion to use them slavishly. No one person, surely not your editor, has it in herself to be the last word in such matters. In future years, if the Lord tarries, a committee will work with the editor at national conference to get out the devotional programs for the year ahead. This year we must needs work this out alone.

Now About The Mission Study

We are not making a place in our suggested programs for this study, because we know that some Councils prefer to have a study each month at the regular meetings, while others like to gather at some other time and devote a whole day or part of a day, perhaps twice or four times in the year, to a social gathering at which the mission study is undertaken. The editor's own district, East Central, had already undertaken a mission study before National Conference, having organized in July, and we are going forward with that study. We think the Executive Board will bear us out in saying that our work this year is to be flexible; we are not to be poured into a mould in order to produce an absolutely identical result in each of our Councils. Our women should use their own God-given talents, consecrated to Him, to work out that which promotes missionary zeal and energy.

Where To Get Your Supplies

For *Membership Cards* and sample *Local Constitutions,* send to the president, Mrs. Kent.

For *dime collectors* and all literature except devotional topics, send to the literature secretary, Mrs Monroe.

For the mimeographed *Devotional Topics* each month, just send the name of your local president to the editor, Mrs. Kidder.

For addresses of all of the above, turn back to the beginning of this section, just under the heading *The Brethren Women's Missionary Council.* Preserve this number for future reference for this information.

One Rally Reported This Month

Our organization meeting took place at Dallas Center, Iowa, on Saturday, Nov. 25. We feel that we had a very profitable conference, beginning on Friday, with the evening service, and continuing on through the Sunday evening service.

The devotional meeting and organization service was held on Saturday, Nov. 25. We feel that we had a very profitable conference, beginning on Friday, with the evening service, and continuing through the Sunday evening service.

The devotional meeting and organization service was held on Saturday at 3:30 P. M. Forty ladies were present. Individual councils represented were Leon, Dallas Center, Waterloo, Pleasant Grove and Garwin All are organized except Garwin.

Officers elected were: Mrs. James Cook, Dallas Center, president; Mrs. John Myers, Williamsburg, vice-president; Mrs. A. A. Bontrager, Waterloo, secretary; Mrs. Gordon Carter, Dallas Center, treasurer.

This was followed by some explanation of the national objectives, the by-laws, etc.

Mrs. A. A. Bontrager, Secy.

East Central District has a newly organized Council at Danville, Ohio, with Miss Nellie Magers as president.

A Letter From Our President:

Dear Sisters: Several months have passed since we stepped out upon faith to undertake a new ministry for our Lord. We began in such an unpretentious manner, yet so much has already transpired. We cannot help but witness the hand of blessing upon our efforts. We began with no financial endowment—in fact we began with a very loose organization. But these very facts have thrust us upon Him to clear each step of the way. We have His inexhaustible grace as our endowment, and what more could any child of God need? We are moving so rapidly in every realm of activity today that we must pause and reflect upon His wonderful direction.

Letters from many of you, written to me personally, have been a real help and encouragement. Since we have had no opportunity to hold an executive meeting, it has become necessary for me to make many decisions for you. But I know you are faithful in prayer for our administration, and prayer truly changes things and causes God to reveal His will more definitely to us

During the month of January, you were asked to make an offering toward the expenses of carrying out our work. I am sure that the carrying out of this objective brought blessing to your local councils. Thus far we have been able to go forward with some gifts that have come in from here and there, to Mrs. Herman Koontz, our financial secretary. Now we must launch out into more expensive expansion. We must look forward toward printed programs, objective lists, mission study material, miscellaneous expenditures These things must all be provided and brought to next National Conference at Winona in order that you may receive them there.

Perhaps our major expenditure will be the publication of our number of The Brethren Missionary Herald, with which you are now familiar. The fourth issue each month will be primarily our own, however, carrying the regular departmental features of the church. We trust you are satisfied with the offering you have made; and that you will be abundantly blessed, we have no doubt. But I do want you to know the purpose of the offering.

Now to look ahead a bit. We must concentrate upon objective number 4. Bouca Station in French Equatorial Africa has been so recently opened by Brother and Sister Joseph Foster. We have pledged ourselves to contribute largely to that work. We turn in our offering not later than February 25, to Mrs. Herman Koontz, our financial secretary. Pray much as you plan to aid this missionary enterprise. How sorely the gospel is needed and how anxious the missionaries are to give it forth. Our giving should be the most sacrificial we have ever witnessed.

We trust our women are faithful in reading the New Testament or the chapter a day of their own choice. It is our earnest desire that we shall become real searchers of the Word in these difficult days in which we live. The more familiar we become with the precious promises of God, the more real the Lord Himself becomes to us personally.

May you experience a fresh vision of Him as you labor diligently toward that day of His appearing.

Yours because of Him,

Mrs. Homer A. Kent.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

By Mrs. W. A. Ogden, Vice-President

Dr. Floyd Taber writes from Yaloke:

"Just to make myself feel really at home, I started out by doing some sawing. Since the administration did not want the timbers, we might as well saw up the logs that have been hauled in for them, to use the lumber in the mission. I started building cottages to house our hospital patients, and planting palm trees along the driveway. Neither of these jobs would take much of my time if the natives had any conception of a straight line, a right angle, and of measuring distances. It so happens these ideas are entirely foreign to their thinking. What is a straight line, anyway? The shortest distance between two points? But who but the enigmatic white man would ever think of such a thing as *wanting* to find the *shortest* distance between two points? If a path, or a row of trees, or a wall begins here and ends there, isn't that enough? Why get foolish notions about having it straight?

The only native nurse who knew the difference between paregoric and castor oil, said he wanted to leave. I did not try to dissuade him, because his spiritual attitude had been unsatisfactory for some time; and I would rather have no help at all, or have nrses who do not understand why you put medicine in your stomach when the pain is in your head, than to have one who knows all about medicine, out cannot ave a spiritual ministry. Since then I have been breaking in nurses.

Two Months Language Study in June and July

My trip to Bozoum was planned to come at the same time as the opening of the Bible School for native evangelists from all over our field, so I could take the wives and children of the evangelists in the wagon. The men walked as there was not room for all to ride.

On Monday began the regular schedule of studying Sango, which is the trade language used in all this part of Oubangi-Chari. Each little tribe has its own language, but there are some in every village who understand Sango. So you will agree that it is a great handicap for anyone who travels around out here not to know it. Here is teh schedule. On arising, private devotions—in the Sango New Testament. At 6:00, chapel—in the Sango. At 7:00, breakfast (permitted to speak in English). At 7:30 (this item was not on the schedule but it happened more regularly than some that were), seeing natives who wanted medical care. Of course, this had to be in Sango. From 8:15 to 10:30, sitting in on the Bible School for evangelists—of course in Sango. Just as fast as I could say anything, Brother Jobson called on me for comments. From 10:30 to 11:30, Brother Jobson gave me a private lesson in Sango. After dinner, siesta (I had the right to dream in any language I liked!). Afternoon was spent in Sango study, which took the form of preparing messages. After supper, family devotions from the Sango Testament. Now isn't that a good schedule? To enumerate all the interruptions will simply tire you and take up paper. Suffice it to say that the schedule worked all forenoon, without interruption for five days. Out of the month I spent two weeks at Bozoum.

Then came the second month of study at Boali chapel. It is located at the government post 100 miles on the road to Bangui. I drove into Boali after visiting all the chapels along the way.

On Sunday I had announced that I brought fifty Gospels of John in Sango with me, and that I would Teach out of this Gospel every evening at five o'clock, and that I would sell them for fifty centimes (half of a day's wage for a laboring man). By three o'clock the next day they were all gone and groups of men were sitting around everywhere chanting over the first few verses of John under the direction of improvised teachers.

After supper I read I and II Corinthians with the evangelists. Salaouchi is an old man as natives go—perhaps around forty. When we stopped reading Corinthians he would hunt through the Testament and read to me passages that had become especially precious to him. After a painful word by word reading, he would lift toward me his face, aglow with a light not of this world, and say, "You see? The Word of God says..." An experience like that will keep you from asking, "Is it worth while?"

Roll Of Local Councils

We are more than anxious to compile a complete roll of local councils as soon as possible; so we herewith publish the roll as we have it up to date, and ask that you look it over. If your council is not mentioned, drop a card to Mrs. Kent to say so. This we will be able to correct the list and your council will be published later.

1. Compton, Calif.
2. Fillmore, Calif.
3. Glendale, Calif.
4. La Verne, Calif.
5. Long Beach First, Cal.
6. Long Beach Second, Calif.
7. Los Angeles First, Cal.
8. Los Angeles Second, Calif.
9. Modesto, Calif.
10. South Gate, Calif.
11. Tracy, Calif.
12. Whittier, Calif.
13. Berne, Indiana
14. Clay City, Ind.
15. Fort Wayne, Ind.
16. Osceola, Ind.
17. Peru, Ind.
18. Dallas Center, Iowa
19. Garwin, Iowa
20. Waterloo, Iowa
21. Portis, Kansas
22. Lake Odessa, Mich.
23. Ashland, Ohio
24. Canton, Ohio
25. Cleveland, Ohio
26. Danville, Ohio
27. Dayton, Ohio
28. Ellet, Ohio
29. Rittman, Ohio
30. Aleppo, Pa.
31. Johnstown, Pa.
32. Kittanning, Pa.
33. Martinsburg, Pa.
34. Meadow Mills, Pa.
35. Myersdale, Pa.
36. Philadelphia First, Pa.
37. Summit Mills, Pa.
38. Uniontown, Pa.
39. Vinco, Pa.
40. Waynesboro, Pa.
41. Buena Vista, Va.
42. Covington, Va.
43. Hollins, Va.
44. Roanoke, Va.
45. Winchester, Va.
46. Spokane, Wash.
47. Sunnyside, Wash.
48. Wapato, Wash.

A Few Words From The Editor

We made an appeal a month ago for much prayer concerning the new paper and our part in it; also for co-operation in making our paper a newsy, interesting publication for our women. We are not blaming you, because as yet we have not received our copy of the Herald, and must now send in copy for the new Missionary Herald. So we are just calling your attention again—please send in to the editor the news about the doings of your local councils or district rally, or any suggestion which you wish to pass on. If it is interesting to you it will be to the rest of the Brethren women.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS VERY OWN PAGE

A Little Girl's Tooth Money

(from "Our Jewels")

I want to tell you how a certain little girl brought more money for missions than any of the others in her class. This little girl's name was Nancy. The teacher invited Nancy to tell the class how she happened to get so much money for her mite box. It was through having some of her teeth pulled, and this is the way the little girl told it to her class. She said:

"Well you th-ee, thi-th tooth wa-th loo-th, tho-o I pulled it out. N'en daddy and mamma gave me th-ome money for my mite bok-th. Th-o I worked thi-th one till it came out, and then thi-th one, and thi-th one. Th-o you th-ee I got a lot of money for my mite bok-th."

The little girl could not say this any better, for she had four teeth out in the front of her mouth, and it made her lisp. Maybe you cannot understand what she means, saying it in her lisping way, so I shall say it the right way also for you. This is what she meant to say:

"Well you see, this tooth was loose, so I pulled it out. Then daddy and mamma gave me some money for my mite box. So I worked this one till it came out, and then this one, and this one. So you see I got a lot of money for my mite box."

Not many little girls, or boys either, would be willing to work their teeth loose, and then pull them out, to get money for the Lord Jesus, would they? This little Nancy did not think about herself. All she thought of was that she wanted money for missions, and she knew that her daddy and mamma had given her money for the one tooth which had come loose of itself. She then thought it would be a good idea to work some more teeth loose and pull them out, to get more money.

Dear little Nancy! She had a loving heart for Jesus, and was willing to give up even her teeth to give something for His sake. I am sure the Lord Jesus looked at her heart, and blessed her for it.

A Bible Puzzle

When you solve the puzzle you will have a verse of the Bible. The letters in the verse are numbered in their order.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 1 9 11 12 13 14 15 16

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37; 38 39 40 41 42 43

44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70

71 72 73 74 75 76 77.

Key to the Puzzle

Each statement below will give you a clue to a word. The numbers before the statement will tell you how many letters in the word, and where these letters belong in the puzzle above. For instance, 61-31-16-40 stands for a four lettered word in Ps. 23:1 which tells who my Shepherd is. Ps. 23:1 says the Lord is my Shepherd, so *Lord* is the missing word. Write the letters L-o-r-d in order above the numbers 61-31-16-40 in the puzzle above; that is, *L* goes above 61, *o* above 31, *r* above 16 and *d* above 40. Can you complete the puzzle?

61-31-16-40 My Shepherd (Ps. 23:1).

28-75-19-24 We ought to ..... one another (I Jn. 4:11).

11-46-60-4-22 Have ..... in God (Mk. 11:22).

48-66-50-37 The first word in Mt. 11:28.

17-49 The first word in Mt. 28:19.

5-12-47-45 The verb in Jn. 3:36 which shows that everlasting life is ours *now* if we believe in the Son of God.

56-27-43-23-55-64 You cannot serve God and ..... (Mt. 6:24).

73-1-32-25-35-65 The man who tied firebrands to foxes tails (Judg. 15:4).

10-2-58-69-53-6 The man who saw Elijah go up into heaven (II Ki. 2:11-12).

39-51-8 What Peter and Andrew cast into the sea (Mt. 4:18).

7-59-63-30-57 The number of times God appeared to Solomon (I Ki. 11:9).

77-26-38-74 The third word in Jn. 11:2.

70-29-68 The man who told Samuel to say, "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth" (I Sam. 3:9-10).

41-20-21-9 The man whose sons sold Abraham a burying place (Gen. 23:3-6).

34-72-42-3 When Moses' rod became a serpent, the Lord told him to take it by the ..... (Ex. 4:2-4).

67-15-44 Nebuhadnezzar's body was .... with the dew (Dan. 4:33).

71-76-52 When Stephen preached, they were .... to the heart (Acts 7:54).

54-14-33-36 The last word in Mt. 25:3.

62-18-13 The first half of the first word in Jn. 13:33.

The book in which the verse is found has the same name as the man mentioned in Jn. 1:6.

The chapter in which it is found is the same as the number of chapters in the book of Ephesians. Subtract two from the number of chapters in the Old Testament, and you will have the number of the verse in which it is found.

Daily Bible Readings

Sun.—Something to remember. Mt. 7:24-27.
Mon.—Something to do. Mt. 11:28-30.
Tues.—Something to tell others. Rom. 5:6-8.
Wed.—Something to be thankful for. Ps. 103:10-
Thurs.—Something to think about. Mk. 8:35-37.
Fri.—Something to wonder at. I Jn. 3:1-3.
Sat.—Something to forward to. I Thess. 5:16-18.

This Week's Memory Verse

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men (Col. 3:23).

Suggestions For Prayer

Sun.—That those who heard God's Word today will obey it.

Mon.—That God will bless those who need food and shelter.

Tues.—That those who have never heard of Jesus will soon learn of Him.

Wed.—That God will help those who are suffering for Jesus' sake.

Thurs.—That your unsaved friends will accept Christ.

Fri.—That those who love Jesus will live lives that please Him.

Sat.—Ask God to bless each member of your family.

If Jesus takes care of the birds so wee,
I'm sure I can trust him to look after me;
If God made the sun and the clear starlight,
I'm sure I am safe in the dark at night.

Separation

By Mrs. O. Baylor

Does the path of separation
Grow more narrow, day by day?
Does it lead thru lonely shadows?
Take thee from thy friends away?

Is thine heart forever aching,
'Till with tears thine eyes are dim?
Still—the path of separation
Is the sweetest walk, with Him.

For He knew the pain of heartache,
As he climbed the hill alone:
Like a sparrow on the housetop,
From whose side each friend has flown

For He bore the stares and taunting
Jeers and sneers of wicked men;
So with heart of understanding
He will bear thy pain again.

And He'll come with loving comfort
All thy loneliness to cheer.
Hence no matter what the testing,
Choose His way without a fear.

For the path of separation
Tho it leads thru valleys grim,
Thou wilt find, as twilight deepens,
Is the sweetest walk, with Him.

My God Shall Supply All Your Need (Phil. 4:19)

We may not want our needs, and we may not need our wants. God loves us too much to give us everything we want—and He loves us too much to hold back anything we need.—S. S. Times.

I Do Not Fear

By Rawley Lemley

Though dark the night, I do not fear,
For well I know that God is near!

I talk to Jesus in my prayer;
I know He has me in His care.

His little stars, like candles bright,
Shine down on me throughout the night

NEWS-BRIEFS From Our Workers

By Robert D. Culver

From The New Brethren Church started in Fremont, O., on Dec. 25, comes the following report of their first meeting: "We had Sunday School in two different homes and had an attendance of 33 and an offering of $10.91, which we do not think is so bad for the first time..... We are thinking of calling our group the "Grace Brethren." Other reports tell us that the group has been meeting since then, and at the time of this writing, Phillip J. Simmons, student of Grace Seminary, is on his way to Fremont to preach January 14. These Brethren are to be commended for a firm stand.

The Following Excerpt from a Waterloo, Iowa newspaper is of interest to Herald readers. "Designed in modern style of architecture and constructed of light weight insulating blocks, the Grace Bible Church, will be completed early in January at an estimated cost of $5,000. Exterior of the church, which is 52 by 64 feet, is finished in cream-colored stucco. It consists of one story and basement. Two lots, a total of 100 by 126 feet, were purchased for the site, which leaves room enough to add a parsonage and Sunday School annex later. The church auditorium will seat 300 persons ....." This is also a group of Brethren who have found it necessary to seek new company and new quarters. Frank Coleman Jr. goes to this new church as pastor the first week of April.

Joe Gingrich, lately pastor at North Long Beach, Calif., will take the pastorate of the Allentown, Pa., church which Bro. Coleman is leaving.

One Of Our Largest Brethren Sunday Schools is that at Dayton, Ohio. The following news, clipped from the church bulletin, will be encouraging to those who know the vicissitudes that have assailed that church these last three years. The average Sunday School attendance for the last twelve years is 526 per Sunday. Last year the attendance averaged 550. "1939 is a tie with 1933, the second highest attendance in the twelve year period. Congratulations Sunday School." May we say with the last three words of that report Congregratulations, Sunday School.

An Interesting Item: Dr. V. C. Kelford of Waterloo, Iowa, well known in many of our Brethren churches, will be speaking in our Fort Wayne, Indiana church and twice a day at Grace Seminary, during the week of January 14-28. After serving in these two places, Dr. Kelford will go to Alberta, Canada, for some Bible conferences, and then to California for a meeting in the Whittier church for the first two weeks of March. Dr. Kelford will be available for other conferences while on the West Coast, and any church desiring his services may address him at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana, or at Fort Wayne, Indiana. It is also reported that Dr. Kelford is coming into the membership of the Fort Wayne church.

From Sunnyside, Washington, comes the report of another Sunday School with a good report for 1939. Average attendance for the year was 170. Earl W Reed, pastor of this church, is holding a two weeks' series of meetings in another Yakima Valley, Washington church which began January 7. Last year Bro. Reed was the instrument God used to harvest 26 souls, over half first time decisions, in this same church. May God bless his ministry likewise again.

Picked Up: "The devil is never too busy to rock the cradle of a sleeping saint"—*Sunnyside Bulletin.*

Is This The Right Road Home?

Is this the right road home, O Lord?
  The clouds are dark and still;
The stony path is hard to tread;
  Each step brings some fresh ill.
I thought the way would brighter grow,
And that the sun with warmth would glow,
And joyous songs from free hearts flow.
  Is *this* the *right* road home?

Yes, child, this very path I trod.
  The clouds were dark for Me;
The stony path was sharp and hard.
  Not sight, but faith, could see
That at the end the sun shines bright
Forever where there is no night
And glad hearts rest from earth's fierce fight.
  It *is* the right road home.

—S. S. Times.

God's Way Is Best

By O. Baylor

All sattered on the ground, bright blossoms lay,
For in the night a storm had passed that way.
But did I hear the mother-bush lament,
Because of perished hopes and beauty rent?
Ah no! Her rain-wet face to God was turned
And thru that humble praise this truth I learned:
He gives us grace to bear the bitter test,
When we look up and say, "God's way is best."

Tell The Good News

There's only one way that the lost world can know
  That Jesus for sinners had died;
To tell the glad story He's bidden us go,
  And no other way doth provide.
If Christ's disciples had silently gone,
  And been to their great trust untrue,
His plan of salvation we could not have known—
  His mercy for me and for you.
He's counting on us the story to tell,
  His plan of redemption for man;
He's counting on me—He's counting on you;
  The Master has no other plan.—*Sel.*

It is far better to have your bank in heaven than to have your heaven in a bank.

What Is The Brethren Student Life Volunteers?

By Kenneth Ashman

Conemaugh, Penna., National Superintendent

Many folks, young and old, have been reading our column in the Brethren Herald. A number of them have been a little uncertain as to our organization. They are asking questions. Here's a brief explanation and introduction.

To Brethren Student Life Volunteers is a Christian fellowship of Brethren young men and women. It was organized by the Home Mission's Council and started in March, 1939. It already has a membership of 200 and is growing daily. It is an organization committed to the dedication of Brethren young men and women to the ministry of Christ. Its key Scripture verses are 1 Cor. 6: 19, 20. ". . . know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." The members of the B. S. L. V. are trying to do, by the power and grace of Christ, just what those verses command.

Another question from the young people has been, "Why haven't I heard from the Superintendent and why don't I receive the B. S. L. V. literature?" It is true that some names have been missed in our rapid growth. For this we are sorry. A postcard to the Superintendent will soon remedy the trouble. However, most of you have been missed because your local leadership has not supplied the Superintendent with your names and addresses. Urge your leaders to organize a B. S. L. V. movement in your local congregation. It will bear fruit in no time at all. This is a soul-winning and a soul-consecrating movement.

Student Aid Fund Announcement

You have been patiently waiting for the opportunity to assist in the Student Aid Fund. Here are the plans: This part of our work will henceforth be known as *"Sharing for Service."* The purpose is just what the name implies. We are going to pool our gifts from month to month and use these gifts to help worthy ones through the difficult years of preparation for the ministerial and missionary fields. This will not be a *loan* system. It will rather be a *gift* system and will extend as far as your gifts enable it to go. How are you going to give?

First of all, "as the Lord hath prospered you." He asks no more and we should give Him no less.

Secondly, we will give with prayer. As your each and every gift is sent to the Superintendent, we would be happy to know that its sending is accompanied with the raising of a prayer God-ward. Your prayers will be a great factor in the proper disbursement of these funds. Don't neglect this part of the *"Sharing for Service."*

Thirdly, we trust that your giving shall be regular. We are not asking for pledges. Each month when you receive your "Personalized Letter," included with it will be a special *"Sharing for Service"* envelope. This envelope, properly identified by yourself, should be returned to the Superintendent as soon as convenient with your gift for that month. You may desire to keep the envelope and add to it until the next one arrives. It matters not what method you follow. It is up to you. We only ask that you give as you are led of the Spirit.

In the fourth place, let us add that *"Sharing for Service"* is not limited to any one group of Brethren members. If you are through with your preparation, you should feel desirous to help those coming along. If you are in preparation, you should think of those at your heels. If you are looking to preparation, you should be laying up "treasures in store" in the fund for your own future help.

How much will we have available for distribution by the fall of 1940? Frankly, we do not know. We are certain, however, that there will be many requests, requests worth answering. We do know for sure that the Lord has means of answering these needs. We are confident, that you, B. S. L. V. members and friends, will submit yourselves unto the Lord that He may use you as the channel through which these needs may be supplied. Do your share in the *"Sharing for Service."*

B. S. L. V. Rallies

The schedule for the B. S. L. V. rallies is not yet complete. We are glad to announce the following:

Canton, Ohio. December 22, 1939. Ralph Rambo, with other Grace Seminary students, will have full charge of the N. E. O. C. E. Rally. Ralph will report on the good time enjoyed there in Canton. There are many B. S. L. V. members in the Canton district. Brother Rambo will conduct rallies throughout Indiana, Ohio, and the mid-West. Ft. Wayne (Jan. 27), Peru, Dallas Center, New Troy and Flora, are all included. Definite dates for these will be forthcoming soon. Orville Lorenz and Kenneth Ashman will be quite active in the east shortly after the first of the year. Together they plan to conduct a preaching and singing tour to F. S. L. V. centers in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland. They want to be sure and visit the active groups in Allentown, Philadelphia, Winchester and Washington, D. C. Already a rousing rally has been held in Listie, Pa., and the "Volunteers" there are asking for another.

We don't know whether the West Coast has slipped into the Pacific or not. At yet we have received no word as to rallies from Paul Bauman. He's the helper on the West Coast. However, we promise that you B. S. L. V. members in the far West shall not be neglected at all. Watch for the date and the place of the rally nearest you. Be sure to attend and take part. Report the same to your Superintendent with your own personal comments.

Many Thanks

Our appeal for help in the December *"Herald"* brought many kind and appreciated offers. A number of such have been accepted and much has been accomplished that would have otherwise been left undone. We thank you greatly in His name.

He Must Have Been Grieved

It amused me when she bounded boisterously into the restaurant. It embarrassed me when she sat opposite, a little too fresh. It riled me when she applied the paint to her lips and I ate with mine. I left when she lit a "coffin nail" and blew smoke in my face. It disgusted me when I paid the bill for a meal I hadn't eaten. Of course, I had every reason to act as I did. But I didn't feel satisfied about it at all. My pocket was full of gospel tracts, my Testament was in my vest pocket. But my hands, my lips, and my heart had been without a testimony for Him. I went back—she was gone—maybe she'll never hear the gospel at all. The whole affair grieved me sorely. But oh, how much more it must have grieved Him. He placed a soul before me to win. I let the soul slip away towards hell. May God forgive! "Volunteers," He loves them all. He desires them all. He sends us to them all. Don't grieve the Master. He is worth pleasing. Go to them all!

SENTENCE SERMONS

How much good talent is lost in the church, merely for the want of a little courage!

What most people need in their work is not more brains, but more pains.

Live so as to be missed.

Don't forget that victory is by submitting.

The crosses we fear are heavier than the crosses we bear.

When Fear knocks at the door, send Faith to answer and you will find nobody there.

We can tickle people's ears but only the Holy Spirit can prick men's hearts.

The cynic is one who never sees a good quality in a man and never fails to see a bad one.

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By Louis S. Bauman

THE COMING EASTER OFFERING

Easter Sunday, March 24th, 1940, Foreign Missionary Sunday in all Brethren churches, just seven weeks away from the date of this magazine! *Are we all getting ready for it?*

As the very last moment of our Lord's days upon the earth drew to a close, He gathered His own about Him on old Olivet's brow, and made His last request:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

And then He gave unto them His last precious promise:

"And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Dare we—dare any one of us—go over into His presence without first having done as much as in us is, to tell the story of His redeeming love in all this world to every human being for whom Christ died?

We, in The Brethren Church, all firmly believe in the rite of Christian baptism. It is impossible to read the New Testament Scriptures, and not to realize its importance. Moreover, we cling tenaciously to the one form—we believe the correct form, as taught by the great Master and practiced by His apostles—even trine immersion. We believe in it so strongly, that save for one or two rare instances, no church has dared to receive any one into its full fellowship without it. The churches that did it have been condemned therefor.

But, let us remember that the matter of baptism, important as it is, is the less important side of the Great Commission. Surely, surely, no intelligent man — no men who is spiritually minded—would hold that the amount of water or the form used, in Christian baptism, could be equal in importance to the command, *"Go, teach all nations,"* making known to all men the love of God that provided the Lamb whose shed blood makes a sufficient atonement for our sins.

What must the world of men—what must God Himself—think of a pastor or of a church, that preaches the rite of water baptism so strongly, and then minimizes the importance of carrying the good news of the salvation that our God has brought to us, to all the nations of the earth? Is it because water is so cheap, and steamboat tickets are so costly, that some pastors speak so little of foreign missions, and some churches are so apathetic towards the great command of our Lord: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?"

The Brethren Church has as fine a band of missionaries as any church can boast. They are out there now, on the firing line for Christ, facing foes that we in the homeland know not of. Is there a Brethren Church with soul so dead, that it will not answer to their Macedonian call: "Come over yourself and help us; or, send one in your stead to help us! Either way, only help us! The story *must* be told!"

Every pastor will soon be receiving the usual pre-Easter material to be used in getting his people into readiness for the Easter offering, which offering enables us to carry on the great work for another year —or, "until He comes." This when received, should be given first attention.

Yours for Christ and His church,

Secretary-Treasurer of
The Foreign Missionary Society of
The Brethren Church

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Being a lover of freedom, when the revolution came in Germany, I looked to the universities to defend it, knowing that they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth; but no, the universities immediately were silenced. Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers whose flaming editorials in days gone by had proclaimed their love of freedom; but they, like the universities, were silenced in a few short weeks. Then I looked to the individual writers, who, as literary guides of Germany, had written much and often concerning the place of freedom in modern life; but they, too, were mute. Only the church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth. I never had any special interest in the church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration because the church, alone, has had the courage and persistence to stand for intellectual truth and moral freedom.—*Albert Einstein.*

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ISRAEL'S DAYS OF SORROW

A letter from a Polish Christian Jew has been sent to the editor by the Hebrew Christian Alliance of America, it is dated Dec. 12, 1939. This letter contains this paragraph. We quote:

"The misery of our Jewish people in Central Europe cannot be described. The bestial inhumanity that they suffer at the hands of the demonical persecutors cannot be put down on paper. It is unmentionable. Apart from wanton persecutions, they suffer from the ravages of war. Think of 450,000 in the city of Warsaw! Think of 3,000 Jews, brethren of Christ, according to the flesh,—men, women and children wandering in fields and forests in the wintery dawns in Poland, dressed in rags and half naked, sick, starving, desperate, half crazed people. As one eye witness says, "The living envying those that are dead."

And Poland is not the only place in which the Jews are suffering all the horrors of earthly hell these days. Surely the Lord God of Israel liveth, and as He lives, He is looking down seeing that which men, women, and little children are suffering all because of their blood relation to the Lord Jesus Christ. How much longer *can* he tarry? We cannot help but believe that the hope of Israel cometh quickly! Come, Lion of the Tribe of Judah, come!

A PREDICTION

The great apostasy is on. Practically all our larger denominations are being rent and torn asunder by it. Independent congregations of Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, and others are springing up all over the country. This is due to the fact that God still has His "seven thousand" that refuse to bow the knee to that late god known as modernism.

Several years ago the *Great Commission Prayer League of Chicago* issued a prediction that is certainly coming true. We quote:

"My prediction is that not a generation remains between us and the formation of a mighty body of believers, the strongest and the most powerful that ever shook the world; they are massing from the rivers to the ends of the earth. They are ready to break with any and all denominations when the call of God shall sound. They will not abide the presence of that foe who could cut the Old Book to shreds, depose Jesus Christ from His throne of deity, and rob man of the mighty change known as the new birth, as taught by the fathers, whose eyes were fixed on the cross, and whose messages never wandered far from a fountain of blood. It will all but tear the heart out of some of us when the rending of the timbers is heard. But we will not be led into the trap of the deceiver and the snare of the despoiler by our leaders. They must lead toward God or we will refuse to follow."

MORE AND MORE scientists whose opinion is worth considering acknowledge that behind and around everything is the sure evidence of a conscious intelligence in our universe. The idea that the heavens and the earth, and the people of the earth, and the marvelous arrangements for mankind's sustinence and enjoyment on the earth and from above it—the idea that all of that "just happened" is no longer tenable. Sir James Jeans says, "If the universe is a universe of thought then its creation must have been an act of thought." Another scientist, Sir Arthur Keith, states, "Whether we are laymen or scientists, we must postulate a Lord of the Universe, give Him what shape we will."

DICTATORSHIPS HIT

In addressing the sixty-second annual meeting of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, Secretary of the district body, declared that Evangelical Christianity is facing the most serious crisis in all its history. This crisis, he averred, is due to totalitarian governments which today control the lives of humanity.

He said that Baptists' work is restricted by decrees, by punitive measures and by actual persecution, if not wholly wiped out, in all countries where totalitarian governments have been established.

Calling attention to the rise and spread of totalitarianism in the past 25 years he said:

"All over the world we hear the doors slamming against the free proclamation of the gospel, and wars in Europe and Asia are increasing the difficulties of our foreign missionaries."

"GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT"

A prominent Presbyterian layman of Southern California, who has read something of our denominational difficulties, and knowing something of the missionary editor's tribulations these days, has just written us as we are about to go to press, saying:

"I am led to send you a word of cheer. I know you are not looking for praise, but we are all human, and these unkind things that people do and say cannot help but affect one more or less. ....I am enclosing a clipping I found in an old publication and this article expresses what I want to say."

We have learned since receiving this that the "clipping" he sent us was written by the well known Southern Methodist pastor, Rev. "Bob" Shuler. We had never seen it before. As soon as we read it, we felt that it was worth passing on to others. It brought us "cheer" and we believe it will bring "cheer" to others of our brethren who are standing steadfast for "the faith once for all delivered unto the saints" in these apostate times. Of course, it brought to our minds instantly the words of the Apostle Paul, who himself was sometimes desperately in need of "a word of cheer." The words of Paul are, "but godliness with contentment is great gain" I Tim. 6:6.

CONTENTMENT

"If thou shalt be content—

"If thou shalt be content to do thy best and fail,
nor count thyself defeated—

"If thou shalt be content to do battle all alone, the multitude against thee, thy friends deserting, none but God to cheer thee on—

"If thou shalt be content to do thy work, to play thy part, to take a stand for truth and righteousness and battle like a man, to thrust thy sword into the heart of wrong and take the sword thrust of hell's minions, undisturbed by numbers that oppose thee, unterrified at the noise and smoke and conflict—

"If thou shalt be content to smile and onward go through storms of condemnation, through bitter lies of evil tongues, through wilful purpose to misstate thy case, through gossip's muck and slander's mire, through hate and venom, while thy brother man, whose battles thou art fighting, stands by, nor lends a helping hand—

"If thou shalt be content to trust thy God and dare to do His will, with lion's dens and furnaces of fire ahead, happy to know heaven cheers thee at thy task and one like unto God's own Son walks through the fiery trials with thee, thy strength the strength of God's right arm—

"If thou shalt be content—

"Oh, man, if thus contentment dwells within thy breast on battle fields for righteousness and for the common good, be well assured thy battleaxe shall keener grow with coming years, thy strength of heart and soul a conquering force, unequalled by the puny darts of evil men. God's resources lie behind, about, beneath thee. The strength of heaven's hosts, the swiftness of the chariots of the skies, the banner of a king whose cause has never met defeat—all shall attend thee on those battlefields.

"Therefore, think not to tremble at the multitude's contempt nor fear before the allied forces of the hosts of sin and wicked deeds. Hold firmly in thy hand thy trumpet. Break thy pitcher with the challenge of a heart that knows its God. Flash thy light into the face of darkness. And know full well that God is bankrupt and heaven is a pauper's refugee, if that invicible Captain of every righteous cause doth not defeat the powers of hell that camp before thee.

"And yet, Oh man, thy eyes may rest before the victory. Thy hand may sleep in dust before the God of thy salvation and of right, shall reign. Others may take thy place and battle on for generations before the conquest that thy soul hath pictured. The violets may lift their faces from thy grave to kiss the dews of centuries before the dawning hour when those black wrongs and damning evils thou hast battled with shall be subdued.

"But oh, if thou, shalt be content—

"Content to hope and pray, content to dare and do, content to battle and be brave, content with faith to see the victory approaching, content to know thy God is near and never will desert, content to leave the victory with Him—

"How happy, now swelling full of joy thy soul, how surfeited with strength, how overflowing with heaven's certainty thy heart, how sure the victory—

"If thou shalt be content."

A NON-STOP WALK FOR 2000 YEARS

India has so many villages that if one were visited every day it would take 2,000 years to visit them all. The people living in them constitute 60 per cent of the British Empire. Missionary policy which in any way overlooks this fact is neglecting the main problem of India and also of the empire. The village Christian congregations of India today are the hope of the new India.

The first woman has been elected to the Indian Legislative Assembly—Mrs. Subbarayan.

YOUNG CHINA REFUSES TO BE OVERWHELMED

The invasion of China has had a remarkable effect upon the younger generation. Multitudes of both male and female students—usually impulsive, distrustful of leadership and antagonistic of law and order, with marked determination and insight into the perils of their country, have joined the fighting forces. Apparently Chiang Kai-shek has gained the confidence of their enthusiastic bands and with the Central Army forces intact he awaits the attack in Central China.

Unhappily it is not the fighting forces alone who suffer. In thickly populated areas millions of hard-working peasants and small traders have lost all their possessions, and are wandering about the country, bewildered, starving and dying like flies from privations unthought of in our Western civilization.

Notwithstanding the continued severe endeavours to break the spirit of the Chinese there are no evidences of bowing down to the armed invaders.

The very fact that Japanese forces are pushing further into the interior bears witness to the fact that they have failed to crush China's resistance. The future of both China and Japan is far from bright. War makes terrible demands on all parties. No wonder that in both countries the Christian church makes its appeal to all friends to share with it a sense of responsibility in these perilous days and to adopt whatever measure it can within its power to set in motion the corporate conscience of the world.—*World Dominion.*

You can be a lamp in the home if you can't be a star in the sky.

GLEANINGS FROM MISSIONARIES' LETTERS

Brother Jobson, our new Superintendent writes from Africa: "I observe that the responsibilities of superintendent have been definitely committed to me. This humbles me before my Lord, for I am very conscious of my insufficiency for the task. However, after having remembered very definitely the board's deliberation before the Lord during the week that you were meeting, I take it that He has led you, and I accept this as His will. It encourages me to know that the choice was unanimous; that means that I can count on the united prayers of the board. 'And such trust have we through Christ to Godward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.' It is my desire that my service for Him, in whatever capacity He shall choose, shall always be 'my human best, filled with the Spirit' Filled with the Spirit of God, weakness is turned into strength and foolishness into wisdom.

"How gracious of you to say that you 'have every confidence in my good judgment.' You, more than any other on the board, have observed my grave and frequent mistakes. Whatever the past has been, it is under the blood of God's blessed Son, and so we rest that with Him. As to the future, He will guide us as we yield to Him."

Mabel Crawford seems to keep busy. She writes:

"These are certainly busy days for us. I have added some more classes to my already full schedule:.... have taken on part of the girls three afternoons. I have the big girls that can read..... There are so many of them that they got the best of Estella; so I had to come to her rescue. I already had part of the women on Monday and Thursday. Sometimes I think I can't get through the day. My first class is at 6:30 in the morning, and it is a steady rush from then through to 6:00 in the evening."

An African Duck That Refuses to be eaten, is the sad tale told in a letter from Miss Crawford of Bassai. A. E. F. "Ho hum, I've been having a terrible time this day. I decided to have roast duck; and thereby hangs a tale! When I went to open the pressure cooker to turn the duck the lid wouldn't budge. I did everything I could think of, but still the duck defies attack. When noon came we had to sit down to an omelet instead of the anticipated duck. I haven't the slightest idea how to get the thing open."

Dr. Floyd Taber, in writing from Yaloke, par Boali, under date of September 13, writes a most interesting letter from "a civilized part of the world"—even the heart of Africa!

Dr. Taber

"On Friday evening we listened to the radio news of German troops entering Poland. Saturday eve Miss Tyson's radio stopped working. I had to work on it all Monday a.m., but at last I triumphed—I was able to get *static!* So I tried to get the Hathaway's radio into working shape with not quite as good results—I was not able to get static! So, since then we have contented ourselves with second hand news from rare passers by..... So we are completely cut off from the world, and our nervous systems are in a thousand per cent better condition than they would be if we sat up half the night listening to stories of European savagery. It is certainly a great comfort to live in a *civilized* part of the world.....

"Seriously, we are living in the most favored spot on earth right now. We have absolutely nothing to fear. We may have reason to worry about you in America..... But who would come all the way to the heart of Africa to bother us? The natives? There are ten times as many who would give their lives for us as there are who might want to harm us. Then who? Nobody on earth. Only the devil. You would think he would be enjoying himself to the full in Europe right now, and would leave us alone; but he doesn't. He knows his time is short. He never was more active. We need your prayer help every day for protection, not only against physical danger, but spiritual."

Westervelt Home—Our readers we know are greatly interested in the welfare of our missionaries' children. One of the greatest problems that any Foreign Missionary board faces is the problem of the missionary's child..... Up to a cetrain age they can be cared for upon the field; but, for more reasons than one, and especially for the educational reason, all foreign boards so far as we know, are agreed that it is better for the children of missionaries in mission lands such as Africa and China to remain in the homeland. At present time, and for some years past, two of the children of the Superintendent of our African work, Orville D. Jobson, have been in the Westervelt Home for missionaries' children at Batesburg, South Carolina. This home was formerly in Columbia, but now is located about twenty miles south of that city. We are sure that the friends of our missionaries will all be interested in the following paragraphs taken from a letter that the editor has received from Kathryn Jobson:

"The home is wonderful here, so much more space than Columbia and such nice buildings. How we do praise the Lord for this. He certainly does exceeding abundantly above what we ask or think.

"We have 42 acres of ground. We have four buildings—teachers' and workers' building, with the dining room in the basement; the large dormitory divided

for girls and boys; the school building, with three rooms beside the library; and the gymnasium.

"We have a baseball diamond and a tennis court in the making, besides our gymnasium for various other sports.....

"We have a grammar school, high school, and Bible school; with lovely teachers and good Christian training.

"We have children of all ages and from many countries, such as Africa, South and Central America, India, and the islands of the sea. We truly enjoy the Christian fellowship with all. The Lord has blessed us with lovely Christian friends.....

"This home is wonderful. How thankful I am to the Lord for bringing me to such a home — a home where Christ is honored and exalted, with Christian surroundings and friends. He has grown very dear to me and I have grown to Love Him as never before. His compassions fail not, they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.

"David is a Freshman in the high school, and I am a Junior. We have domestic work in with our studies. The girls and boys take turns in getting meals and doing dishes, which helps so much.

"The older ones have Christian service assignments. I had one among the colored ones of our town. They truly are needy people, and how we pray that from time to time they will be brought into a deeper and fuller knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior, as the One Who loves and cares for them, enough to die for them .....

"We do covet your prayers for this home and us, that Christ truly may be glorified in our lives; that

'Naught of self may mar His glory,
Naught of sin may make it dim,
But just a glorious, glorious shining
That the friends around see Him.'

"We appreciate your thought and care and know that He never fails. How thankful we are for that."

ILLUSTRATIVE JOTTING

BACK TO THE SHOP

Let him return unto the Lord. Read Isaiah 55:1-8.

Four-year-old Barbara sometimes utters cryptic sayings. Resentful of an action of her nursery school teacher, she said to her mother, "Miss Jones is cruel to the children. She ought to be sent back to the shop."

After the difficulty had been smoothed out, the teacher asked Barbara what she meant by wanting her "sent back to the shop."

"I meant that you ought to go back to God who made you, and get fixed."

Ah, little Barbara! You have put your tiny finger on what is the cause of all our sinning; we must return to Him Who alone can make right what is wrong with us.

HOW ARE NATIVES TO BE FREED OF THEIR BELIEF IN MAGIC?

(Summary of the "Revue Missionaire" July 1938, entirely devoted to a study of this question by the Missionary L. Cattaneo, Mozambique, Portugese East Africa.)

Experienced missionaries are often nonplussed by the persistent superstition and fatalism of natives who, finding it easy to believe in a life-giving Creator, pay but lip-service to the articles of the Christian faith, and tend to develop a syncretism fatal to full trust in God.

Native believers of ten or even twenty years' standing find it very difficult to get deliverance from their primitive beliefs. How are they to be set free at once and for always? When sickness comes, when a member of the family dies — especially an only child — when something extraordinary happens — an accident or a prolonged drought—or when the crops are destroyed by wild beasts or insect pests, the native consciousness is swamped and overcome by a flood of magical beliefs.

What Has The Native To Be Set Free From?

His poor sense of cause and effect leads uncivilized man to magical beliefs and practices in which imagination is confused with actuality, and the casting of spells is a very real thing to him. These and the wrath of a god, or demon possession, or the neglect of a taboo, are to him the supernatural causes of misfortune. And for every piece of "bad luck" as for every occasion requiring guidance, the heathen consult their "oracular bones", which constitute the veritable stronghold of Bantu paganism.

How Is The Native To Be Set Free?

Let us admit we do not understand the native mentality. Let us confess, too, that civilization has not succeeded in delivering the native from his age-long bondage to magic and superstition. On the contrary, alas! his weakness is even exploited by Europeans who sell him books dealing with mysteries, dreams and astrology.

An enquiry in 1936 elicited the reply from African correspondents that magical practices are on the increase, that witch doctors are more respected and feared than priests and chiefs. A very high percentage, it is said, of native Christians believe in sorcery and go in dread of its powers or have recourse to it in secret.

The Colonial authorities while they "respect native customs", discountenance accusations of witchcraft, yet external repression would not be as effective as internal conviction in changing the Africans' attitude.

The child's parents are, of course, a great hindrance to progress and freedom, and can undo good work, except perhaps where mission boarding chools have had the opportunity of training the young aright; for to be successful here schools need to have a definite moral and religious bias.

As to medicine, the blacks who are often clever in their empirical way, do not admit the complete superiority of the white doctor, for in the fear of the unknown

—in sickness and death—scientific knowledge (e. g. of microbes) has merely pushed back a bit the frontiers of ignorance and awe. In itself explanation does not offer security. But medicine as it is practiced by missionaries, that is, accompanied by the Word of God does suffice, M. Calvin Mapope declares, to deliver the native from his magical obsessions.

Biblical Teaching And Magic

The Bible provides us with the one remedy to cure the native of his weakness and error, because it gives us the perfect revelation of the love of God in Jesus Christ whose coming was foreshadowed in the Old Testament. Even in the Pentateuch magic is attacked as being the worst enemy of true religion. Intercourse with familiar spirits was strictly forbidden (Lev. 19:31; Deut. 18:11; Isa. 8:19). On the positive side, moreover, there is definite help against fear and despair. Jesus Christ, the Living Word incarnate, is alone capable of freeing the slaves of fear. "Jesus" is the satisfaction of all the needs of a soul caught in the toils of magical charms. He alone gives to a soul in anguish the consciousness of being loved with everlasting love.

To deny the existence of spirits and spells does not help very much, but to insist on the power and authority of the Lord Jesus is of great avail. "There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him" (Mark 7:15). Here is the condemnation of all taboos. "Out of the heart of man proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, murders, thefts," etc. (Mark 7:21, 22). Here is the revelation of moral defilement and the condemnation of sin. The Lord touched the leper and cleansed him; God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son; he that believeth in Me hath everlasting life; fear not, only believe; who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Utterances like these, says Calvin Mapope, drive out fear and form an anchor for many a native Christian in distress, keeping them true to the Word of God, and persevering in prayer, and he quotes striking examples of victorious faith.

The Church And The Fight Against Magic

Since criticism arouses antagonism, preaching should be positive rather than negative, proceeding by addition rather than subtractions, but catechumen classes can deal with these questions and problems.

Finally church discipline is necessary to check the recrudescence inside the church itself of magical practices, rebuking any who, ungrateful to redeeming love, turn their backs on the living God and revert to paganism.

(Abridged by L. S. Bauman.)

FOUND IN OUR MAIL

(We are sharing with our readers some of the most interesting letters, both business and editorial, which come to the desks of our executives. We appreciate these reactions whether they be pro or con. The opinions expressed in this column may not necessarily reflect the exact position of our magazine. We are always glad to hear from our readers.)

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Attention Rev. Chas. W. Mayes, Ed.

Dear Friends:

It was with real appreciation that the Missionary Number of The Brethren Herald was received, with the announcement of your new publication, and of the fact that Brother Mayes, whose editorial work I have felt was superior, is to be the editor of this new publication.

For many months—about four years—we read the Brethren Evangelist, and rejoiced in its fine, clear testimony. We felt that it was among the most choice of our exchanges. It was with real sorrow that we followed the controversy which arose, and its unhappy developments. We felt that it was a personal loss when the editorial personnell of the magazine reflected the changed situation. We are most happy, therefore, for the privilege of resuming the fellowship which we so much enjoyed.

If agreeable to you we would like to exchange "The Christian Reader's Digest" for your new magazine, and in anticipation of a favorable response we have placed your name on our exchange list. God bless you.

Yours in Christ,
HAROLD A. WILSON, Pastor.

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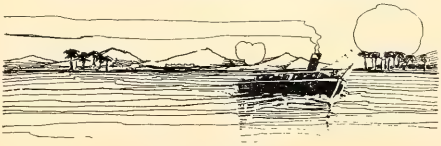

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A few weeks ago you enjoyed reading about the little black playmate of Mrs. Harold Dunning (Marguerite Gribble) in Africa when she was a little girl. We know you are waiting to hear more about Mrs. Dunning's life in Africa.

Once while she was at Brazzaville the missionaries could not find a house in which to live, so they moved into their tents. At that time Mrs. Dunning wrote in a letter:

"We did not have to stay very long in the tents, as it was only a few days until we found a house. This house has three rooms and a "cook house" or kitchen. Mamma calls it the "smoke house" as the only stove is a sort of brick stand on top of which the house is built, and there is no chimney or any other place for the smoke except to fill the room and filter through the roof.

"We all like it so much better than the tents. We sleep on our little camp beds, under our mosquito nets that were made for us by the ladies of Dayton. We sit on the chairs that were given us at North Manchester. Daddy uses the chairs for a work bench also by putting a heavy plank over the backs of two. (See picture). We eat from the tables that daddy made in America. Daddy has made us a cupboard and a case for the kitchen utensils.

"Aunt Toddy, Aunt Mae and mamma take turns keeping house. We have two boys who help us with the work. One is named Loubaki, and the other is Mompoyo. Aren't they funny names? They make the fire and keep it burning, carry the water, prepare the vegetables, wash the dishes and kettles, make the beds, sweep the floors, do the washing, ironing, etc.

"We have a man who brings us food every day, which he buys in the villages with francs which we give him. These are some of the things which he brings: fish, chickens, eggs, nsafu, ikwa, turnips, cassava root, sweet potatoes, beans, lettuce, etc. We sometimes can get radishes, onions, water cress, etc., at the gardens. It is very hard to get chickens and eggs, and we seldom have them, but fish are very plentiful as we live right on the banks of the Congo River.

"Nsafu is a strange food which is much the size and shape of a white walnut or butternut. It grows on a tree and is prepared for eating by boiling a very short time in salt water. It is brown, has a stone and a strange taste like turpentine, but we all like it very much. Ikwa is a root which we grate up and make pancakes from the batter. Cassava root is the root from which the tapioca is made which you children eat in America. Aunt Toddy made some flour and some tapioca from the root. Yesterday she cooked some of the tapioca and I liked it so very much that I ate it nearly all.

"We do not use lard of animal fat here, but an oil made from the nut of a palm tree."

Our Bible Character Alphabet

This week we are beginning an alphabet of Bible characters. Each week we will take the next letter of the alphabet and find a Bible character whose name begins with that letter.

A was a king who cut off the great toes and thumbs of 70 other kings. When the children of Israel fought against the Canaanites, they captured this king and cut off his own thumbs and great toes. Find his name in Jud. 1:1-7.

This Week's Memory Verse

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you (Jn. 15:14).

Daily Bible Readings

Sun.—God's command about Himself. Mt. 22:37-38.

Mon.—God's command about others. I Jn. 4:7-8.

Tues.—God's command about worldly things. I Jn. 2:15-16.

Wed.—God's command about the gospel. Mt. 28:19-20.

Thurs.—God's command about our enemies. Rom. 12:20-21.

Fri.—God's command about prayer and thankfulness. I Thess. 5:17-18.

Sat.—God's command about Christ's return. Mt. 24:42-44.

Pray Without Ceasing

Sun.—For the missionaries. Pray by name for those you know.

Mrs. Gribble's Work Bench

Mon.—For the native Christians. Sometimes they find it hard to live for Jesus.

Tues.—For the native evangelists.

Wed.—For those who are persecuted because they love Jesus.

Thurs.—For those who have never heard of Jesus.

Fri.—For those who have heard about Jesus but have turned back to a life of sin.

Sat.—For more missionaries.

Answer To Last Week's Puzzle

The missing words needed to solve the puzzle are:

Ps. 23:1—Lord	I Ki. 11:9—twice
I Jn. 4:11—love	Jn. 11:2—that
Mk. 11:22—faith	I Sam. 3:9-10—Eli
Mt. 11:28—Come	Gen. 23:3-6—Heth
Mt. 28:19—go	Ex. 4:2-4—tail
Jn. 3:36—hath	Dan. 4:33—wet
Mt. 6:24—mammon	Acts 7:54—cut
Judg. 15:4—Samson	Mt. 25:3—them
II Ki. 2:11-12—Elisha	Jn. 13:33—lit
Mt. 4:18—net	

The verse when the puzzle is solved is Jn. 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

WHAT IS BROADMINDEDNESS?

"It is a fallacy of the most dangerous kind to attach the issue of tolerance and intolerance to a practice which destroys health, wastes time, befuddles the intellect, undermines character, disturbs the peace, and wastes money. It is not customary to tolerate disease and waste, and insanity, and stupidity—yet many people today pride themselves on broad-mindedness about drinking. 'Live and let live,' they say....."

"The worst that prohibitionists predicted is coming to pass. It's time that reaction set in and particularly among college students." —*The Daily Trojan,* official organ of University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

MISS BYRON HEARS FROM AFRICA

A native boy writes to Miss Grace Byron from Bozoum. She gives here the literal translation of his letter:

Dear Mama.

Grace Byron.

I greet you well in the name of our Jesus Christ. I rejoice for work on paper to give. We sit well, the School of Bible. We pray to God on top of your head. I forget you not. I wish for you all day and I pray God over you all days.

Everything rests well in the church at Bassai. We have not finished. We will have vacation at the end of the month.

I greet you three times in the name of Jesus.
Child friend of yours who likes you much.

Your future servant,

PAUL YATENZI."

THE HUMDRUM OF A MISSIONARY'S LIFE

By Grace Byron

I wonder if it is going to rain tonight. It has been lightning all evening, but there don't seem to be many clouds. Maybe the storm will pass over. Let's take a chance and sleep on the veranda. It seems so stuffy to sleep in the house after sleeping on the veranda all during the dry season.

About 1:00 A. M. we are awakened by the wind blowing out the mosquito net. What's that rattling? We'd better get up; the storm is coming. I reach down by the side of the bed for the coal oil lantern, old reliable, take the matches from under my pillow and light the lantern. (Flash lights are a great convenience if good batteries are obtainable.)

Between the flashes of lightning we manage to get the mosquito net down and the mattresses and bedding in the house, and then make a rush to close the shutters. The wind is driving the rain across the nine foot veranda. The bolt on the door will not reach, for the door has warped and shrunk during the dry season. It takes our combined strength to hold the door shut and get the sewing machine and some chairs piled up against it to hold it closed.

Now we'll put the bedding on our cots, where we will finish the night's rest. We are soon awakened by a terrible crash, and discover, next morning, that a tree near the hospital was struck.

Drip, drip, drip, the roof is leaking; and the rain will soon be filtering through the mat ceiling. So furniture is pushed around and replaced by cooking utensils to catch the rain. This accomplished, we go back to bed; but what is that strange rattle on the veranda?

The next morning dawns cold and gray. We stand around the charcoal stove, soaking in the heat. The goat boy comes with the milk. Why is there so little milk? "All the goats are with young, Mademoiselle," he lies. (No doubt he has gotten up late and only milked part of the goats, and is planning on going to his garden to plant his peanuts.) Tomorrow, I think, I will go down to the goat pen and watch him milk; and no doubt the amount of milk will be back to normal.

Pierre notices that a pumpkin has been blown down on the veranda, and, picking it up, discovers that it has fallen down on a can of nails and imbedded it into the pumpkin; which accounts for the mysterious rattle of last night on the veranda The boys think it's a huge joke!

"Hekele Tiya (There is no charcoal)," complains the cook. "Call the boy who makes it and tell him to bring some at once." Although the boy lives a half mile or more away, the cook goes to the edge of the terrace and bellows the message; and in a few minutes his little son appears with a bushel basket of charcoal on his head. His father will put in his appearance later, in

the hope that his neglect to have charcoal on hand will be forgotten, and thus save a palaver (affair).

Remembering the inconvience the night before of only having one lantern, the missionary asks, "Where is the lantern?" "In the outdoor kitchen," promptly answers the cook. We watch, and the cook sends the chicken boy on an errand; and after a whispered conversation, the lantern is discovered later on the edge of the foundation of the house.

Next arrives the garden boy with a nice basket of lettuce and green beans. "Worromo (greetings), Mademoiselle," "Worromo," responds the missionary, "Waka na belta? (Is the garden all right?)" "The wind blew down seven banana plants, and the bananas are not big enough and will not ripen," the garden boy informs her.

"Transplant the tomato plants and plant another bed of lettuce and endive, and I will be down to see the garden this evening" (to insure that the instructions are carried out). He looks dissappointed, and I know he wants to go to plant his peanuts, so I inquire if he has cleared a place for a peanut garden. He responds in the affirmative and asks for permission to go and plant his peanuts.

(We always encourage the natives to have gardens, as it is hard for them to buy food because each one just makes enough garden to supply his personal needs.)

"Who will watch the garden so that the goats or sheep will not destroy it?" I ask.

"Koue will."

"Me jibokoke, (I agree) but do the work I told you to do first, and I will be down in the evening."

"Merci! (thank you), Mademoiselle;" and he goes off singing.

REASONS FOR THE FAMILY ALTAR:

1. Because it will send you forth to the daily tasks with a cheerful heart, stronger for the work, truer to duty and determined in whatever is done, therein to glorify God.

2. Because it will give you strength to meet the discouragements, the disappointments, the unexpected adversities and the blighted hopes that may fall your lot.

3. Because it will make you conscious throughout the day of the attending presence of an unseen, divine One, who will bring you through more than a conqueror over every unholy thought or thing that arises up against you.

4. Because it will sweeten your home life, and enrich home relationship as nothing else can do.

5. Because it will dissolve all the misunderstandings and relieve all the friction that sometimes intrudes into the sacred precincts of the family life.

6. Because it will hold, as nothing else, the boys and the girls when they have gone out from underneath the parental roof and so determine very largely the eternal salvation of your children.

7. Because it will exert a helpful hallowed influence over those who at any time may be guests in your home.

8. Because it will powerfully reinforce the work of your pastor in pulpit and in pew and stimulate the life of your church in every activity.

9. Because it will furnish an example and stimulus to other homes for the same kind of life and service and devotion to God.

10. Because the Word of God requires it, and in thus obeying God, we honor Him, Who is the Giver of all good and the Source of all blessing.

—*Dr. W. E. Biederwolf.*

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Financial Statements for the month of December 1939

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	103.05
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Receipts for Missions outside the Denomination	
Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Blomberg, Washington D. C. (2 offerings) to Belgian Gospel Mission	4.00
Total receipts for the month	$595.69

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JUST A SKETCH

By Florence N. Gribble

(Dr. Florence N. Gribble sends us "Just A Sketch" from somewhere in Africa. This sketch certainly can not have been made within any village wherein we have missionaries. Too many clothes! Later on, we may be able to say just where this sketch was made. It was probably in some fairly good-sized native village wherein Mohammedanism predominates. In the meantime, it is interesting.—L.S.B).

The natives come strutting by; but O, what a parade! Here comes a young man with felt hat, ragged shirt and colored loincloth!

Next in order is a woman with black turban and black umbrella, in marked contrast with her pink dress. The young man following her is in stripes, not only his coat and trousers, but suspenders! Overhanging all is a large felt hat with strangely drooping corners. The plain black shoes are an anti-climax.

Dressed Up!

Africans wear any clothes they can get hold of. Imagine our missionary's surprise to find her discarded underclothing worn by this African boy.

A smiling little girl stops near me and looks at me with an admiring gaze (just why I do not know). Her immaculate white shoes are guiltless of laces; she rejoices in a black and white dress with a brown and white turban ornamenting her jaunty head. The only touch of truly African color about her is the necklace of green beads around her neck.

A woman hurries by, shapeless in a black and red Mother Hubbard; a black and yellow turban adorns her head. As if trying to surpass hers, a green and yellow Mother Hubbard now saunters by—a slender girl within—proud of her dress and of her brown and tan head kerchief. "Mbolo, mama," she says smilingly as she passes, giving the Boulou greeting.

The young man hurrying down hill across the street has an aristocratic air with his snow-white helmet, blue shirt, brown belt and black trousers. The next man too has a helmet, but a very dirty one. His shirt and trousers are also a dingy, dirty-white. The next boy is wiser, for except for his black belt, he is all in khaki.

A butterfly girl now flits by. She has a green dress and red head dress, but is barefooted. But the next one surpasses her, having a purple turban and blue and green dress; with a figure in purple dress following on behind.

But now the monotony of the parade is enlivened by a Parisian lady with hat on one side; closely fitting, open-backed dress. And so they follow in quick succession, a green and yellow dress clashing with a purple turban, etc.

Here come a woman with a red dress, a gray hat, and a basket on her back! In front of a store a little boy with khaki trousers and a ragged white shirt sits admiringly before a French fashion plate. "Faites votre *choix*" was in a glaring headline. He is attracted more by the ladies' faces than their gowns, and soon admiringly points out to a ragged companion the lady of his *choice*.

Colors of the Rainbow

Green, black, purple, red and yellow gowns flit by. These are the predominating colors, but every hue of the rainbow is in evidence on the gay colored streets.

Here comes a lady of quieter taste — a white silk dress, brown shoes, and a brown turban betoken an extraordinary taste (for our colored ladies). There is a bright red dress with an old-fashioned white overskirt. Dark green and purple are our next lady's choice.

There are few Mohammedans on the street, but here pass two in purple robes with broad sashes. And, not to be outdone, follows a boy in khaki shirt and black trousers with a blue and white sash!

Who makes all these clothes? Men and women, boys and girls sit in front of the shops sewing—some of them, doubtless, on rented machines. There are no less than ten sewing machines across the street. Five bicycles are standing there, too, evidently belonging to employees.

The store itself is of stone foundation. The roof and walls are of corrugated iron, a perfect furnace for heat. A little girl in a blue and white princess gown sits languidly in the heat—queen of all she surveys.

The cross is the only ladder to Paradise.

We do not always know the dangers that we are guided past.

The way to do a great deal for Christ is to keep on doing a little.

The cross is easier to him who takes it up than to him who drags it along.

A prudent man is like a pin: his head prevents him from going too far.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

February 18, 1940

THE PRESENT PROSPECT OF THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE

II Tim. 3:1-17.

Suggestions for the leader

During the year we studied phases of the history of Christian missions. We found that at various times the people had different attitudes concerning the work of missions, and that the interest in missions largely determined the growth of the church. Tonight we will sum up what has been said, and see whether there are favorable prospects for the work today.

Today there is a falling away in interest and support, many mission fields suffering because the people at home refuse to maintain the work. Many denominations have withdrawn missionaries, and mission stations have been closed. From the human standpoint, the faithfulness of those who believe in Christ is the reason that we have not lost a station nor recalled missionaries.

Missions today have great prospects. Though the missionary's work may become harder and the results fewer, it is our great responsibility to take advantage of every prospect while the Lord delays His coming. We who are still young must soon assume the missionary work others have started. Now is the time to become concerned and informed of our missionary activities. The Lord calls us to support the work, and every member should send in a mission offering. Then we shall not be ashamed when the Lord asks us what we did for missions. At first our offering may be small, but if there is a willing mind, the Lord will increase the ability to give.

1. OPEN DOORS. I Cor 16:9.

Although we would be killed if we tried to preach Christ in Russia, there are many doors open and waiting for missionaries to enter with the gospel. Africa, Asia, South America and other places present open doors for us today. It would be wonderful if our Christian Endeavorers became so enthusiastic over missionary work that large numbers of volunteers would come from the societies and the others would stand back of them as they go forth. God will give us plenty of time to walk through an open door, but the time comes when that door closes. We may soon witness the close of many doors. Let us do something while we have the assurance of an opening and a willingness to respond to the gospel.

2. CLOSED HEARTS. Ezek. 33:7-9.

The great testimony of the missionaries is that the natives respond to the gospel and their hearts are open. If there are closed hearts, they must be among the people at home, where disinterest in mission work begins. So much depends upon us that we simply can not afford to retreat or become cold toward our own work. Regardless of the conditions about us, or what other churches are doing, let us put forth a greater effort this year to maintain missionary work.

There is no better place to start to talk missions than in Christian Endeavor. Present the work as an urgent and needy thing and ask for decisions for Christ. We still have the solemn commission to go out to the heathen. We still are expected to be true to the Lord in doing His bidding.

"Education, contact with a godless civilization, visits of foreign students to our schools, these things have resulted in an increasing coldness to the gospel."

3. GOLD, GOVERNMENT, AND GOD.

The difference between the settlement of North and South America is found in the letter *l*—the difference between God and gold. The early settlers came to our country in search of religious freedom; those who went to South America were in search for gold.

Today some nations hold provinces in other continents for financial gain. They spoil the people and the resources. Missionaries tell of the feeling against the white men because of this. In some cases barriers had to be broken down before missionaries could work.

By delaying the work or refusing the missionaries permission, governments have hindered missionary endeavor more than they have encouraged it. Strange as it seems, some governments want to keep natives in ignorance, probably to exploit the people and try to get more gain from them.

Missionaries have witnessed the work of God in removing great problems and obstacles. These things have strengthened them and held them to greater trust in God.

4. THE ENEMY WITHIN.

The devil does the most destruction from within. He would do anything to cause the church to become confused on the mission program. He has held the superstitious natives and sin-laden people so long that he does not surrender easily. He has learned the effectiveness of striking at the heart. He started the teaching of the social program on the mission field. Some missionaries actually go out to teach a brand of unbelief they have learned in church schools. Frequently controversy has arisen over policies and practices on the missions field. As a result, many withdraw support and the work suffers. We must be on guard because the devil has his helpers to destroy mission work and will start by sowing seeds of discord.

5. BACK TO THE PROGRAM OF PAUL.

"Over against the depressing circumstances which have cast a cloud over much of organized work, there shines a ray of light. Many independent movements are at work going out into the unoccupied fields, doing somewhat as Paul did: preaching, leaving instructions, going on, and returning to strengthen the disciples and the churches as opportunity offers. These units of work are often small, depending on the gifts of a small group of God's people to supply the need.

"The greater faith movements in China and other countries in Asia, Africa, South America and Europe, with the Alliance work in many lands, point in the same general direction and bring courage to our hearts as we pray and work for the gospel to be proclaimed to all men everywhere."

6. THE URGENCY OF THE WORK IN THE LIGHT OF HIS RETURN.

By many methods and many workers, God is calling out from among the nations a people for His name. Some day the work will be completed, and the Lord will descend from heaven with a shout. We do not know what moment that will occur; but it will mean to every Christian the greatest joy and blessing that can be imagined.

In that day, we shall be pirvileged to lay at His feet all that we have done to make the church complete. Many obscure Christians who have helped to support a missioanry, will be glad to have had a part in the salvation of his converts. Many poor folks will find out how much their prayers have meant to those laboring in far places. We ought to think of these things whenever we think about the urgent work of missions. There are many enemies. There is much to be overcome. The time is short; how short, we cannot tell. The work must be done. God give us uneasy nights, and burdened hearts, and no peace, until we have assurance that we have done all He requires of us!

Questions

1. Do you believe this is a good time to do missionary work? Why?
2. Name some obstacles to missionary work today.
3. What are we doing as a denomination to further missionary work?
4. Why do the nations usually interfere with missionary efforts?
5. What method and message did Paul use for missionary work (Acts 13, 14, 26:13-23)?

Junior Topic

GOD WANTS TO BLESS OTHERS THROUGH ME **February 18, 1940**

Have with you a sponge, a funnel, a hose, and some water.

Dip the sponge in water, showing that it absorbs all it can hold, but gives nothing forth unless it is squeezed. Compare it with those who call themselves Christians, but keep to themselves all the good things they receive.

Pour some water into the funnel, showing that the water passes through it slowly, and that showing no matter how long it receives water, it holds more than it gives forth. Compare it with those who keep to themselves most of the good things of God which they receive.

Fit the funnel into one end of the hose and pour water into it, showing that the hose gives forth all the water it gets. Compare it with Christians who do likewise with the precious things of God.

From Acts 20:35b, have the pupils decide which kind of Christian most pleases the Lord.

Someone once asked the son of a medical missionary where he could find his father. The boy replied, "I suppose he is where people are sick or in need of other help." This missionary was a blessing wherever he went.

For discussion

Have the children suggest ways they can be blessings. Perhaps they would enjoy searching the following verses for some other ways:

I Tim. 4:12 (By being an example to other Christians).

Gal. 6:10 (By doing good to all men).

Mk. 5:19 (By telling others what God has done for them).

I Pet. 2:9 (By showing forth His praises). Suggest some ways they can do this.

Scripture illustrations of people who were blessings

(Lesson numbers refer to lessons in True Stories from the Long Ago.)

Joseph was a blessing to Potiphar (Gen. 39; Les. 18), the prisoners (Gen. 40; Les. 18), Pharaoh and his whole nation (Gen. 41, Les. 19), and to all his own relatives (Gen. 45-46, Elisha was a blessing to many people in many ways. (II Ki. 4-7; Less. 73-75).

The pupils can give from memory some of the ways Christ was a blessing to others.

CORRECTION

The Candidate Secretary of the Foreign Board has just called our attention to an error in the minutes of the Foreign Board, published in the Foreign Missionary Number of the Brethren Evangelist, September 30, 1939. In this issue "Minute 39, Approval of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller and Ruth Snyder" should read thus:

"Minute 39. Approval of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams and Ruth Snyder.

A motion prevailed that we approve Miss Ruth Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams to be sent out whenever the Board deems expedient."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller had formerly been approved. In checking back over the original minutes, taken by the office secretary in the Foreign Board meeting of last August, we find the names of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams as having been approved.

The Foreign Board did interview Robert Miller at this meeting, however; and Robert Miller stated before the board that the Home Missions Council had sent him to Tracy, California, for a term of three years and that he feels he should fulfil this term, although he is ready and willing to go to Africa.

THE GREAT COMMISSION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?

By Paul R. Bauman

Few words that fall from human lips are considered more important than the words of a loved one who is about to leave this world. How the ear strains to catch them! How indelibly they are written upon the memory for life-long retention! How they are treasured in the innermost recesses of the heart! Nothing can snatch them from us! If, perchance, they come in the form of a request or charge, no amount of effort is considered too great to spend in their fulfilment!

Just before our dearest loved One, our blessed Lord Himself, departed from this world to the Father, having given His very life as a sacrifice, and having risen that His pledge would be made sure, He gave a message to those who were His own. Though the words were not many, they were some of the most important He ever spoke, for they were to mean life to countless thousands of men through centuries to follow. Yet, of all the words spoken by Jesus, few have been taken more lightly by those who profess to love Him than those of the great commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16: 15, 16. See also Matthew 28:19, 20; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8, 9).

HOW DOES THE AVERAGE PERSON INTERPRET THE GREAT COMMISSION?

In his desperate attempt to evade the last words of Jesus, the average professing Christian has come forth with a great array of excuses. Of these, two are so outstanding that they may well be given some consideration.

"JESUS WAS SPEAKING TO HIS DISCIPLES ONLY"

Christian, read the above-mentioned passages in your Bible and read them carefully. Do you for one moment believe that any person who handles God's Word honestly can so interpret these? Have you thought what such an attitude would mean if followed consistently? You would be compelled to say that the precious promises given by the Lord in these same Gospels—the promises that speak of the "Father's house" and the "many mansions"— were spoken to the disciples only! Are you ready to say that?

Again, read the great commission, and you will see that it embraced a world-wide ministry. Jesus said, "Go ye into *all* the world." Such a commission, if given to the disciples only, would have laid upon them an impossible task. Could eleven (or twelve) men have gone into the whole "inhabited world"? It would have been physically impossible for the disciples to have baptized their converts apart from the larger task of 'preaching the gospel to every creature.'

Once again, you should observe that this work was to continue "alway, even unto the consummation of the age" (Matt. 28:20 R.V. margin). After a few short years of the most faithful service, the disciples were destined to make their departure into the presence of Christ. Did this departure mean the "consummation of the age"? No Christian who knows his Bible will make such an assertion!

But, let us look for a moment at another, and perhaps the most common, of our present-day attitudes toward the great commission.

"THE GREAT COMMISSION IS FOR MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES ONLY"

Whether spoken in so many words or not, honest reflection will show that this is the attitude most prevalent in our churches today. "That doesn't mean me!"—and the implication is that the commission refers only to those who have been set apart as ordained ministers or missionaries of the gospel.

An examination of several passages will show that this second interpretation is likewise impossible. "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and comanded the porter to watch" (Mark 13:34) Literally, a portion of the passage reads: "to each man his *own* work." Now, what is this "work" which has been given to "every man"? In 2 Corinthians five the Apostle Paul makes it very plain, as follows: "Wherefore we labor (i.e., "work"), that whether present or absent we may be accepted of Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men..... For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again....And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:9-11, 14, 15, 18-20).

Christian, do you believe it? *"We labor....we* must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ..... Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord *we* persuade men....the love of Christ constraineth *us*.....God .....hath given to *us* the ministry of reconciliation ....hath committed unto *us* the word of reconciliation ....*we* are ambassadors for Christ." Can you read these words and say they were intended only for ministers and missionaries? Were not the Corinthian Epistles addressed to a church, just such an one as your church? Were they not likewise addressed to *"all* that in *every* place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord," and to "all the saints"? (See I Cor. 1:2 and 2 Cor. 1:1).

This being true, then *ours* is the ministry of reconciliation! Let us remember that the Word of God sets forth only one real work for the Christian. That is the business of making Jesus Christ known to lost and dying men. The Christian's task is to "take out" of this world "a people for His name" (Acts 15:14). All other work must be subservient to that.

HOW DOES THE BIBLE INTERPRET THE GREAT COMMISSION?

The Bible always has been its own best interpreter. The great commission is there. How shall it be interpreted? The safest method will always be that of one of God's great missionaries who was once asked: "How do you interpret the great commission?" He replied: "I don't interpret it; I just accept it!"

Sometime ago the writer asked one of our finest missionaries this question: "What were the circumstances of your call to the foreign field?" "What do you mean?" she replied, apparently a bit perplexed by the query. "What were the circumstances that led you to believe you were called to go forth as a missionary?" the writer asked again. "I hardly understand you yet," she replied; "I read the great commission and could not see but what it meant me. So I went!"

The statement of this missionary made a profound impression upon the writer as one who, at that time, was facing the problem of his own responsibility to the great commission. Since then we have thought many times, "Oh that more of God's people would take the same attitude toward the commands of Christ. How soon the world would be evangelized!"

THE BIBLE SAYS, "GO!"

Can we say that most of us have not taken the words of our Lord altogether too lightly and impersonally? Christian young people, especially, should think with all seriousness before they turn carelessly away, saying, "That doesn't apply to me!" There is only one valid reason, in the light of the Scripture, that anyone can give for failure to go in person. That is the absolute physical impossibility of going. Those who seek a special manifestation in looking for the call to go should rather consider the Word. The special manifestation should be received when one is called to remain at home. The "go ye" clause has already been given, and it is still in the great commission!

THE BIBLE SAYS, "SEND!"

While it is true that the Lord does not expect every Christian to go personally, this fact does not relieve any person of his responsibility to Christ's last command. This is evident, for, in discussing the condition of the lost and the ministry of the saved, the Bible says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except *they be sent?* as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (Romans 10:13-15).

Now, who is the man whose walk is said to be "beautiful?" Is it not the one who has himself gone to "preach the gospel of peace"? It is not the one who, because he could not possibly go himself, has "sent" in his place another to bear the "glad tidings of good things"? Certainly this is what the passage teaches! The average Christian today should face these questions, if he takes the great commision seriously: "If I cannot 'go', then am I ready to 'send'? If my seriousness in sending is to be determined by the amount of my present investment, what is my Lord to believe about me? Should not my sacrifice in sending be equal to that which I should make if I were to go? Should it not be equal to the sacrifice of the one who is going in my place? If I am not able to send, then what should my responsibility be?"

THE BIBLE SAYS, "PRAY!"

God has not given all of His people an abundance of this world's goods. This fact has been used all too often, however, as a means of sidestepping responsibility to the missionary command. If one finds it absolutely impossible to "go," then he must "send" someone forth as his representative. On the same basis, if one finds it absolutely impossible to "send" then he is duty-bound to "pray." Jesus said: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: *Pray ye the Lord of the harvest,* that He will send forth laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37, 38).

The command to "pray," given by Jesus, does not mean that a man can be content with spending a few moments each Sunday or each Wednesday praying "the Lord of the harvest" It means that he will dedicate his life to a ministry of intercessory prayer, petitioning God "without ceasing to "thrust forth laborers into His harvest" He will pray constantly for those who have gone forth to represent him. He will pray continually for those who are being given the gospel. He will "always in every prayer make request" (Phil. 1:4) for those who have believed the gospel. What a missionary challenge this is! How sadly neglected a ministry it is today! Christian, is this to be *your* answer to your Lord's last request? If it is, then begin it today!

WHAT IS YOUR INTERPRETATION OF THE GREAT COMMISSION?

Forget it not! Your Lord is the One who said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The command is there. What have *you* done with it? Why not say with the first great missionary of the Christian church, the Apostle Paul: "As much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel!" (Romans 1:15). And remember, as you recognize your own great responsibility—the fact that you are "a debtor"—you have One who has said, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Beware of having the wheel-barrow religion — the kind that moves only when pushed.

Error runs down an inclined plane. Truth has laboriously to climb its way up hill.

FOR PULPIT and PEW

Compiled by Alan S. Pearce

PELLETS FOR PREACHERS

"Any preacher who allows himself to hanker after an easier job is on the toboggan slide already. It does n't fit with the message and spirit of the gospel."

When preaching doesn't taste good to me, it's time for me to get to the woods. Our message must be a fire in our bones or it is not worth while."

"When we cease to bleed, we cease to bless. The two words come from the same root."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

THE DIFFERENCE—A great Bible teacher was once asked the difference between the Bible and other books. He answered the question by saying, "other books are given for our information, but the Bible is given for our transformation."—*Meyersdale Calendar*

Whosoever thou are that enterest this church, remember it is the house of God. Be reverent, be attentive, be thoughtful and leave it not without a prayer to God for thyself, for those who minister, and for those who worship here.

READY BIBLE OUTLINE

"I SEE NO HARM IN IT"

Have you prayed that the eyes of your understanding may be opened? Eph. 1:18.

Have you kept the fear of God before your eyes and used the Gospel eye salve? Rev. 3:18.

Do you turn away from beholding iniquity? Psa. 119:37.

Are you cautious about an evil eye or a double eye? Heb. 5:14.

Has not some worldly pleasure or gain blurred your eyes? 1 John 2:15.

Does any one ask a blessing on it or close it with prayer, and would Jesus do it? 1 Tim. 2:8.

Do you view those who live in pleasure and the signs of the times as Paul did? 2 Tim. 4:18.

Do you see any saints grieved or offended by your indulgence? Matt. 18:6.

Do you glory in the cross that crucified you to the world? Gal. 6:14.

Are you not in danger of a reprobate mind? Rom. 1:28.

Can you look with composure upon death or the Lord's coming while engaged in it? Luke 12:35-48.

Will you now sit down with your conscience in self-judgment, and study the above passages, concluding with 1 Cor. 10:30-33?

Then if you see no harm in it, probably there is none.—*E. P. Marvin, in Christian Observer.*

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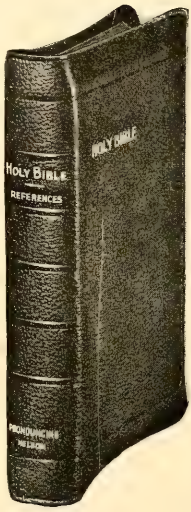

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For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
—Mark 8:36

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The WORD and the WORLD

By Alva J. McClain

DOES GOD HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR?

A prominent minister of Cleveland, Ohio, delivering the baccalaureate sermon before the graduates of a college of that city, suggested that men are not fully equipped for their jobs unless they possess a sense of humor. Certainly there can be no serious argument on this point. As Solomon once wrote, There is "a time to weep, and a time to *laugh*" (Ecc. 3:4). In fact, there is nothing healthier than to cultivate the ability to look at our own selves objectively and laugh. It will keep our feet on the ground and guard us against the pompous notion that we are more important than we are.

In support of his argument, the above mentioned preacher reminded his hearers that even God himself had a sense of humor. Here again, we must admit, the speaker was right. The Bible contains much that is humorous. Our Lord had a keen sense of humor, as the Pharisees discovered to their discomfiture, but it was always with a point. And some one has suggested that to spend a few hours looking at the animals in a zoo will demonstrate effectively that the Creator must have felt that humor should have a place in the scheme of things. If not, it would be hard to explain why He made some of them the way they are.

But in his argument the baccalaureate speaker slipped badly when he tried to prove his point with Scripture. To show that God has a sense of humor, he quoted from the second Psalm, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall *laugh*" (4). What a tragic misunderstanding of the Word of God! One cannot help but wonder whether this preacher ever read the whole of this Psalm at one sitting. Certainly there is nothing humorous in the divine laughter here. As anyone should know laughter has a hundred subtle meaning. And when God laughs in accordance with the prophecy of the second Psalm, it will be the laughter of divine wrath and judgment. When God laughs here, it will be man's "time to weep."

WHAT THE POPE SAID TO TAYLOR

When President Roosevelt, ignoring the American Protestant principle of complete separation of church and state, appointed Myron C. Taylor as Ambassador Extraodinary to the Vatican in Rome, Mr. Taylor was asked by reporters to comment on his appointment. His reply was deeply significant, an ominous prophecy of what may become a reality in the near future.

"I am greatly honored in my appointment by President Roosevelt as his personal representative to the Vatican," said Mr. Taylor. "I am emboldened to refer to a remark made to me by Pope Pius in a personal conversation at our home in New York about two years ago, in effect that in the days soon to come *all the forces of religion would need to align themselves together against a revival of paganism if our civilization were to be saved.*" And then Mr. Taylor added, "How true a prophecy that was current world events will bring home to every right thinking man."

These words from Mr. Taylor will indeed be prophetic to "every right thinking" student of the Word of God. They prove exactly what many of us have been fearing, namely, that the present Pope favors and is working for a union of religious bodies of which he will be the head. For, as every historian knows, Roman Catholicism will enter no union of which the Pope is not the head. Furthermore, the utterance of Mr. Taylor proves that both he and Mr. Roosevelt know exactly the seriousness of the step they have taken. For both have talked with the present Pope and they know his views.

If the Protestant churches of America align themselves with the Vatican for the purpose of fighting the paganism of Hitler and Stalin, they will simply be joining in one kind of paganism in order to fight with another kind. Better by far to let the paganistic Vatican fight its own battles, for those who join with Rome in this battle will ride to certain doom. The great harlot, aided by apostate Protestantism and an unbelieving Israel, will indeed wield the rod of ecclesiastical authority over the paganistic political beast, but she will pay a fearful price for that brief season of authority. For the nations she rules will at last "hate" her, make her "desolate and naked," "eat her flesh," and "burn her with fire" (Rev. 17:15-16).

In President Roosevelt's letter to the Pope, explaining the appointment of the new Ambassador to the Vatican, he referred to the words which appear on the reverse of the great seal of the United States—*"novus ordo seclorum"*—and expressed his intention of extending the motto to international relations. The words mean a *"new order of things."* Well, thank God, some day there will be a "new order of things." But it is utter spiritual blindness to suppose that it can be realized under the leadership of the Vatican. If ever America needed statesmen who know their Bibles, it is today.

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When the Christian sins

There are some very curious and tragic notions about man's ability and his sin held even among those who are truly born of God but not instructed in His Word. For example, you will find some who think that the cross of our Lord covers all our sins up to the time we become Christians, but after that we must either stop sinning completely or else (if we sin) atone or make restitution to God for the post-conversion sins. Others suppose that if the Christian sins after conversion, he is lost and must be saved all over again. Still others, finding by bitter experience that they do sin every day in spite of their profession, try to escape the problem by the Roman Catholic scheme, that is, they divide their wrong-doing into two kinds of sin. The one kind, they affirm, will send your soul to hell. The other kind, they think, is not really sin but merely what they call "infirmity," which God overlooks. Just where the dividing line should be drawn, no two of these folks have ever agreed, which means that every sinner draws his own lines. And of course, when we do this, we are careful to put into the category of "infirmity" the sinful practices dear to our hearts.

Making God a Liar

What we need to learn as Christians is that *all sin is sin,* that black is black, and white is white; and furthermore, that not one of us can kneel down at the end of the day and say, "O God, I have not sinned today." For if we say anything of the sort, we make God a liar (1 Jn. 1:10). We need to know also that sin for the saved is even worse than for the unsaved, for when we sin we are not only breaking the law of God but also sinning against His blessed grace that saved us.

"THAT EVERY MOUTH MAY BE STOPPED"

What then shall we say to these things? Well, in the first place, we should confess frankly that we do sin in spite of the fact that God has made every needed provision for victory. In the second place, we must understand that there is no possible way for *us* personally to remove or even mitigate the dreadful guilt which attaches inevitably to all sin. Third, we must see that in every and all cases of sin, the wages of sin is death and without the shedding of blood there can be no remission. There is no class of sins which are excusable for anybody. Neither is there any convenient "purgatory" where *we* may discharge our obligations to a holy God. The smallest sin is an affront against an infinite God, Whose righteous law cannot be relaxed to suit the infirmities of sinners who are too weak to keep it. And finally, when we have come to this place, with the very jaws of hell yawning beneath our feet, we shall begin to realize clearly that the shed blood of the Son of God is *our only hope,* not only for the sins committed *before* we were saved but also for the sins *after* we are saved.

The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth (present tense—continuously) us from all sin" (1 Jn. 1:7). Were it not for the continuous and eternal efficacy of that blood, we would all be in hell before the end of the day. To see this clearly will shut our mouths from all boasting and self-righteous claims.

Additions To The Library

The Seminary acknowledges gratefully valuable gifts of books to the Library from the following donors: Pastor H. Walter Nowag of the First Brethren Church of Listie, Pa.; Pastor George E. Cone of the First Brethren Church of Portis, Kansas; Mr. J. F. Strombeck, member of the Board of the Winona Assembly; Dr. Dunham of the Fundamental Truth Publishers, Findlay, Ohio; the Library of the University of Oregon; and also from a friend of the seminary whose name we are not at liberty to publish.

We also desire to express appreciation to Dr. L. S. Bauman for the loan of a very rare set of books dealing with the doctrine of "The Theocratic Kingdom." This set of three large volumns by Dr. Peters has been needed very badly, and we are glad to report that very recently a good friend has supplied us with volumes II and III. Now if someone can dig up the first volume, we shall be well supplied. (Of course, the seminary would not refuse all *three* volumes, if anyone should have them.)

While on this subject of books, perhaps it should be said that we have been asked several times whether the seminary could use second-hand books. The answer is yes. However, before sending them, it would be well to mail us a list of the titles and authors, so as to avoid duplications and also the shipping of books which might not be usable.

The Annual Day of Prayer

Following the registration of students for the second semester beginning Jan. 22, the first week of the semester brought to the seminary Rev. V. C. Kelford of Waterloo, Iowa, for a series of lectures and addresses, closing with the annual Seminary day of prayer. Brother Kelford, who is well known to many of the friends of the seminary, spoke twice each day and three times on the day of prayer, bringing rich blessing to both students and faculty. While this ministry was intended primarily for the seminary group, and therefore was not widely advertised, a number of the local people of Winona and Warsaw attended the service. We thank God for Brother Kelford's uncompromising loyalty to the Word of God and his clear presentation of the gospel of grace.

FREEDOM BEHIND THE BARS

(It is our custom in Grace Seminary to assemble at the regular chapel period each Tuesday morning for the special purpose of reporting the spiritual results from the various meetings and speaking engagements of students and faculty members over the week-end. The first of these report meetings in the New Year was an event of unusual interest because it was the initial gathering following the Christmas holidays, and there was a great deal to tell of the blessings of God which had been experienced by students and teachers in the different places they had ministered. What was perhaps the greatest triumph of the Lord's grace was related by Garner Hoyt, who was one of the few students that spent the holidays in Winona Lake. In order to share with the Herald readers this remarkable story, I have asked Garner to tell it here in writing as an illustration of the unfailing power of the gospel of our Lord. For several weeks the students had known of this young man's presence in the jail, very closely guarded because of the nature of his crime, and they had been praying that somehow the way might be opened to reach him with the gospel.—Alva J. McClain)

"It was on the last day of 1939 that I went to the Warsaw jail where a 17-year-old boy from South Carolina was sitting alone in his cell on the second floor, guilty of first degree murder and awaiting the sentence of either life imprisonment or death.

"All the other seminary students were away for the Christmas vacation, and therefore I had gone alone on Sunday morning to the Warsaw jail to speak to the prisoners about their souls. It was the jailer's wife who opened the door for me. Upon entering I had no idea that I would be permitted to speak with this young man who had been especially on our hearts. But evidently the Lord had all things worked out ahead of time. As I removed my coat she said to me. "We have never permitted anyone to talk with Frank Potts, but I don't see anything wrong with it. If you wish to speak with him, you may." At once I knew that this was a definite answer to prayer. She opened the iron doors leading into the corridors surrounding the prison cells, and I went up to the second floor where Frank was seated alone at a little table in his dreary cell.

READS BIBLE IN CELL

"He seemed happy to see me, and I told him at once that it must have been an answer to prayer that I had been permitted to talk with him. And then I added, 'Frank, I have come to talk with you about your soul.' After these words the Lord seemed to open his heart, and he said, 'Ever since I've been placed here I've been thinking about that, and I know now that the only hope for me is to come to Jesus.' He pointed to an open Bible on the table and told me that his brother had sent it to him. He was reading it when I came to his cell.

"I knew then that Frank was ready to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. I turned in my Bible to four or five of the prominent passages on salvation and explained them. In each case I left it to him to draw the conclusion. After each verse he would say with tears of joy in his eyes, 'Then I'm saved.'

"What a blessing it was to see the joy and peace of God come into his life! At once he began to think of the future, and he asked me what he could do for the Lord. He realized that he would never have the chance to work for the Lord as I could. I immediately told him of the Apostle Paul and how he had served the Lord in a prison. During the remaining moments of that hour we read from God's Word, and just before parting we knelt by the bars, I on one side and he on the other side. I asked Frank if he would lead in prayer. He prayed a wonderful prayer of confession and thanksgiving and then I closed with a word of praise for the soul that Jesus had saved that hour.

JOINED CHURCH ONCE

"Frank's last words were, 'I joined a church once and was baptised but I was never saved. This morning I have come to know Jesus.'

"During the following week I received a letter from Frank asking me to come again, for he had some questions to ask me. When I reached his cell the following Sunday morning, he took a large sheet of paper from the table. On the paper were Scripture passages and questions that he wished me to explain. He had been reading the Bible all week and had been writing down the things which he had not understood.

"Strangers who come to see him do not understand why he is not sad. He takes those opportunities to tell them how he has found the Lord. Pray for Frank Potts that the Lord will make a real servant of him and use him to win many other lost prisoners for Jesus Christ."

GARNER E. HOYT.

CORRECTED MAILING LISTS

We have received so many new subscriptions in the last few weeks since our new Brethren Missionary Herald has made its bow that it has kept us on the jump to make the necessary changes on mailing lists. We hope you will bear with us in any delays incident to the mailing of copies to you or your friends for whom you have subscribed. We take this means of expressing our appreciation for the cooperation of our readers and trust that you will continue to tell your friends about the new Brethren Missionary Herald.

QUARTERLIES AVAILABLE

We still have a few Bible School Quarterlies (International lessons) for the first quarter (Jan. -Mar.) 1940 that might be used to good advantage in Bible School or Home Department. We would be glad to dispose of them at the price of 5c each in lots of 10 or more.

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FLASHES Student NEWS

ARNOLD KRIEGBAUM, senior and president of the seminary student body, having completed his residence hours and thesis, has resigned the pastorate of the Ankenytown Brethren Church to become pastor of the new Third Brethren Church of Los Angeles, California. Students and faculty gathered for a social evening in his honor and to wish him Godspeed. He will return in May to receive his degree and participate in the graduation services—also in another important event.

ROBERT CULVER, formerly pastor at Harrah, Washington, now a Junior in the Seminary, has been called to the pastorate at Ankenytown.

PAUL A. DAVIS has been doing supply preaching in Ohio churches.

BOB HILL spent the holidays in the east preaching at churches in Philadelphia and Cape May, New Jersey. He reports six who accepted Christ and several rededications.

GENE ALLEN spent the holidays at his home in Washington, D. C.

GARNER HOYT is conducting a class in French for the five members of the senior class who are under appointment to foreign missionary service in French Equatorial Africa, passing on to them the results of his year and a half recently spent in the schools of France.

Important also in this connection is the arrival of MISS MYNA MORRILL from California to register in several seminary courses as a special student.

WALTER H. MIEKLEY, Junior from Philadelphia, has been called as pastor of a Christian church near Winona Lake. He is about to begin two weeks of evangelistic effort assisted by Bob Hill.

MILDRED MILLER, second year student in the English course, during the holidays presented the gospel in the Barrett Home for delinquent girls, Akron, Ohio.

GLENN O'NEAL, junior from Sunnyside, Washington, spent the holidays in Michigan, preaching two Sundays at a Methodist Church.

RALPH RAMBO with MRS. RAMBO motored to Philadelphia and other eastern points during the vacation period.

HENRY REMPEL, senior in the seminary and newly elected president of the student body, spent the holidays conducting a two weeks' evangelistic meeting for the Pleasant Grove Brethren Church at Williamsburg, Iowa. In spite of the cold weather, Henry reports good attendance, five confessions, and some young people who are interested in seminary training for full time Christian service.

PHILLIP SIMMONS spent Christmas at his home in Covington, Virginia, preaching and conducting the church services during the absence of his pastor, Brother Bernard Schneider.

BLAINE and RUTH SNYDER, seniors in the seminary, were at their home in Conemaugh, Pa., during the holidays. On their way east they served on the Gospel Team which conducted a young people's meeting at Canton, Ohio.

EARL UMBAUGH, junior in the seminary, recently preached in the First Baptist Church of Warsaw, Indiana.

ROBERT WILLIAMS is serving as the pastor of the Osceola Brethren Church, where he is beginning a series of evening evangelistic meetings assistd by Harold Dunning as the speaker.

Under the leadership of Ralph Rambo a GOSPEL TEAM of seminary students conducted a young people's rally in Canton. Over 100 attended, and several lives were offered to God for His service.

JUST HIMSELF

Once it was the blessing—now it is the Lord;
Once it was the feeling—now it is His Word;
Once His gifts I wanted—now Himself alone;
Once I sought for healing—now the Healer own;
Once 'twas painful trying—now 'tis perfect trust;
Once a half salvation—now the uttermost;
Once 'twas what I wanted—now what Jesus says;
Once 'twas constant asking—now 'tis ceaseless praise;
Once it was my working—His it hence shall be;
Once I tried to use Him—now He uses me;
Once the power I wanted—now the Mighty One;
Once I worked for glory—now His will be done!

The present circumstance, which presses so hard against you, if surrendered to Christ, is the best shaped tool in the Father's hand to chisel you for eternity. Trust Him, then. Do not push away the instrument lest you lose its work.—Sel.

TWO BOXES

I thought of it once as I sat by myself
And looked at some boxes that sat on the shelf.
One, so large, with a contrast so grim:
A band-box for me, and a mite-box for Him!
I paid for my hat, and I paid for my gown,
And I paid for my furs that I purchased down town.
And when I returned it was as plain as could be;
A mite-box for Him, and a band-box for me!
I put in a sixpence,—it did not seem right;
I could not be proud of that glorious sight;
So I took out my check book and tried to be square,
For I wanted my giving to look like my prayer.

M. S. HAWLEY.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Professor Herman A. Hoyt supplied the pulpit in the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, during the absence of the pastor..... In the week of Thanksgiving he served as the main speaker for the first meeting of the Iowa Brethren Bible Conference which was held at Dallas Center, Iowa..... With other members of the seminary faculty and local pastors, he delivered several lectures at a two weeks Bible Conference held at Flora, Indiana..... He was the speaker at the dedication of a new building into which the Osceola Brethren have recently moved..... At the mid-winter Bible Conference, held under the auspices of the Northeast Ohio Ministerium in the Ellet Brethren Church, Professor Hoyt was the Bible lecturer..... Also recently he preached the vespers sermon in the First Presbyterian Church, and delivered a Bible lecture in a community Bible Conference held in the United Brethren Church —both churches in Warsaw, Indiana.

President McClain conducted Bible conferences at the First Brethren Church of Waynesboro, Pa., at the regular Monthly Bible Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., at the Callender Memorial Church of Wilkinsburg, Pa., and at the First Reformed Church of Xenia, Ohio..... He also supplied as guest preacher at the Goss Memorial Reformed Church of Akron, Ohio, the First Brethren Church of Berne, Indiana, the Community Presbyterian Church of Winona Lake, Indiana, and the First Baptist Church of Warsaw, Indiana..... He delivered the address at a public mass meeting in Akron, Ohio held for the purpose of launching the newly organized Akron Bible Institute, an institution for the training of teachers and leaders in the local churches under a faculty composed largely of former students of Grace Seminary..... During the Christmas holidays President and Mrs. McClain motored to the Gulf of Mexico, visiting educational institutions on the return trip..... Recently at the invitation of its presiding officer, he presented the ideals and purposes of Grace Seminary before the Rotary Club of Warsaw, Indiana.

Professor Conard Sandy, with Mrs. Sandy and his mother drove to Southern California for the holidays. While there he conducted services at Brethren churches in Los Angeles, Whittier and South Gate. He also addressed the student bodies of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and the Western Bible College..... Earlier in the year Professor Sandy conducted a Bible conference in Hagerstown, Maryland..... Locally he has been guest speaker for the interdenominational union of Women's Missionary Societies of Peru, Indiana, for the Presbyterian Laymen's organization of the churches of this district, and the Kiwanis Club of Warsaw.

The thickest cloud brings the heaviest shower of blessings.

The shedding of tears never saved a soul. Even our tears need washing in the blood of Christ before they can be acceptable.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SON OF MAN

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"Even as the Son of Man came not be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mat. 28:20).

These words were spoken by Christ just a short while before He went to Calvary to fulfil them in our behalf. He was already in the vicinity of Jerusalem on His last visit there before His betrayal and crucifixion. He knew what was immediately ahead and thus He spoke these words.

Here our Lord uses the name for Himself that He most often used. He was the Son of God from all eternity; but at His incarnation by virgin birth He became the Son of man. He now had identified Himself with the human race—even to the place of taking upon Himself our sin and bearing the penalty thereof. Thus He completely identified Himself with us, that we through that complete union might become, in turn, the sons of God.

From this verse we learn at least three things concerning the atoning ministry of the Son of man. First, that it was volitional; second,that it was vicarious; and third, that it was valuable.

1. THIS ATONING MINISTRY OF THE SON OF MAN WAS VOLITIONAL

Note the three verbs used in the passage: "came," "to minister," and "to give." They denote that the subject carries on willingly and is not involved in something over which He has no control. Each action is the result of the will of the actor, or as in this case. the result of Christ willing that it should be. To the Christian there is only one event that can fulfil all this, which is the crucifixion of our Lord at Calvary "to give his life a ransom for many."

His *presence* at the cross was volitional, as is revealed in the phrase: "the Son of man came." Upon another occasion He said: "I am come that they might have life" (John 10:10). Although He knew beforehand all that Calvary would mean in aloneness and agony, in punishment and death, He still willed to be present to bear the burden of sin. He was not driven by a blind fate, but led by His own willingness to save the lost.

His *purpose* for being at the cross was volitional, for He said He had come "to minister." This verb denotes willingness on the part of the "minister" to serve and care for the needs of others. It is a verb that speaks of definite activity toward someone else. Our Lord engaged in a vigorous ministry that culminatd in the cross. But as a true servant He was always thinking of others He gave His all that He might be both the Offering and the High Priest on the brow of Golgotha.

His *passion* at the cross was just as much a matter of His own willing. He went to the cross "to give his life a ransom for man." We as human beings suffer much physical pain and mental anguish, but can we ever say it is done willingly or in that same degree in which He suffered for us? "O how much He was will-

ing to bear! With what anguish and loss Jesus went to the cross! But He carried my sins with Him there." Christ went to Calvary because He willed it so, for He saw the end from the beginning.

2. THE ATONING MINISTRY OF THE SON OF MAN WAS VICARIOUS

When He willed to go to Calvary it was not to atone for any sin He had committed, for he had none; but it was to take the place of those who had "sinned, and come short of the glory of God." "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5: 21).

He engaged in a ministry of *selflessness* for He came "not to be ministered unto." Most of our service is selfish. We too often labor and serve for some personal gain. But the eternal Son of God stooped to the place of the servant and desired to minister unto others rather than have them minister unto Him. Angels were held back from ministering unto Him while He was in the act of ministering for us at Calvary.

He came to engage in a ministry of *service* to others. Mark's Gospel presents Him as a servant constantly doing something for others. His supreme passion was to perform the one great service of redeeming man from sin unto Himself. It is no wonder Isaiah could speak of Him as God's Servant.

But above all He came for a ministry of *substitutionary sacrifice*. He came "to give his life a ransom for many." The word "for" denotes substitution, wherein one takes the place of another. This same Greek word is translated in Matthew's Gospel by the phrase "in the room of" (2:22).

"I gave My life for thee—
My precious blood I shed—
That thou might'st ransomed be,
And quickened from the dead;
I gave, I gave My life for thee,
What hast thou giv'n for Me?"

3. THE ATONING WORK OF THE SON OF MAN WAS VALUABLE.

The world has seen nothing else that in anyway compares to the crucifixion in its eternal value.

In its *atonement* it was God's satisfactory answer to the sin problem. He gave all that we might have eternal life. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls; who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it" (Matt. 13:45-46). The merchant man was none other than the Lord who gave His all to redeem us unto Himself.

It was valuable in what the Son of man *assumed* for He might give us His holiness, His life, His strength. He took unto Himself everything that was rightfully ours, none of which had any value, and gave to us all that was rightfully His, every bit of which is of infinite value. Read Isaiah 53 for the complete picture of this truth.

It is also valuable in its *appropriation,* for in this it gives each individual an opportunity to exercise his own free will. Though the Son of man died for the sin of the world, yet none are forced to receive His salvation. It is God's free gift to those who willingly receive it from His hand by faith. Salvation is for all as we appropriate it. A gift is of little value until we take it to ourselves and begin to use it. We either appropriate or reject it. The decision is with the individual. And so also with salvation.

In the thick of the battle a certain soldier lost one of his arms, and as he lay on his hospital cot the chaplain said: "You have lost an arm in the great cause." But the soldier was quick to make reply: "No, I didn't lose it —I gave it." After the same fashion, but in an infinitely deeper sense, the Son of man lost nothing but gave His all that we might have eternal life. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Promoted to Glory

AGLER, Harlow was born July 7, 1864, and departed to be with Christ at the age of 75 years, 4 months and 25 days. He was a son of Frank and Christine Brake Agler.

On Oct. 18, 1883 he was united in marriage with Miss Samantha J. Foreman. They enjoyed their companionship until April 11, 1936, when his wife passed away.

Surviving are the following children: Chalmer of Columbus, Ohio, Glen and Mrs. Alva Smitley of this community, Mrs. Neva Lantz of Spokane, Washington; Charles of Fort Wayne, and Clarence of Geneva. A brother Joe and a sister Bertha Ann of Columbus, Ohio and another sister, Mrs. Cora Cow of Oakland, Calif.

Mr. Agler had served as deacon of the Bethel Brethren church in Jefferson township for over 28 years and he also served as treasurer of the Sunday school in that church. He was a faithful member.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John Parr, assisted by Dr. J. C. Beal and Rev. Leo Polman.

BLOUGH, Evelyn Mae, departed to be with Christ in November, 1939. Her accidental death at a B & O R. R. crossing near her home was a shock to the entire community.

Sister Evelyn united with the Listie church at the tender age of eight years. During the fifteen years pastorate of the writer, we were strengthened in our ministry by her loyal support.

Her interest and activity in the church covered a wide field. She was recording secretary of the church, teacher in the Sunday School, president of the Sisterhood and organizer, and adviser of the Y.P.S.C.E. Her life personified the hymn "I Want My Life To Tell For Jesus."

The twenty years of her life spent in the church were filled with more activity than many others who spend the allotted "three score and ten" in the church.

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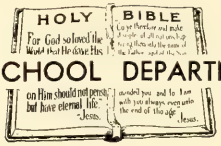

BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

CHILD EVANGELISM IN THE BIBLE SCHOOL

By Tom Hammers

Following is another section from the Child Evangelism Correspondence Course published by the Los Angeles Bible Institute and written by Rev. Harry H. MacArthur. Before studying this material however, turn to the January issue of The Brethren Missionary Herald and read the article entitled, "Meaning of Evangelism." Then with Bible in hand, proceed with your study of this material.

1. Importance of Evangelism In The Bible School

1. *Children Need A Savior From Sin.*

Children, according to God's Word, are potentially lost. They soon become conscious of the fact that they are sinners. Early in life they feel the shame, guilt and even remorse of their sins. They need to be taught, not only that there is a just God, to whom they will be held accountable for their sins, but that there is, also, a loving, sympathetic Savior who can and will forgive their sins if they confess them and turn from them; and that He will impart to them a new strength within, which will enable them to overcome their sinful habits and passions. They are easily convicted of their sins if the truth of God's Word is brought to their minds properly. If Jesus as a loving, powerful Savior is brought to their hearts and minds, they may be led to accept Him as Savior gladly.

Matt. 18:1-14 has reference to the salvation of the child. Read it carefully with this thought in mind, and then look particularly at the following verses in the chapter.

V. 6. *"But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me...."*

Here is a reference to the possibility of *faith* on the part of the child (little one).

V. 11. *"For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost."*

Jesus here refers to the lost condition of the child. By referring to the context it will be seen that the message of this chapter on the "child in the midst," does not close until the 14th verse, therefore, this refers to the child. *Children are potentially lost, that is,they will soon grow up in sin and be lost, if they are not won to Christ.*

V. 12-13. *"How think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray."*

The straying sheep in this parable is a lost child. Straying children are seldom, if ever, wilful sinners, but rather creatures of environment; still they are really lost or will be soon. Jesus has commanded us to *"Go"* —*"Seek"* and *"Find"* the straying child.

V. 14. *"Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."*

In this verse Jesus not only speaks of the possibility of the child being saved, but the desire of the Heavenly Father for his salvation.

In Matt. 19:13-14 Jesus commands that the children be brought to Him. We lead and ask adults to believe in Christ, or to receive Christ, or to confess Christ. Have we done our duty to the children if we do not teach them and lead them to receive Christ as their very own Savior?

When a child can be conscious of sin, he is old enough to accept the Savior, or as someone has put it, *"When a child is old enough to knowingly sin, he is old enough to savingly believe."*

2. It is A Great Sin To Neglect Them

V. 6. *"But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in Me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea."*

To *offend* (cause to stumble) a little child is a great sin because of the child's helplessness. It would be, our Lord said, a lesser calamity to be drowned in the depths of the sea, than to offend a little child.

V. 7-9. *"Woe unto the world because of offenses, for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh. Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee; it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire."*

"And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee; it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire."

Woe is pronounced on those who offend children. Jesus is, as we have already seen, dealing here with the child. It is a serious and great sin to neglect to evangelize him, or to oppose or discourage a child in regard to his being saved through faith in Jesus Christ. In fact it is a graver sin to neglect to evangelize a child than an adult.

3. They Can Be Born Again

Jn. 1:12-13. *"But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.*

"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of man, but of God."

The Word of God which promises *regeneration* to those who receive Christ *does not limit the promise to adults.*

Jn. 3:16. *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

The wonderful promise of salvation above is to *"whosoever"*— and we limit the scope of this promise if we do not apply it to the child.

Mk. 16:15-16. *"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned."

We are commanded to evangelize "every creature"— this necessarily must include the child.

The testimony of experience proves that children can be born again. Some of the most useful servants of God were saved and regenerated in childhood. Biblical characters such as Samuel (1 Sam. 2:11, 18, 26), Josiah, the boy king (II Kings 22:1, 2), and Timothy (II Tim. 3:14, 15), were all saved during childhood.

Also other Christian leaders like Polycarp, one of the apostolic fathers who was converted at nine; Matthew Henry, the prince of the commentators, at eleven; Isaac Watts, the greatest writer of church hymns, at nine; Henry Drummond, the notable scientist-evangelist, at nine. This list could be added to almost indefinitely.

The testimony of Christian leaders also proves that children can be born again. Mr. Spurgeon is given credit for this remarkable statement: "I will say broadly that I have more confidence in the spiritual life of the children that I have received into this church (Metropolitan Tabernacle in London) than I have in the spiritual condition of the adults received. I will even go further to say that I have usually found a clearer knowledge of the gospel, and a warmer love to Christ in the child-convert than in the man-convert. I will even astonish you by saying that I have met with deeper spiritual experience in children of 10 and 12, than I have in certain persons of 50 and 60." This man of experience is the man who has a right to speak. Surely, such a statement from such a man should be sufficient to stop the mouths of the gainsayers as to child-conversions.

In one of his sermons, Spurgeon makes this statement; "A child of five, if properly instructed, can as truly believe, and be regenerated, as an adult."

Dr. R. A. Torrey said: "When I see a child walk into the inquiry room of a Sunday evening, I feel quite certain that if a worker of any sense gets hold of that child it is going to be converted; but when I see a man or woman walk in there I do not feel at all so sure."

A great Christian leader once made this statement; "If Protestantism loses out it will be because it has lost faith in the reality of a child's religious experience."

4. Children Often Die

We look at the white-haired man and say he is liable to die soon, but we look at the child and think that the child has many years before it. Bible School workers should realize that any one of the boys or girls in the class that they teach may die any day. This thought should make us zealous to win them to Christ as speedily as possible.

(Another section on evangelism in the Bible School will appear next month).

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C. E. NOTES and NEWS

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(Send all news items to your C. E. News Editor, 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.)

Don't forget that we're in a hurry for your pastor's birthday and favorite Scripture verse. Don't wait for someone else to look after this. Phone him now, and drop us a card with this information. And remember, *we're in a hurry!*

While you're sending us the birthday, include a few words about your society's activities for this column. Let's have some fresh, newsy items!

This word comes from the high school C. E. of the *First Brethren Church of Long Beach*: "Our society is doing fairly good work this year. We have 53 members and the average attendance so far has been about 46. Several have accepted the Lord, and interest has been as good as could be expected in these days."

Endeavorers of all ages, this announcement is for you. We know that at some time or other you have had a C. E. meeting which was of unusual interest. Perhaps it was just the kind of program some other society would like to try. Accordingly, we are starting a C. E. Topic Contest in which any society or individual may compete, and in which each contestant can submit as many programs as he desires. Some of the things you will want to include are poster suggestions to advertise the meeting, type of meeting, the entire program of the evening (including special features, topics discussed, Scriptures used, etc.) and any other items which would make the meeting outstanding. Make all comments brief, but be sure important details are clearly stated. The outline you submit should not exceed 600 words. The plans submitted need not be original, but if you wish to test your skill writing a topic of your own, that is permissible. Watch this column for further details, and announcement of awards.

The Ellet C. E. sends in this news: Ellet Christian Endeavor has chosen a theme song, 'The Light of the World Is Jesus.' We also have as a favorite Scripture verse Mt. 5:16. Our last meeting was very well conducted by a men's gospel team just recently organized. We have started our Buckeye Camp contest in which the winner will have all or part of the expenses paid."

Start now to save your dimes and quarters so you can attend *Bethany Camp at Winona Lake* during Bible Conference week next summer. If you want fun and frolic, that's the place to get it, as you can readily guess from Brother W. H. Schaffer's reply to our inquiry as to whether he had any statement to make regarding Bethany Camp last year:

"I cannot really give you a writeup on Bethany Camp for all I did while there was eat and try to get some sleep. Am I glad Norman Uphouse is married? My cot was right by the front door and the rest of the boys thought it was a good joke to lock him out every night ofter 12:00."

Well, maybe Rev. Schaffer could explain how Norman Uphouse's bed got demolished and how the bed clothes got outside beneath the bushes!

LIKED BETHANY CAMP

Bethany Camp, however, was not *all* fun and frolic as you can see from the testimony of Miss Mildred Flatten:

"As I prepared to attend the conference of 1939 and stay at Bethany Camp, it was rest and peace I sought. After a strenuous winter and a trying summer, something was needed as an uplift before starting another school year. At Bethany Camp the bill was more than filled. The lodge was well equipped for the much-needed rest. The program, so well organized, even provided time for this.

"The vesper services and other times of fellowship afforded that 'peace that passeth all understanding.' One felt so away from the world, yet so filled with the joy of meeting old friends in the Lord.

"Until we can meet with Him and our believing sisters and brothers, Bethany Camp seems to me as a place of homecoming—a bit of heaven on this old earth—a place where Jn. 14:27 was made real to me, 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.'"

If you were at Bethany Camp and have any statement to make regarding it, let us hear from you at once.

Could you use $1.00? Brother Polman says he will pay $1.00 each for the ten best pictures he receives which were taken at Bethany Camp last year. The pictures may be any size and you can send as many as you want. All pictures submitted will become his property

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INTERMEDIATE C. E. QUERY CORNER

Question: How can we get our committee chairmen to work?

Answer: Three things are essential. 1. Enthusiasm. 2. Enthusiasm. 3. Enthusiasm.

No task is accomplished satisfactorily if there is an absence of enthusiasm for the work, be it secular or for the Lord.

Someone has said, "Emmanuel means, God with us. Enthusiasm means, God in us. Ponder that and you will realize the importance of knowing the Lord, Who working in and through His children will accomplish that which would otherwise be impossible.

The president must be enthusiastic if he would expect results from the chairmen.

It is important that each chairman know the Lord and have a desire to serve Him.

It is important that each chairman know what is expected of him.

Each chairman should have a vision of the importance of every phase of Christian Endeavor. Every department is needful for a well rounded life for our Christian youth.

If your "cup is full and running over" your enthusiasm is bound to be contagious and result in growth for your C. E.—Miss Lena Marie Kortemeier, Intermediate Supt.

C. E. FUN CORNER

A SNOWBALL PARTY

The Invitation:

Come to our Snowball Party,
Come, there'll be lots of fun.
A jolly good time awaits you,
Everybody come — on the run.
Time. Place. Date.

The decorations:

Cotton, icicles, artificial snow, imagination, will add the "winter" touch.

The Refreshments:

A few suggestions in "white"—ice cream, marshmallows, popcorn, white sandwiches, white cake.

The Preparation:

Come on Social Chairmen, here's your chance to put it over. Be generous with your preparations. Make careful announcements. Plan for more games than you can use—unused ones will keep until next time. Begin promptly. Keep things moving. Stop on time.

A few suggestions for games:

The starting mixer: Pin slips of paper with words that have to do with snow or winter on each guest. Armed with paper and pencil they are to greet each other, shake hands, then write down word, each one to gather as many different words as possible in a given length of time, say five minutes. Collect stories and read aloud. Special recognition may be given the one voted best by the group.

Snowball contest: Make ten artificial snowballs of cotton. Make a cardboard snowman with a hat on. Place him at end of the room, let each player in turn toss balls trying to knock his hat off. Can make this game competitive by choosing sides, and giving points.

Guess What: Each guest writes down a brief description, some idea connected with snow, using five sentences, but not name it. Then each one reads his discription while others try to guess his idea. The one guessed by fewest number is winner.

The Devotions: Do not forget the sacred privilege of a good "sing" and a few well chosen thoughts by your pastor, your president, or a member of your C. E., or someone invited for the specific purpose of giving the devotional message ere you sing "Good Night Ladies." How about a Bible study on "Snow?" Job 38:22 "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" will get you started.

Yours for a good time,
AUNT POLLY.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

Feb. 25, 1940

By Norman Uphouse

COUNSEL FOR CHRISTIANS—(1 Jn. 1:1-2:2)

Suggestions for the leader

Personal work involves more than simply bringing the unsaved to Christ; it means to make contacts with weak Christians. Paul urged us to bear the infirmities of the weak if we are strong in the Lord. Many times we discover a real opening to help someone that is about to give up or go back into the world in unfaithfulness.

Real Christian living calls for a sympathetic and helpful attitude toward those who make mistakes and fall. They cannot be helped much by criticism but can be brought back into their first love for God by kindly advice.

Never assume a holier-than-thou attitude. People resent that. We should be humble, admitting that we, too, are sinners needing the constant cleansing of Christ from sin. We should encourage others that there is hope for the worst person. No sin is too great for the grace of God to help the sinner.

Victory in Christian living cannot come while we harbor unconfessed sins. God withholds blessings from those who refuse to bow for forgiveness. If there is trouble in the Christian's life, usually it is a sin question Sin robs one of a sweet testiony, destroys interest in the Bible, causes indifference toward the church, and eventually leads to defeat.

The best way to deal with individuals is to use the Bible freely. Have such knowledge of the Word that you can use some texts. At least give the meaning of the verse so the person can have courage.

Strange things are taking place within the church and by church members. The need was never greater than now for personal work among those going astray from God.

1. SOME CHRISTIANS ARE CARNAL AND NEED WARNING (I Cor. 5:1-8; I Jn. 1:9-10; 2:1-2)

There are no perfect people. As long as we are in this body we will have the tendency to sin and will actually become contaminated with sin. This is no excuse for a person to give up and live in open and habitual sin. It ought to make us sober and create within us a desire to be free from the thing that harms our Christian living.

Jesus Christ is the Advocate of all who trust Him. If we sin we can come to Him for forgiveness. This does not give one liberty to sin as he wills and think he can have forgivness. There is a difference between habitual sin and falling into sin. An unsaved sinner practices sin as a habit. A Christian will fall into sin but it is his nature to refrain from the same sin again. He experiences forgiveness and has a hatred for sin.

It is possible for Christians to be limited in blessings because they do not honor the Lord as they have opportunity. Warn Christians that it is possible to be disapproved in God's sight. Faithfulness to Him always brings great reward.

2. SOME CHRSTIANS ARE DISCOURAGED AND NEED STRENGTHENING. I Ki. 19:4-8.

Life does have disappointments. Some about us have troubles and problems that make it hard for them to maintain interest in Christian things. Here is a wonderful opportunity to insist that no discouragement should ruin our love for Christ. There are Biblical reasons for suffering. Some cases we may not understand now, but we can be assured that things which come to Christians will work out for their good.

A new born babe in Christ will meet with severe opposition in the world. The enemy will make it hard for him. The old time friends will scoff at his decision. At this time he needs help. It is important not only to bring people to Christ but also to strengthen them in the faith. Let those who are weak in respect to falling into sin be taught from the Word that the victorious life means to be completely surrendered to the Lord.

3. SOME CHRISTIANS ARE SORROWFUL AND NEED COMFORT. Lk. 4:18-19; II Cor. 1:3-4.

Much of the Bible is written to comfort the sorrowing. Sin leaves its mark of sorrow in the world and Christians are made to feel some of it, but we need not sorrow as those who have no hope. Regardless of what happens, we always have the promise of Christ's return and the accompanying blessings. We lift up our eyes from the present course of affairs and look to the Lord Jesus.

Christian fellowship is of great value during sorrow. People appreciate a sympathetic friend in whom they can confide.

Much of Christ's earthly ministry was among those who were in trouble—in homes where death had entered, and among the outcasts and the incurables. To those that sat in the region of the shadow of death, light sprang up.

4. SOME CHRISTIANS ARE IGNORANT AND NEED TEACHING. I Co. 6:19-20; I Thess. 4:13; I Jn. 5:13.

As a rule the average Christian's knowledge of the Bible is meager. Scores of people in the church have not given proper time to Bible study and have but a fragmentary knowledge of its teachings. Great doctrines like sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the return of Christ, and others, are not clearly understood by many people in the church. Before we can do much to help others we must understand these things.

Today a great deal is said about the separated life. Unless we actually believe it and practice it, others will hardly be led into this avenue of blessing. It is important to know what the Bible teaches in respect to the curse of worldliness and the joy of Christian victory over the world.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

Some reasons why people are discouraged, Num. 21:4; Neh. 4:10; Ps. 73:2, 3; Prov. 13:12. Examples of despondency. Num. 11:15; Josh. 7:7; Job 10:1; Jer. 15:10. Spiritual ignorance of the teachers of Israel. Matt. 12:7; Luke 19:42; John 3:10. Some "know ye not" passages. Rom. 6:16; I Cor. 3:16; 5:6; 6:2, 3, 9, 15, 16, 19; 9:13, 24; James 4:4.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

1. Would it be better for a personal worker to start dealing with Christians rather than sinners? Would this help to overcome timidity?

2. What place does the use of the Bible have in helping defeated Christians?

3. How spiritual must we be before we can be a help to those who are weak? Rom. 15:1.

4. In Christian work, should we have a holier-than-thou attitude or go in the spirit of meekness? Gal. 6:1.

5. In what way can Christians bear the burdens of others? Gal. 6:2.

Junior Topic

Feb. 25, 1940

Miss Miriam Gilbert, Junior Topic Editor

WHY ALL MY TROUBLES?

Aim: To show that the trials of the Christian life are the greatest blessings God can send into our lives if we let Him have His way.

Approach to the lesson:

Nellie was eight years old when she accepted Jesus as her Savior. Her parents did not want her to be a Christian, and thought they could "whip it out of her." But the more they whipped her the more she prayed that they might love her Jesus, too, and the more she wanted to go to Sunday School to learn more about Jesus and to receive new strength to suffer for him.

Do you know why God allowed this small child to suffer for Him? The answer from God's Word will show why Nellie never regretted the hard things she endured for Jesus before her parents and sisters loved Him. Before we answer the question, we want to be sure never to make the mistake of thinking God ever allows any Christian to suffer because He does not love him (Heb. 12:5-11). Did you ever see a child whose parents never punished him? He was "spoiled," wasn't he? and none of the children liked to play with him. God in love corrects us like a father does, that we might be "good children" of His (v. 11).

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT OUR TROUBLES:

Ps. 119:67, 71. Our troubles keep us close to God.

Jn. 15:2-5. Grape vines bleed when they are purged (pruned) to remove the branches which keep them from bearing fruit. So our troubles cause heartaches, but God uses them to remove the things which make our lives unfruitful.

II Cor. 4:6-10. Almost any plant looks nice in a pretty flower pot, but one cannot help but be impressed with the beauty of a plant which looks nice in a common flower pot. Our lives are just common flower pots, and if the beauty of Christ can be seen in our lives in spite of all our troubles, others cannot help but marvel at the wonderful Savior we have.

Rom. 8:17-18. Our sufferings are very small compared with the glory which shall be ours when life is over.

II Cor. 4:15-18. We can suffer for Jesus only a little while, and we will have all eternity to enjoy the fathomless blessings which such suffering brings.

ILLUSTRATIONS FROM SCRIPTURE:

(All lessons referred to are from True Stories from the Long Ago.)

Ex. 13-18, Les. 28-29. Israel's troubles showed them the blessedness of complete dependence upon God.

II Chron. 20, Les. 71. Jehoshaphat's troubles taught a whole nation the power of prayer, the joys of complete trust in God, and the greatness of deliverance when God undertakes.

Jonah 1-2, Les. 79. Jonah's trouble taught him the importance of obeying God.

Acts 8:1; 12:44-14:26. The persecution of the early church became the means of spreading the good news of salvation to those who had not heard.

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"I am not a subscriber to the enclosed paper and do not desire to have my name listed as a subscriber. Please remove my name from such list if same is listed that way."—*E. E. M., Indiana.*

Able to do
All that we ask,
All that we ask or think.
Above all that we ask or think.
Abundantly above all that we ask or think.
Exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.
According to the power which worketh in us.
Ephesians 3:20.

His heart cannot be pure whose tongue is not clean.

God never calls youth to venture for Him, but with Him.

The world's joys cause sorrow. Hell is truth seen too late.

The Bank of Heaven is still doing business! The interest rate has not changed; the dividends have never failed.

Next Wednesday will be Valentine's Day. It makes us think of hearts, and of love, so this week we want to think about God's love and how we can express our love to Him.

What We Can Give To Jesus

An evangelist had just led little Mary to the Lord. She wanted so much to do something nice for him, but was too poor to buy even the smallest gift. As she walked across the lawn wondering what she could do she suddenly stopped. At her feet were some clover blossoms. Carefully she picked the largest ones, and adding a few clover leaves she arranged a little bouquet. This she gave to the evangelist at her first opportunity.

"Why did you bring me a bouquet?" the evangelist asked after thanking her for her little gift.

"Because I love you," was her reply.

"And do you give little gifts to Jesus?" he asked.

"I give *myself* to Him," she answered, for the very best she could give the evangelist was not good enough for Him Who saved her from her sins.

What gift do *you* give the Lord Jesus? Like little Mary, you may be poor, but you can still give Him the gift that would please Him more than anything else—yourself. Have you ever given Him this gift?

Make Mother A Valentine

If mother has not destroyed the Christmas cards she received last year, perhaps she would let you have them. Find one that has enough pretty paper so that you can cut three nice hearts from the parts on which there is no writing. If you cannot find anything suitable among the Christmas cards, perhaps you have some red construction paper or other heavy paper around the house.

First cut a heart from a plain piece of heavy paper for a pattern. If you do not know how, have someone show you. After the pattern is made, trace three hearts on the paper from which you wish to make the valentine.

Next you must decide whether you want to have the three valentines side by side or one underneath the other. If you have them side by side, overlap them just enough so that when you paste them together they will stay in place. After the paste is dry, punch a hole at each side of the center heart where it overlaps with the heart on the outside. If you do not have a paper punch, you can make the holes with an ice pick. Put a piece of colored ribbon through the holes and paste the ends on the under side of the valentine. Then the valentine can be hung on the wall when it is finished, if it is neat enough.

If you want the hearts underneath each other, punch one hole near the top and one near the bottom of each heart. Draw the ribbon through the holes in each heart, spacing the hearts one-half inch apart on the ribbon.

On the first heart carefully print, "God is love (I John 4:8b)." Jesus will help you to do this neatly if you ask Him to do so. On the second heart print, "We love Him because He first loved us (I Jn. 4:19)." On the third heart print, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another (I Jn. 4:11)." Perhaps you had better practice printing this on some plain hearts before you try it on the good ones.

Your mother will be pleased with such a valentine and will be sure to get a blessing from its message if you give it to her with a prayer that God will use it to His glory.

Our Bible Character Alphabet

Answer to last week's Bible character alphabet: Adonibezek.

B was a man who started to go where the Lord had told him not to go. On the way he heard an animal speak. Num. 22:22-33 tells what the animal said, and why. Who was the man to whom she spoke?

This Week's Memory Verse

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God (I Jn. 4:7).

Daily Bible Readings

Sun.—I Jn. 4:9-10. How God showed His love for us.
Mon.—Jn. 14:15, 21. How we can show our love for God.
Tues.—I Jn. 4:7-8. Our love for each other.
Wed.—I Jn. 4:20-21. Love that is not real.
Thurs.—I Jn. 5:2-3. Love and obedience.
Fri.—Jn. 15:12, 9. How great our love should be.
Sat—Jn. 13:34-35. How men shall know we love Jesus.

Some Things For Which To Pray

Sun.—More love for God.
Mon.—That you may show your love for God by obeying Him.
Tues.—More love for one another.
Wed.—Real love for your enemies.
Thurs.—Those who do not love God.
Fri.—Love like Jesus had.
Sat.—That others may see the love of Jesus in us.

NEWS BRIEFS

From Our Workers

By Robert D. Culver

A MID-WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCE sponsored by the Northeast Ohio Brethren Ministerial Association was held in the Ellet Brethren Church January 3-7. The conference speaker was Herman A. Hoyt, professor at Grace Theological Seminary. Eleven churches cooperated in the conference: Ankenytown, Ashland W. Tenth St., Canton, Cleveland, Danville, Ellet, Homerville, Middlebranch, Rittman, Sterling and Wooster.

FROM THE SOUTHWEST comes an encouraging report via the bulletin of the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles. "The first fruits of the new Jewish Mission project, undertaken by the Home Missions Council, showered down upon our church two weeks ago in the three young men, Jews, who have recently received Jesus Christ as their Messiah and Savior, and who were baptized by the pastor and received into our church."

AND SPEAKING OF ISRAEL, a true child of Abraham who has been for years a messenger to his people the Jews and to Gentiles as well has been received by his Lord into glory. Rev. Oscar Wago, after a long period of poor health, died Jan. 1 in Florida after a heart attack.

AN ASSOCIATE OF BRO. WAGO, Rev. H. B. Centz, who has shared his ministry in a number of our churches, closed a four day Bible conferne on Jan. 10 in the Conemaugh, Pa., church, of which Bro. W. H. Schaffer is pastor.

A RECORD of a good piece of real home mission work comes to us from the Conemaugh bulletin. For about a year, the Conemaugh church has been sponsoring in a neighboring community what is known as the Franklinboro Mission. Mr. Ray Starr, a member of the Johnstown First Church, has been superintending the mission Sunday School. The following record, given at the last quarterly business meeting of the Conemaugh church, speaks for the quality of work being done. "Sunday School attendance, 666; average attendance, 55. Thursday night Bible class, 367; average attendance, 46." (All reports are for Oct.-Dec. quarter.) "Revival meetings held for two weeks from Nov. 26 to Dec. 10, with an average attendance of 68, resulted in 55 confessions from boys and girls ranging in ages from 7-16."

SPEAKING OF WORK, a useful collection of statistics has been assembled by the Board of Deacons of the church at Allentown, Pa., of which Bro. Frank Coleman, Jr., is pastor. In June a long list of questions, all concerning the elements and manner of conducting the three-fold communion service, was sent out to the pastors of 150 Brethren churches. The results, compiled from the 56 churches which responded, are both interesting and useful. We hope this information will be made available to all.

FROM THE SOUTHEAST comes the report of another up-and-coming Sunday School. We quote from the bulletin of the First Brethren Church of Washington, D. C., of which Bro. Homer A. Kent is pastor. "For the 14th consecutive month the Sunday School reports that the attendance for the last month exceeds that for the corresponding month of the preceding year. The average attendance was 343." This report is several weeks old. May the Lord have poured out added blessing in the meantime!

THE MID-WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCE of Brethren Churches in Southern California was held in the First Church of Los Angeles Jan. 18-21. The conference speaker was Dr. Herbert Lockyer of England. Services were held each afternoon and evening.

THE SECOND BRETHREN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES, of which Paul R. Bauman is pastor, reports a net gain of 71 members during 1939 The total Sunday School attendance for the year was reported at 19,545, a gain of 1,346 over the previous year The average attendance per Sunday was 386, an increase of 18 over the previous year. The total Sunday School offerings were $3,522.35.

CLIPPED FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE SECOND CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES: "Dr. Kenneth M. Monroe, Dean of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, is to be teacher of a Bible class sponsored by our church and the First Brethren Church of Los Angeles. The class will meet each Tuesday evening in the First Church. Dr. Monroe will lead the class in a series of studies in the Book of Daniel. Subjects selected from that book will enable him to discuss current events in the light of the prophetic Word, and to illustrate them each night with slides from his summer travels in Palestine and Europe." This class is to begin Feb. 6.

BRETHREN CHURCHES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA are evidently keeping Dr. Monroe busy, for the Whittier Church of which Bro. Charles A. Ashman is pastor, has announced a series of three lectures to be given by Dr. Monroe Jan. 16, 23, and 30. These are slide lectures on archeological work in Palestine and Egypt. The following interesting report also comes to us from the Whittier Bulletin. "There were 35 members received during the year, bringing the membership of the church to 486. Twenty-two special speakers occupied the pulpit during the year."

GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY enjoyed the ministry of Dr. V. C. Kelford of Waterloo, Iowa, during Jan. 23-26. Dr. Kelford addressed the faculty and student body twice on Tuesday, twice on Wednesday on the subject of "Grace". He spoke three times on Thursday to the seminary and to visitors from the community on the subject of "The Yielded Life". On Friday, the seminary's annual day of prayer, he spoke three times on the subject of "Prayer". The writer was an attendant of all these addresses and can bear testimony to the spiritual quickening the Spirit of God imparted through these lectures.

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

From Your Mission Point —One Sunday At Fort Wayne, Ind.

We humans are inclined to view the ordinary church worship and Sunday services as just common and sometimes monotonous routine. Not so at The First Brethren Church at Fort Wayne. Every Sunday is a special treat! With all its Bible School departmentalized, it is a veritable beehive of activity every Sunday morning. At the close of the classes each week, Brother Leo Polman teaches the children by an object lesson (needless to say, the older folks get the point as well!). The worship hour moves along and comes to a close seemingly in no time. But, even as in points of longer-established work, the folks enjoy fellowship after services and tarry until the dinner bell rings!

Sunday evening calls together four Christian Endeavor groups. These are growing in grace and numbers for which we're glad. Mrs. Polman's nimble fingers dancing all over the keyboard of one piano (and what I mean, they dance—the dance which is a praise unto Him), with assistance of two other pianos, tell us that the evening service has begun. Folks participate gladheartedly in lively song service.

Special numbers, both vocal and instrumental, are heard at every service. Every Sunday is a *special* day at Fort Wayne!

Another clear-ringing message from the Word of God closes the formal Sunday service, but the day is not yet over—as many as can stay joint in informal fellowship of the *singspiration* and have a fine half hour to crown the events of the day. This time is filled with chorus singing, specially-prepared numbers—duets, solos, quartets—vocal music and instrumental. Then, too, there are some impromptu renditions! (This service verily fills the place which otherwise is left empty in our Christian association.) With auditorium lights turned out, in the gleam of a radiant, illuminated cross, "The Old Rugged Cross" or some other appropriate hymn is sung. Lights on again and the group forms a fellowship circle, sings "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and is dismissed with prayer.

Our invitation is open to any who wish to and can to visit us and share the joy of worship.

We have found it a blessing to be amidst the number enjoying all the fine fellowship here. It has been a heart-touching experience and the novelty and thrill of such meetings do not vanish with regular attendance.

Added blessings and spiritual feasting are the reward of all who are faithful in attending all regular services and the special weekly meetings.

How great things God hath done for us! Wherefore we are glad. Ever in His Grace,

GENEVA G. KUHN.

The First Brethren Church Of Long Beach

Held its annual business meeting January 9th, and though it was almost midnight before adjournment was in order, the reports were so interesting and inspiring that one did not weary.

Our church roll now numbers 1,422, and the treasurer's report showed a cash balance in the bank of $1,421.16. (If we had had but 84c more, wouldn't that have been a coincidence?) Here are some other interesting figures from the treasurer's report:

Total offerings during 1939:

To Foreign Missions	$10,574.67
To Home Missions	3,610.89
To Grace Theological Seminary	3,218.64

The Bible School rejoices in an average attendance of 1,291 each Sunday of 1939, with an average offering per Sunday of $196.45. Much of the credit for this splendid attendance is due to our Transportation Committee, which is composed of 60 volunteer autos that call on over 400 homes each Sunday, bringing an average of 582 boys and girls, or a total of 30,834 during the entire year.

Then, there was a report from the "baby" of the Southern California District, the Naples Bible School of which our Brother Ralph Colburn is superintendent. He reported an average attendance of 30 at Bible School and an average of 12 coming to the midweek prayer meeting. Also, there were 11 confessions last Sunday, and Brother Ralph says they are about ready for a baptismal service.

Another interesting phase of the work is the Child Evangelism classes—37 of them held in various homes during the week, with 27 teachers. The superintendent of this work reported a total attendance during the year of 11,789 children, among whom there were 364 confessions of Christ. Total receipts during the year, $202.67.

"The Seventy" Committee reported a total of 7,271 calls made during the year; 174 first confessions of Christ as Savior; 38 members gained for the church; 136 members of the Bible School, and a total of 11,552 Bibles, Testaments and tracts distributed, not to mention 162 baskets of food given to those in need.

There are many other interesting departmnts of the work, but let us close with the church nursery report. This department takes care of babies and young children every Sunday morning and evening, thus permitting the parents to attend the church service. The nursery reported that they cared for an average of 20 babies per Sunday, with the highest number (51) on Easter Sunday.

Surely, we have much for which to praise the Lord as we enter 1940 for another year if service unto Him.

MRS. L. E. ANDREWS, church reporter.

Pleasant Grove Evangelistic Service

Williamsburg, Iowa

On December 26 the Pleasant Grove church started an evangelistic service which lasted till Jan. 7 with

Brother Henry Rempel of Grace Theological Seminary presiding.

The roads were excellent and the first few days temperatures moderate and attendance increasing. Then the temperature dropped to below zero and continued very cold the remainder of the meeting.

We had a fine meeting. The spirit was good and cooperation of adjoining communities fine as well as the loyalty of the faithful membership.

Five confessions were made, four new family altars established, and much Bible reading done. One lady read 293 chapters in one day; others read as many as 134.

Those were the visible results but we feel even greater were the invisible results. The spirituality of membership was enriched; greater interest in Bible created; interest of outside people gained; and many outside folks contacted by Brother Rempel in his fine spiritual interest and concern for their souls' welfare. He is a fine personal worker as well as a good speaker; earnest talker; excellent Bible instructor and enthusiastic song leader. We all enjoyed his accordian music as well. To become better acquainted with Brother Rempel is to love his Lord more and appreciate the entreater more. Rev. Rempel was much appreciated by those in whose homes he was entertained.

The Lord certainly had a hand in sending Rev. Rempel to us and we wish God's most rich blessings on him in his school work and continued service for his Master whom he so much loves to serve.

MRS. JOHN R. MYERS, Cor. Secretary.

Spokane, Washington

The Spokane church sends greetings to all of like faith.

We just closed a year of delightful fellowship in service for the Master. The spirit of unity and worship is fine. During the year 1939 we received a group of fine young folks, two men and three ladies, who prove themselves to be real born again workers, finding continued opportunities in His vineyard.

We are especially happy to report that the work here is seemingly being revived. Rev. A. L. Lantz, our pastor, administered baptism and received into the church four children and two adults on the second Sunday evening of this month. We praise God for the continued efforts being made here to gather a people unto Himself.

The Spokane church covets the prayers of the entire brotherhood that we abide in His will and be led by Him to greater work. MRS. J. E. ALLEN, Rec. Sec'y.

FOUND IN OUR MAIL

"I have my first copy and have gone through it 'from river to river.' And I am in hopes that the next issue will be coming on in rapid succession..... With the prayer that each new number will be Spirit-filled."
—*G. C., Kansas.*

"Congratulations on the new magazine! It's a beauty!!" —*G. J., California.*

"Just received the missionary number of our new Brethren magazine and believe it is going to be a fine paper, so am sending $1.00 for the coming year. May God bless you." —*E. F., Oregon.*

"May God richly bless this magazine as it goes forth and may His richest blessings be upon those who made it possible to have this magazine is my prayer."
—*H. E., Kansas.*

"I love the new name, *The Brethren Missionary Herald*..... Thank God we are to have a paper that will furnish us with spiritual food. Am enclosing my subscription for the new paper." —*D. B. Virginia.*

"I hasten to send the $1.00 for subscription for the year, for I do not want to miss a number."
—*B. Z., Oklahoma.*

HERE'S HONOR ROLL FOR PUBLICATION DAY OFFERING

Need $5,000 in February!

Praise the Lord! These could not wait for February. They sent their offering in January! First honors go to Miss Allshouse, the Brethren Missionary Herald, Editorial Secretary. The first offering sent in by a church, came from The First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Watch This *Honor Roll* Every Week!

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EDITORIALS

By R. Paul Miller

SIX MONTHS FROM NOW——

.....you may want to have your Jewish Bible Conference. If so, arrange for it now. Wait six months to think about it and you may be sadly disappointed. Send in for the date that will suit you best now, and then you can rest easy till the time comes. Requests are beginning to come in. Some of our churches have already held their Jewish conference.

REMEMBER — this is the only way we have of financing our new Jewish Mission in Los Angeles.

PASTOR — you will not want your church listed among those that did nothing to help take the gospel to Israel this year.

250,000 Jewish hearts have been entrusted to us by God to evangelize. This is one task in which we dare not fail.

Our responsibility began January 1st. It is now up to us.

Send all offerings and pledges to the office of the Council in Berne, Indiana.

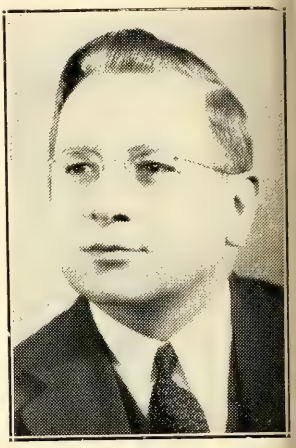
"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan. 12:3).

GREAT IS OUR LOSS

It is with deep regret that we express our sorrow at the passing on of our beloved Brother Oscar Wago. This wonderful witness for Christ has endeared himself to all who knew him with a lasting affection. The story of this dear man's life of trouble and suffering before he found Jesus Christ as His Savior is one of the most thrilling accounts in the annals of the victories of the gospel. The way God used this faithful son of Abraham after his conversion to Christ was most remarkable. He was a true witness to his own people, the Jews, and also to the Gentiles. He greatly loved the people of the Brethren churches, and deeply endeared himself to all who knew him in his ministry.

Rev. Wago

Brother Wago greatly rejoiced to see the action of the Brethren churches in undertaking the Los Angeles Jewish Mission as their especial responsibility. He was looking forward with the keenest of anticipation to having a part in helping the Brethren churches to make a success of this great work of saving Israel. He was in the office of the Brethren Hime Missions Council shortly before he died, accompanied by Brother H. B. Centz At that time he was not well, but made no mention of it at all, instead manifesting a sweet spirit of optimism and cheerfulness that was catching.



Rev. Centz

We shall miss our brother immensely, but we shall try to show more of his spirit in our own lives, I am sure. May the comfort of the grace and power of our Lord Jesus Christ be given without measure to Sister Wago, who feels this loss more keenly than any other. We feel that it won't be long now until we shall all hear the call, "Come up hither."—R. P. M.

True sacrifice consists, not so much in giving up great things as in daily reliquinshing personal enjoyments for the sake of others, without looking for love or gratitude in return.

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THE FARCE OF MORAL RE-ARMAMENT

Nothing indicates the close of the age of grace more than the way religious fads and fakes sweep across the world of men these days. Right now it is "Buchmanism," more popularly known as "Moral Re-armament," and is the present offspring of what was known as the "Oxford Movement" which was so popular a few years ago.

With a Christless, crossless, message that is acceptable to Jew, Hindu, Arabian, Confucianist or pagan, this MRA movement sweeps on. To a Christ rejecting world of men with the holocaust of an awful world catastrophe of misery and death as the harvest of their sins hanging over their heads, such a movement, holding out the promise of deliverance from all war if its principles are accepted, seems to be a real refuge.

With an imposing emblem of four pillars holding up three massive letters *M R A* representing "Moral Re-armament;" with the explanation that the four pillars stand for absolute purity, absolute honesty, absolute unselfishness, absolute love; and with a press agent department that uses every resource of the show business to make a striking impression on the mass mind; this new religious idea flows on like a tidal wave.

It Is Popular

While using the name of God frequently, the word Christianity now and then, the name of Christ seldom, if ever, and the cross *never*, the blood of Christ, *never*, and never a mention of life after death, salvation from the penalty of sin, hell, or judgment, yet thousands of preachers and church members are being led into this thing thinking it is Christianity. England, which only a few years back was swept with a wave of spiritism, is being swept now with this new fad. That poor nation, once a bulwark of Christian truth and missionary zeal, now seems the prey of every religious quack that asks for a hearing. The morale of that nation was so alarming in face of a great war that this movement looked like a God-send to its leaders. 10,000 billboards were donated to advertise its catch words and phrases; 5,000,000 milk bottle caps were printed with its words on them; special stamps were printed using its phrases; transportation systems gave advertising space; and business men gave their approval and support. The wave is still rising higher. In this country a great show was given last summer in Hollywood Bowl before 30,000 spectators. It claimed to be the "pre-view of a new world order."

If Satan can get men to follow anything but Christ, he is satisfied—anything but repentance and the confession of sin; anything but a Savior on Calvary; anything but the real Christ; anything but a real turning away from sin and its pleasures.

More Despair

It will all fail miserably. The ideals they set up of absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness, absolute love, are totally impossible of realization apart from the cross of Christ and its power. If the human heart could have achieved such things without Christ, Calvary would have been unnecessary. "Without *Me* ye can do nothing" said our blessed Lord. After this spasm is over the hearts of men who trusted in it will sink back into a worse despair. Such movements appear when the real thing has been lost or repudiated.

How we need to preach the gospel today as never before. How the Brethren churches need to rise up to our greatest opportunities and "cry aloud and spare not."

> "Son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, 'O wicked man thou shalt surely die,' if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand.' Ezek. 33:7, 8.

When Your Knees Knock

We read the other day of a sign in front of a church in London, England. It read, "When your knees knock, kneel on them." No more timely word could be spoken. The knees of the world are knocking today as never before. And Satan is keeping the knees of the Christian knocking almost constantly these days also. There never has been a time like today when Satan has been trying to knock down and discourage the true Christian. Never before have the difficulties of the preacher been so great. Never have enemies risen up on every side as they rise up today against those who preach the gospel. An hour with God alone will put more strength into trembling knees than anything else in the world. Jesus said, "Men ought to pray and not to faint." The hard tasks, the difficult duties that you must perform, the unpleasant situations you must meet, the disappointments that take the heart out of you, the crushed hopes that make your feet to drag like lead, the living sorrows that seem never to leave you, all can be met and overcome through prayer.

> "And they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isa. 40:31.

Jewish Persecution In America

Of all countries where racial discrimination and persecution would be unexpected, America is that nation. Written into the constitution of our land is the guaran-

tee of freedom and full human rights for all men of all races if they regard the welfare of their fellow men. A land of churches, where from over 200,000 pulpits each week for generations a book, the Bible, has been read, with every section of it written by Jewish fingers, yet today America is turning from the Jew. This is made plain by the way in which one of the most popular, capable, and worthy governors in America, Herbert H. Lehman of New York, is being totally ignored by his political party for the nomination of president. It can't be said that he lacks ability in any sense, for he took the state of New York which had been left in terrible debt by the former governor, F. D. Roosevelt, and has practically wiped out that debt in the few years he has been in office. He has not been spectacular nor self seeking. He has been a quiet and able administrator of the people's affairs. He would undoubtedly be the most probable nominee because of his record, *were it not for the fact that he is a Jew.* He is related to Jesus Christ according to the flesh, therefore he feels the hand of the god of this world.

It was for this same reason that Hore-Belisha had to go from his high position as Minister of War of Great Britain, we are told. In the short time he had the position he had completely rebuilt the British military machine. But he is a Jew. He had to go!

In talking with a Jewish man one time I said to him, "Come down to the Brethren Church in this city and receive a blessing." "No, they wouldn't want me down there," he replied, "I am a Jew." He had learned it somewhere.

As much as we who know the Lord Jesus Christ and love the Jew regret it, yet we know that this is just what Jesus said would come in the closing days of this age.

"Ye shall be hated of all nations for *My name's sake.*"

All of this only means that it won't be long till Israel, back in their homeland, spurned and hated by the world they chose when they turned from Christ at Calvary, will turn to "Him Whom they pierced" and say, "What are these wounds in thy hands?" Then shall He reply, "These are the wounds I received in the house of my friends." In that glad day a nation shall be born in a day. Haste the day Lord!

Perverted Ideas of the Church

A new woman's organization has been formed, called "The Fellowship of Equal Service in the Church." The reason for this organization is the claim that women are not accorded equal privilege in the church with men. They complain that the higher positions in the church are not open to them. So they propose to "give their services where there are no fetters, and no closed doors on womanhood." It is further stated that a large number of young and ambitious women are withdrawing from the church because they see in it no future for their sex!

Now isn't that something! Because the higher positions in the church are not open to them, they are leaving the church. They see no future ahead without places of prominence. We wonder what their idea of the church amounts to anyway. What do they look upon the church as; a place for personal elevation, a field for individual aggrandizement regardless of fitness? We wonder. We read of an old apostle named John who once wrote of a fellow by the name of "Diotrophes" who loved to "have the pre-eminence among the church," and that this fellow rejected John. Women who take such an attitude toward the church may be indeed sincere, but in our estimation, they need a real Bible-teaching pastor who will show them what kind of an organization the church is. Do they realize that the church belongs to God, and that He has laid down very clear directions as to the place women should have in His church? That women are not to be the head of the church, nor to assume positions of dominance over men in spiritual things? Paul taught us plainly these things, "I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence" (I Tim. 2:12).

God has not crushed the women into futility. He has simply laid down rules for His women that would guard them from the dangers to which they would be exposed as leaders of the church, and for which they are not equipped. The apostle Paul wrote of Euodias and Syntyche as being "fellowhelpers" in the gospel. Such a position reveals the high place of usefulness that spiritual women may find in the gospel. But we never read of either of them or of any other women envying Paul's position as an apostle. We are reminded of the words of our Lord, "He that would be greatest among you, let him be your servant" (Mt. 23:11). We praise God for our women who glorify God in their faithful ministry for Christ in the church, who "adorn themselves with a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price" (I Pet. 3:3, 4). Poor indeed would be the church without them. But we know of no women who entered the church with the purpose of getting high positions for themselves who ever glorified God.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING CLOSES MARCH FIRST!

The comparative report of the Thanksgiving offering will appear in the March issue of The Brethren Missionary Herald. In order for this to be done, all balances of home mission offerings not yet sent in, must be forwarded to the office of the Council during the last week of Feb. After that it will be simply impossible for us to include any receipts in the offering. All that comes in after Mar. 1st will have to wait for the annual report, August 1st.

PASTORS ! TREASURERS ! SECRETARIES !

Please look after this at once, and help us to make the best report possible.

A more glorious victory cannot be gained over another than this, that when the injury began on his part, the kindness should begin on ours.

FIRST FRUITS OF OUR JEWISH MISSION PROJECT

By Paul R. Bauman

Rev. Zimmerman (front) with three Jewish Christians.

It is with a vast amount of pleasure that we report the first fruits of the new Jewish mission project recently undertaken by the Home Missions Council here in the city of Los Angeles. Sunday, December seventeenth, at the close of the morning service, three young men were buried in the waters of Christian baptism by the writer and received into the fellowship of the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles.

These young men are Jews, and only recently each of them has come to know Jesus Christ as his Messiah, Savior and Lord. The thrill was ours of hearing from the lips of each shortly before he entered the baptismal waters, the story of how he came to know Christ as his Savior. It was the story of God's power to remove the dark veil of spiritual blindness. It was the story of how each had been brought out into God's glorious light. This light and its accompanying joy was literally radiated upon the faces of these three young men as they spoke. All who heard the testimonies realized how very much worth while is the work God has led us to carry on among our Lord's brethren according to the flesh.

With these young men at the morning church service were Brother and Sister Elias Zimmerman, in charge of the Los Angeles Jewish Mission, and a delegation of Jewish Christians. These too spoke of the way God is working among the Jewish people.

The Lord is blessing this work and its future is bright. Let us pray for Brother Zimmerman, that he may be given wisdom from above and the power of the Spirit of God. Pray for the Jewish people among whom this work is being carried on. Pray for these fine young men and for others who have been accepting Christ. The pathway of their Christian experience is a far more difficult one to traverse than is that of the average Gentile believer.

Christ is not recorded in the Gospels as having quoted from the books of Ruth, Ezra, Nehemiah, Song of Solomon or Obadiah. None of these books have been under the fire of higher critics. The only ones that are disputed are those which Christ Himself endorsed.

A NEW THING IN KENTUCKY !

It has been customary through past years that when church buildings were erected, the mission boards have had to do the erecting themselves. But today we are seeing a new day in the spiritual development of our people whom Brother Sewell Landrum is shepherding in the field. They are planning to go right ahead and build their own building. They are going up into the hills and cutting down the timber that has been donated for the new church. They are hauling the logs to the mill that is right across from the new site. The people on every side said to the Secretary when he was there a few weeks ago, "We will do all we can to help." One generous lady of means who owns much property in that section deeded the ground to the Council outright without a cent of cost. It is an attractive site that other interests had been seeking for roadhouse, stores and garages, but she chose to give it to the Lord's work rather than accept a good price for any other purpose.

While these folks have plenty of timber, and plenty of time to help in erecting the building, *they are short of cash with which to buy windows, doors, paint, roofing, and hardware.* If any of our readers feel led to help supply any of these things, here is a list. *Pick out anything you want to, designate it with your gift and send the amount to the office of the Council and it will be sent direct to the field for that purpose.*

10 windows, $5.00 each.
2 front doors, $10.00 each.
5 regular doors, $5.00 each.
Hardware, hinges, locks, nails, bolts, etc., $30.00
23 rolls roofing, $2.25 per roll.
30 gallons of paint, $2.90 per gal.

"The Lord will provide."

Brother Landrum is now holding meetings in the school building, but it is too small to hold half of what would desire to come. We now have a Sunday School of 125. It will be necessary to wait till the church is up before we can bring in any more.

This announcement is made for those who pray as well as those who give so that the needs may be known.

SENTENCE SERMONS

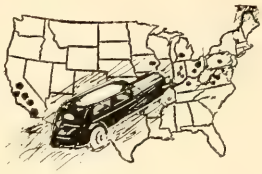
Faith is rudimental; prayer is monumental. One is a cornerstone on which all is built; the other a capstone in which all that is built reaches a climax of completeness.

Don't be too easily scared. The devil uses a good many blank cartridges.

You don't have godliness in triumph unless you can carve contentment out of God's providence, whatever the dish is that is set before you.

Pray for others. By making an errand to God for them, you will get something for yourself.

ACROSS —THE— NATION



—with our Secretary

DOWN IN TENNESSEE

For the first time we have been privileged to hold a meeting in Limestone, Tenn. We have had many invitations but previously we have been unable to accept any of them. Limestone is a country church and is one of the earliest churches organized by the Progressive Brethren. We were surprised at the vigor and zeal of this congregation. We learned however, that a strong human factor rests in the person of Miss Mary Pence. She has been a tower of strength of this church. But she is not alone responsible for the strength of this people. There are quite a number of spiritual, Bible-taught Christians is the leadership of this church.

Walter Lewis, who is one of Brother William Clough's young men from Uniontown, is pastor. He attends the Johnson City College, majoring in music. He loves the Lord, he loves souls, he is a good preacher, and we enjoyed our fellowship with him. There is just one thing wrong with him—he needs a wife!! It is time that some fine young lady convinced him that he needed a wife. His people love him and the community hold him in high esteem.

The meetings were well attended from the start. Hardly a night passed that the building was not full. There was an excellent interest manifested throughout the meetings. Faithfulness is a marked characteristic of these people. They know how to lay other things aside for the work of the Lord. Many decisions were made during the meetings and God blessed His people abundantly.

These people have a real vision. There is a missionary spirit that is leading them to reach other sections of Tensessee. They had a mission started in Johnson City, eighteen miles from their present location. It was begun while Brother Hill Maconaghy was pastor of the church. During the depression they were compelled to let it go. However, Johnson City is a fine field and a good place to start a string of Brethren Churches throughout the south.

The fine southern hospitality that we enjoyed there was without peer. Our home was with the Pences and we had many invitations to dine out. It will be a pleasure to accept the hearty standing invitation given by the congregation to return soon. There is a real Brethren Church at Limestone.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME

Leaving Limestone we drove through Cleveland, Tenn., the home of Bob Jones College, to pick up a son and daughter to bring them home for Christmas. One evening while there taking dinner in the college dining hall, some handy individual entered the automobile and helped himself to two winter suits, two shirts, a rain coat, and a fountain pen. It was quite an introduction to Christmas. Since then, we have been admiring every nice looking barrel that we saw. It is peculiar how quickly our ideas change under varying circumstances! We wonder what the old devil will think up next for us.

WATERLOO'S NEW BUILDING

The zeal and progress of this group is simply amazing. Without a pastor or any guiding hand, except the Lord's, these people have gone ahead with remarkable success. They have purchased two fine lots, and they have their building already up and completed on the outside. Much of the interior work has also been finished. Their heating plant has been installed and it is likely that services will be held in the new structure in a couple of weeks. We plan to run the announcement of the date and program of the dedication services in our next issue.

The New Waterloo Church and Congregation

There is a local minister who has been preaching for these folks for some time. Dr. J. C. Beal is expected to take the pulpit if these folks beginning Feb. 1st, and to continue for two months. Brother Frank Coleman, Jr. has been secured as pastor at Waterloo and will begin his services there April 1st. Brother Graham Hay has favored us with a fine newsy report of the doings in Waterloo and he has also sent us a picture of their group as it meets today, and aso a picture of their building at the present state. We believe that God will glorify Himself in Waterloo through this work in the days that shall follow, until Jesus comes. Let all the praying folks remember this earnest band of God's people in Waterloo.

MEETINGS AT JUNIATA

Our first meeting of the new year was held in our mission point at Juniata, Penna. There is a splendid group of Bible loving Christians in our Juniata church. The church has been having quite a struggle and has not made very great progress, due to many adversaries and difficulties.

Brother Ernest Pine is pastor of this field and has been doing some very fine work in organizing and molding the policies of the work for a great future. His has been foundational work since the very beginning of his ministry in Juniata. God has blessed and much has been accompished. The peope are working and sacrificing in a real way in order to complete their building. They are beginning to realize the futility of trying to build up a large Sunday School without accommodations. To have all of the classes in one room, with the attendant confusion and distractions, is a handicap that they are trying hard to overcome. They now have the rest rooms finished in the basements, they have their cement floor all in, their furnace room is about completed, and now they are planning to lay a new floor in the main auditorium and put in comfortable pews in the place of the very uncomfortable benches that they now have. They have most of the money on hand to do this, part of which has been provided by the Council and the balance by the local people.

Our home while in Juniata was with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kime and it was a real home indeed. Every kindness was shown us and we were very grateful for it. In fact, the entire congregation were most hospitable and kind to us. It was a pleasure to work again with Brother Ernest Pine, this being the third meeting that we have worked together in winning souls.

We believe that there is a real future for the Juniata church as a group that stand out for the fundamentals of the gospel of Christ in no uncertain way. There is need in this community for a real Bible conference church. May our Father God bless these folks and lead them on to real victory in the days to come, is our prayer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPT. AND OCT.

NOTE: (All funds are for general fund, except otherwise designated. (Ma) Magazine; (A.W.) Alton Witter; (T) Tent; (D.M.) District missions. (W) Winchester. (H) Publishing of Herald.

Mrs. Ida M. Brower, Flora, Ind. (Ma)	.50
Mrs. Jennis Jurdon, Flora, Ind. (Ma)	.50
J. O. Engbrecht, Freman, S. Dakota (Ma)	.50
Mrs. W. A. Morrill, Lemore, Calif. (Ma)	.50
Mrs. Seltha Dawson, Marion, Ind. (Ma)	.51
Jr. W.M.C., Peru, Ind.	2.03
Wm. Johanson, Shipshewanna, Ind. (Ma)	4.00
Mrs. Homer Maust, Meyersdale, Pa. (Ma)	.50
W.M.S. Conemaugh, Pa.	20.29
W.M.S., Philadelphia, Pa., 3rd Church (A.W.)	17.32
National W. M. C. (W) (Gen)	131.71
Mr. Clarence Holland, Indianapolis, Ind. (Ma)	.50
Men's Magnify Brotherhood, Southern Calif. (T)	45.00
1st Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. (Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan.) (D.M.)	906.75
Mrs. C. L. West, Peru, Ind. (Ma)	.50
Mrs. Otto Stout, Nappanee Ind. (Ma)	.50
W.M.C. of 1st Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. (H)	25.00

Thanksgiving Offering Report

NOTE: All funds are for general fund, except those designated as follows: (E) Evangelism; (K) Kentucky; (Wo) Wooster; (Co) Compton; (L) Literature; (Cl) Cleveland; (Wi) Winchester; (H) Harrah; (H.P.) Harrah, Pastor; (Ju) Juniata; (A.W.) Alton Witter; (S.D.) San Diego; (R.P.Miss.) River Park Mission; (T) Tent.

Mr. A. B. Johnson, Roland, Ark.	$ 2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Crist, Peoria, Ill.	10.00
G. C. Brumbaugh, Hill City, Kans.	5.00
Clarence Holland, Indianapolis, Ind. (E)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. Beckner, Norwood, Ohio	5.50
A Friend	1.00
Mrs. D. L. Fox, Bakersfield, Calif.	2.00
O. L. Logan, Seattle, Wash.	5.00
Mrs. Lucy Metz, Ocheyedan, Iowa	5.00
A Friend	175.00
C. Frank Myers and Family, Hagerstown, Md.	15.00
Mrs. E. E. Focht, Richmond, Ind.	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Grise, Damascas, Ohio (No. Georgetown Brethren Church)	10.00
H. S. Eyman, Big Bow, Kans.	5.00
Mrs. A. F. Williams, McLouth, Kans.	5.66
Mrs. Sarah C. Yoder, Covina, Calif. (E)	5.00
Mrs. Lucy N. Bond, Dania, Fla.	5.00
Mr. N. F. McDonald, Milford, Ind.	5.00
New Kensington, Pa.:	
Roy A. & Warren Bowser	10.00
Lizzie Bowser (E)	10.00
	$ 20.00
Miss Effie Agnes Senseman, Tipp City, Ohio	10.00
Mrs. Velina Kent, Wakarusa, Ind.	5.00
Mr. Herbert C. Richert, Hillsboro, Kans.	5.00
Mrs. Joe Haas, Lakeville, Ind.	2.00
James Keadle, Mapleville, Md. (E)	2.50
Mrs. Grace Hurley, Sunol, Calif.	5.00
Mrs. Mart Kilian, Elkhart, Ind.	5.00
Miss Jo. L. Morris, Anderson, Ind.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Mow, Los Angeles, Calif.	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. L. Funk, Needmore, W. Va.	10.00
Mrs. Vesta Cobb, Neihart, Mont.	5.00
Elizabeth Steele, Ruffsdale, Pa.	1.00
Mrs. Bonnie E. Ashton (1st Brethren Church, West Alexandria, Ohio)	6.00
Dr. & Mrs. J. W. Tibbals, Panora, Iowa	15.50
Mrs. Frank Sprague, Jefferson, Iowa	2.00
Addie M. Cole, Hampton, N. J.	5.00
Mrs. Seltha Dawson, Marion, Ind.	10.00
Mrs. Belle Zook, Huntington, Ind.	5.00
Mrs. George Huddleson, Peru, Ind.	5.00
Edith R. Hall, Williamsport, Pa. (K)	5.00
Mrs. Clara C Beegle, Polk, Ohio (Gen) (Wo) (K)	25.00
Mrs. Bessie E. Petrie, Stephens City, Va.	3.00
Mrs. Rose T. Replogle, Collingswood, N. J.	1.00
Mr. R. R. Boon, Dunham, Calif.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lindower, Hartville, Ohio	12.50
Mr. & Mrs. E. F. Beringer, Hollidaysburg, Pa.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Ulbricht, South Bend, Ind. (Co)	5.00
New Lebanon, Ohio:	
Mrs. Minnie Weaver	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. V. A. Denlinger	7.00
Total	$ 8.00
Lanark, Ill.:	
Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Miller	25.00
James E. Miller	1.00
Ralph Flickinger	25.00
Lillian E. Dick	5.00
Total	$ 56.00
Milledgeville, Ill.:	
Mr. & Mrs. Madden Crouse	50.00
Mrs. W. L. Puterbaugh	25.00
Miss Dessa Hanna	5.00
Total	$ 80.00
Falls City, Nebr.:	
Mrs. Ada Prichard (E)	10.00
Mrs. Harriet Kimmel (E) (L)	10.00
Mrs. Amelia Kimmel	1.00
Total	$ 21.00
Roann, Ind.:	
Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Anderson	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harley Black	10.00
Mrs. Ares Flora	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Baker	11.00
Miss Helen J. Baker	5.00
Louis Baker	5.00
Total	$ 38.00
Highland Brethren Church, Marianna, Pa.:	
Mr. & Mrs. Russell L. Hoover	28.00
Gifts less than $5.00	4.50
Total	$ 32.50

Brethren Mission, East Los Angeles, Calif.:

Congregation	50.96
Isolated Members	15.00
Mr. J. H. Sommers, White Swan, Wash.	5.00
Miss Mabel Crawford, French Equitorial Africa (T)	20.00

Calvary Brethren Church, Hampton, N. J.:

Mr. & Mrs. S. F. Weber	5.00
A. G. Hann	5.00
Total	$ 10.00

Pleasant Grove Brethren Church, North English, Iowa:

Mr. & Mrs. John R. Myers	30.00
Church Offering	3.30
Total	33.30

Second Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.:

Rev. & Mrs. Roy S. Long	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Williams	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. G. Finfrock	5.00
Mrs. Della M. Baer	4.50
Gifts less than $5.00	7.50
Total	$ 27.00

1st Brethren Church, Clay City, Ind.:

Mrs. L. C. Rentschler	5.00
Ever Welcome Class	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Roush	3.00
Total	$ 14.00

Mt. View Brethren Church, Hollins, Va.:

Congregation	186.00

1st Brethren Church, McKee, Pa.:

Sunshine Class	12.00
Kings Daughters Class (E)	5.00
Jacob Dively	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Dively	5.00
Gifts less than $5.00	17.10
Gifts less than $5.00 (E. S.)	3.00
Total	$ 47.10

1st Brethren Church, Allentown, Pa.:

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Biege	7.50
Rev. & Mrs. F. F. Coleman, Jr.	5.10
Miss Grace Fehnel	6.50
Mr. & Mrs. J. O. Huffert	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Kunkel	19.50
Mr. & Mrs. J. Kamoie	8.25
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Musselman	6.25
Mr. & Mrs. Carol Parks	13.00
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Silberman and Family	15.85
Miss Elsie Silberman	10.50
Miss Miriam Silberman	11.00
Mr. & Mrs. Russel Silberman	5.00
Misses Ethel & Eileen Silberman	11.45
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Seagreaves	13.00
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Zahn	6.50
Sunday School	9.33
Nursery	7.70
Beginners	6.91
Primary	5.59
Intermediate	13.46
Young Men's Class	15.95
Adult Class	11.63
Women's Class	9.27
Church Mission Balance	50.76
Total	$275.00

Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Mr. & Mrs. H. Edilmann	25.00
Intermediate C. E. Society (A.W.)	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. Buchter (A.W.)	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Henery (A.W.)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Henery	5.00
Mr. Jacob Muller (A.W.)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. Welte (A.W.)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. Haines (A.W.)	10.00
Rev. & Mrs. Wm. Steiffer (A.W.)	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. Wm. Steiffer (J.)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. P. Pfaff, Sr. (A. W.)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. P. Pfaff, Jr. (A.W.)	10.00
Gertrude Gallagler (Wi)	2.50
Gertrude Gallagler (A.W.)	2.50
Mr. & Mrs. J. Wilkey (A.W.)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Amey (A.W.)	5.00
Chrissie Dunyan	3.00
Chrissie Dunyan (A.W.)	2.00
A Friend	5.00
Gifts less than $5.00	1.26
Gifts less than $5.00 (Wi)	2.00
Gifts less than $5.00 (A.W.)	2.00
Total	$160.26

Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa:

Rev. & Mrs. Harold Parks	25.00
Mrs. May Richards and Miss Emma Richards	17.00
Mrs. Opal Lowry	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Winterowd	5.00
Carlton Church	22.76
Sunday School	5.00
S. M. M.	5.00
W. M. C.	2.75
Total	$ 92.51

1st Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.:

Mrs. Savilla Deaner	10.00
Rev. R. L. Rossman Family	7.00
Primary Class	5.10
Men's Bible Class	5.00
Women's Missionary Society	5.00
Senior S. M. M.	5.00
L. S. Stombaugh Family	5.00
A. J. Fyock Family	5.00
W. C. Schmelzlen Family	5.00
L. D. McPruade Family	5.00
C. W. Gerhart and Wife	5.00
C. S. Beach and Wife	5.00
P. E. Sorge and Wife	10.00
Church in General	25.37
H. Hammond and Family	5.10
Gifts less than $5.00	12.40
C. Flick and Wife	5.00
Total	$124.97

Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.:

Rev. & Mrs. Robert Williams	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. Conard Sandy	10.00
Gifts less than $5.00	19.00
Total	$ 34.00

1st Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va.:

Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Lynn	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Smals	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. N. Malles	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Lynn	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. O. F. Pryor	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Southers	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Johns	5.00
Smaller Amounts	28.50
Total	$ 78.50

1st Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.:

Don Hadley	15.00
Esther Keller	5.00
Mary Hostetler	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Padgham	5.00
Bessie Turner	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Turner (Gen) (E)	10.00
F. R. and Mabel Wescott	15.00
E. W. Reed	5.00
Mrs. E. W. Reed	5.00
Lucille Reed	5.00
Walter Reed	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Weed	5.00
Joyce L. Strout	6.00
Mrs. H. M. Lichty	5.00
Mrs. Nettie Harris	5.00
Donald E. Muir (E) (H)	10.00
Mrs. & Marguerite Hoffman (Gen) (L)	6.00
Berean Class (H.P.)	10.00
Mrs. Grace Turner (Gen) (H)	10.00
Miscellaneous (E)	1.75
Miscellaneous	23.99
Total	$162.74

1st Brethren Church, Beaver City, Nebr.:

Mr. & Mrs. G. B. Seibert and Helen	40.00
Mrs. Viva Kitchens	30.00
Maurine Miller	10.00
Mrs. C. D. Miller	5.00
Mrs. Ida Canfield	5.00
Mrs. Emma Atwood	5.00
Leta Beth Beeler	5.00
Gifts less than $5.00	23.85
Total	$123.85

1st Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.:

Miss Mabel E. Donaldson	100.00
Mr. R. E. Donaldson	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Dooley	11.00
Mrs. May Downs	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Dyer	10.00
Mrs. A. A. Fairall	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gardner	5.00
Miss Miriam Gilbert	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. O. D. Hale	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Innis H. Hart	5.00
Mrs. Martha Keller	15.00
Rev. & Mrs. H. A. Kent	10.00
Mrs. S. H. May	20.00
Mrs. A. McCartney	5.00
Mrs. Elsie T. Merrick and Miss Mary A. Merrick	6.50
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Merrick	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Munch	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Newcomer	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Raum	10.00
Mrs. D. B. Sampson	10.00
Katherine J. Sampson	5.00
Margaret E. Sampson	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. T. Saunders	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Simmons	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Smith	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Stillwell	8.00
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Tamkin	40.00
Mrs. O. H. Taylor	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Haily Vickery	8.00
Mr. F. M. West	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles O. Wiles	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. O. R. Wiles	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Willis Wood	40.00
S. M. M. (Wi)	5.00
Intermediate C. E. (Wi)	5.00
Senior C. E. (Wi)	25.00
Washington Church	23.45
S. S. Primary Dept.	19.01
S. S. Jr. Dept.	9.16
F. W. Hartman	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Munch	10.00
Total	$771.12

1st Brethren Church, Danville, Ohio:

Mr. & Mrs. Ross Magers (Cl)	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Conrad	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Basil McElroy	10.00
Wilma Magers	10.00
Nellie Magers	10.00
Mrs. Hugh Banbury	10.00
Mrs. Mollie Sherman	5.50
Henry G. Rempel	5.00
Dorcas Conrad	5.63
Mrs. Sina Wheaton and Daughter	5.00
Mr. L. A. Wolford and Family	5.00
Mrs. Lola Burns	5.00
Mrs. Devilla Bricker	5.00
Samuel Justice	10.00
Gifts less than $5.00	13.50
Mrs. Elsie Williams	7.00
Miss Grace Sherman	5.00
Total	$156.63

1st Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio:

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Arnold	25.00
Mr. Harold Jolliff	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Stair	10.00
Mr. H. F. Holmes	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Baker	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Martin (Wo)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Totten	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Martin	5.50
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Palmer	15.00
Gifts less than $5.00	7.00
Thelma Messmore	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Johnson	6.00
Total	$ 98.50

Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.:

Mr. & Mrs. Bryson C. Fetters	60.00
J. F. Nash	5.00
E. A. Juillerat	5.00
Norma Sprunger	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clark Sipe	10.00
Naomi Ellen Sipe	5.00
Frank Leistner	5.00
Forest Leistner	5.00
Addie Sipe	60.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Sipe	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Kuhn	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Kuhn	20.00
Elsie Kuhn	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Witter	45.00
Lorys Witter	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Christy	5.00
Eloise Christy	10.00
Elaine Christy	5.00

Mr. & Mrs. Archie Smitley	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. H. Smitley	22.00
Cecil E. Smitley	8.00
Chalmer Smitley	10.00
Nora Smitley	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Bailey	5.00
Blaine Bailey	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Archie Parr	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Myers	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gid Riesen	6.00
J. L. Yaney (E)	5.00
Mark Parr	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Stephenson	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Karl Kauffman	20.00
Church	337.00
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha	5.00
Total	$835.00

Pike Brethren Church, Mundy's Corner, Pa.

Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Ashman	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. S. C. Cunningham	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Cunningham	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Crouse	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Grant Davis (E) (Gen)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Griffith	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Goughnour	5.00
Mrs. Gertrude Helsel	5.00
Mrs. Morgan Kirkpatrick	20.00
Mrs. Josephine Kerr	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Kerr	10.00
Mrs. Ed. Knechtel	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Leonard	15.00
Miss Rosanna Leonard	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Leidy and Family	5.25
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wagel	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Adam Rager	10.50
Miss Verna Rose	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Rose	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Rose	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Rose	10.00
Mr. Glen Rose	5.00
Miss Mary Jane White	5.00
Christian Endeavor	10.00
S. M. M.	5.00
W. M. C.	10.00
Class No. 2	5.70
Class No. 4	6.94
Class No. 6	8.64
General Offering	38.40
Gifts less than $5.00	1.87
Total	$277.30

River Park Brethren Mission, South Bend, Ind.:

Mr. & Mrs. Chas. A. Roskuski	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Follis	5.00
Miss Doris V. Follis	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Balsley	10.00
Rev. & Mrs. Alton M. Witter and Family	10.00
I. Wesley Miller (R.P.Miss.)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Johanson	50.00
Gifts less than $5.00	11.41
Total	$136.41

1st Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa.:

Men's Bible Class	25.00
Friendship Class	25.00
Lulu B. Minnich	25.00
Jr. S. S. Dept.	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Wollard	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Bearinger	15.00
First Primary Dept.	12.35
Third Primary Class (Mrs. Harry Miller, Teacher)	11.20
Third Primary Class Mrs. Edw. Cordell, Teacher)	12.00
G. E. Helman	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Bearinger	10.00
Mr. Frank Bumgardner	10.00
Mrs. Frank Bumgardner	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Klipinger	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. Edw. Cordell	10.00
Philathea Bible Class	10.00
W. H. Bearinger	9.42
S. S. Nursery Dept.	7.00
Mrs. W. E. Minnich	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Alter	6.00
S. S. Beginners' Class	7.15
Mrs. Frank Foster	5.00
Miss Hypatia Snider	5.00
Sr. C. E. Society	5.00
Jr. C. E. Society	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Heefner	5.00
Mr. Roy Fogle	5.00
Mrs. Roy Fogle	5.00
Frances and Jackie and Bobby Fogle	5.00
Live Wire S. S. Class	5.00
Rev. R. D. Crees	10.00
Mrs. R. D. Crees	5.00
Mrs. Jennie Crees	5.00
Rosemary and Dorothy Crees	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. C. Sheeley	5.00
Chas. E. Martin	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Heefner	5.00
B. T. Staines	5.00
S. S. Class No. 10	5.00
Mrs. B. T. Staines	5.00
Ruth K. Bouder	5.50
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Manus	5.00
Sr. Sisterhood of Mary and Martha	5.00
Mr. Cletus L. Rock	5.00
Phylis M. Staines	5.00
Miss Elsie Good	5.00
Mr. Lawrence Young	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Sweeney	5.00
Mrs. V. R. Koontz	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Sheeley	5.00
Mr. Raymond Carson	5.00
Mrs. Kenneth Wetzel	5.00
Mr. Melvin Rock	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. R. Hoover	5.00
Irene, George, and Robert Sweeney	6.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roesenberger and Family	8.00
Mrs. Melvin Rock and Family	5.00
Gift less than $5.00	64.38
Signal Lights	5.00
Total	$525.00

1st Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa:

Senior S. M. M.	6.11
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. A. Royer	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Hoover	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. O. Gring	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Carter	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. F. Hoover	10.00
Madge Wineland	5.00
Mrs. J. Lloyd Wenger	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Grief	10.00
Rev. James S. Cook	5.00
Mrs. Ida Good	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Robinson	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Noah Hawbaker	5.00
Mrs. S. E. Butterbaugh	5.00
W. M. C.	5.54
Sunday School	6.14
Gifts less than $5.00	20.62
Total	$140.41

Morrill, Kans.:

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Royer	5.00
Mrs. W. P. Elliott	5.00
Mrs. Belle Stoner	1.00
Mrs. Nellie Kistner	1.00
Total	$ 12.00

1st Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa:

Mart Newlin	5.00
Miles Taber	5.00
Congregation	22.53
Total	$ 32.53

Fremont, O., Grace Brethren Church:

Mrs.T. W. Price	5.00
Mrs. Gordon Gonawein	25.00
Mrs. Fred Barr	5.00
Mrs. Oliver Winters	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hague	10.00
Kenneth Winters	5.00
Mrs. Merle Jacops	5.00
Mrs. John Voss and Elsie	5.00
Miss Amelia Voss	5.00
Mrs. Carl Fisher	5.00
Edna Mae Teets	5.00
Durwood Brooks	5.00
Beryl Price	5.00
Carl Brooks	5.00
Gifts less than $5.00	13.00
Mrs. Roy Decker	5.00
Total	$120.00

1st Brethren Church, New Troy, Mich.:

Rev. & Mrs. Russell Williams	10.00
Gifts less than $5.00	11.50
Total	$ 21.50

1st Brethren Church, Clayhole, Ky.:

Clyde & Ruby Landrum	8.00
Lucinda Landrum	5.00
Sewell Landrum	3.00
Ruth Landrum	5.00
Total	$ 21.00

1st Brethren Church, Turlock, Calif.:

Mrs. S. R. Hannah	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. N. J. Buckland	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Heltman	25.00
Total	$ 50.00

1st Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.:

Idella Wills	20.00
Listie Sunday School	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ira Blough	20.00
Rev. & Mrs. H. W. Nowag	15.00
Evelny Blough Memorial	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Good	10.00
Women's Missionary Council	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dean R. Maurer	5.50
Mr. & Mrs. Rube Herst	5.50
Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Schrock	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Larman	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Trimpey	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Zeigler	5.00
Miscellaneous	33.43
Total	$176.43

USE ME TODAY

Use me today, O Savior divine;
Cleanse and renew this servant of Thine.
Lord, with Thy Spirit fill me, I pray,
Then in Thy service use me today.

Use me today, Lord, use even me,
Use me to lead some lost one to Thee.
Lead where Thou wilt, Lord, open the way,
And to Thy glory use me today.

Use me today to scatter the seed,
Bringing the blessing someone may need.
Whether I toil or quietly pray,
Blessed Lord Jesus, use me today.

—Gertrude R. Dugan

AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

FIELD REPORTS

MODESTO ECHOES

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil. 1:3-5).

The text clearly reveals that the great work of God is accomplished through fellowship in the gospel. Though God alone can give the increase, He is pleased to use His redeemed on earth for a great work of planting. As a small company of Bible believers in Modesto, facing the problems which attend the establishing of a Bible witness in a new field, we have this sweet confidence that by actual fellowship in the gospel, we join hands with many hundreds in whose heart God has planted a desire to extend the true gospel witness to the ends of the earth. We thank God upon every remembrance of you Brethren. May we be faithful stewards of the manifold grace of God.

The most of our friends know that this gospel work in Modesto is only in its beginning stages. It has begun in a very small way, and has small people in leadership; but we serve a very great God Who is blessing the testimony and honoring His Word.

The erecting of the gospel tent was a great event. It really marks our first public appeal in Modesto. The five day Bible conference in which Dr. Louis Bauman ministered the Word was a feast of fellowship and a fine introduction of our witness in this community. The most of our work so far has been planting the precious Word. We have good reason to believe that Modesto is fertile gospel soil and we shall soon see the harvesting of precious sheaves. Thus far, we have baptized three; but many have been blessed, interest is generally good, and we have confidence in God that He is soon to give a great ingathering.

At our first communion service, held at the close of Dr. Bauman's Bible conference, there were 44 at the tables and a goodly company of onlookers.

Our Bible School now has five divisions. The attendance is becoming more regular and stabilized. Our highest attendance, without special program, has been 59, and at our Christmas program we had 72 present. The church services are proportionately well attended. All our people are generally faithful to the prayer meeting, and God is answering prayer in a very real way. A wonderful spirit prevailed in our first church business meeting, Jan. 5, at which time a full staff of church officials were elected, as provided by our constitution. We are expecting great victories in the year 1940 if our Lord tarries, and if in 1940 our Lord shall rend the heavens with the trumpet call that shall rapture to Himself all who are redeemed in His own precious blood, to be presented in bodies like unto His own glorious body, that will be the greatest of all victories.

May our Lord Jesus Christ be praised.

EARL B. STUDEBAKER.

The Brethren at Modesto, Calif.

GLEANINGS FROM GLENDALE

Rev. and Mrs. Richardson

In many parts of the country today there are churches without pastors, pulpits without preachers. The funds of several denominations have been decreasing for some years past and money is no longer available to maintain the ministry at full strength. Missionary operations also have had to be curtailed, and many an outpost for Christ at home as well as in foreign lands has been abandoned. When the idea of a Brethren church in Glendale was first born there were those who were skeptical and voiced their opinions in words such as these, "Why another church in Glendale?" or "It's just a waste of time to try to start another church in this city." But even in the face of this pessimistic criticism a few Brethren who had faith in God and His Word met in the home of Brother J. R. Dunn for prayer. The first meeting was held in this home on Palm Sunday five years ago, and these few prayed the First Brethren Church of Glendale into existence. God has richly blessed us and truly we can say with the Psalmist, "I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea our God is merciful" (Ps. 116:1, 2, 5).

We closed our year with a fine report showing an increase in every department and auxilary of the church. All bills were paid and a small balance was reported in the treasury. Our Bible School has been a real joy to our hearts and if you are not too easily bored with statistics these will give you somewhat of a picture of our Bible School. The average attendance for 1939 was 191 with an average offering of $14.32. A total of $1101.12 passed through our Bible School treasury. Total expenditures were $973.45 leaving a balance of $127.67. Our Bible School is self supporting, is paying for our New Bible School building, and helps the church in many ways. In special offerings alone the Bible School gave $68.17 to foreign missions; $50.85 to Grace Theological Seminary and $83.50 to home missions. One new department was organized with an average attendance of 30 or more. Space will not permit me to tell you of the joys and victories in each department of our school and the faithfulness and sacrifice of each officer and teacher.

REGULAR PRAYER MEETINGS

Our prayer meetings have been a real source of power and blessing to the church. Our Wednesday evening prayer meetings have averaged about 40 in attendance and many times we have close to 50 in attendance. There are two small prayer groups meeting each Tuesday and Thursday evening praying for a revival and the salvation of the lost. Each Thursday morning a small group meet at the church and together with the pastor unite in prayer for the various problems of the church and its membership and this group over a year's time has proven to be a great source of power.

The auxilary groups of the church such as the Women's Missionary Council, Christian Endeavor, and Men's Brotherhood have a real ministry and are showing a definite growth. The Brethren Women's Bible Class meets each Thursday afternoon. Twenty-six were present at last Thursday's meeting. A new personal workers' class has been organized and the problems of personal work are being studied with a view to putting our knowledge into immediate practical experience.

Membership in the church has shown a steady growth. We averaged four new members a month last year. Our roll has been purged of a lot of dead timber and we are looking forward to great victory in the Lord during 1940. Financially the church is in excellent condition. It has given us great joy to assume another large portion ($250.00) of the support given toward our pastor's salary and are looking forward to that day in the not too far distant future when we can assume all responsibility, enabling that money that has been used toward our support to be used in other channels. More than $1200 was given last year to support various missionary endeavors. Again it rejoices our hearts to report the year closed with all bills paid and a sizeable balance ($219.00) in our treasury. God has certainly been good to us. We have preached His Word to the best of our ability and many strangers are being attracted to us through the preaching of the Word in its simplicity and power. It is true that the path has not always been one of victory and the way has been filled with discouragements but all of these have enabled us to prove over and over again that our God is El Shaddai, the *All-sufficient One.*

The First Brethren Church of Glendale is truly thankful for your prayer and sacrifice for if it had not been for your willingness to be used of Him the above report would not be possible. *Brethren continue to pray for us.*

This report is truly God's answer to the pessimistic outlook of those who questioned the advisability of establishing a Brethren church in this city and to anyone anywhere who questions the establishment of Brethren churches throughout the length and breadth of this land.

There are 365 "fear nots" in the Bible, or one for every day in the year.

Are there some things in the Bible you do not understand? Rest a while on Deut. 29:29.

Psa. 119:11 suggests one way to carry the Bible.

Note the three sentinels that are placed to guard the Scriptures: one in the beginning, one in the middle and one at the end: Deut. 4:2, Prov. 30:6, Rev. 22:18-19.

This wek we hear from another of our home mission churches—not from one of the grown-ups, but from a girl in the Junior Department. Perhaps she would never have known the Lord Jesus if you had not given your pennies, nickles, dimes and quarters for home missions We will let you decide for yourself, after reading Cecle's story, whether you think she is glad that you did all you could for home missions.

How My Family and I Were Saved

By Cecle Stivers

On a summer day several years ago, a nice young lady came to call on my mother. She was working for the Lord. My grandmother and her friend had asked the young lady to call and ask my mother if I might start to Sunday School.

My mother let me go. She knew I should be in Sunday School because she said she always attended when she was a little girl.

My daddy would take me to the little store building where the First Brethren Church of Glendale then met, and then come after me. Mother and daddy didn't go. Mother said it was because my little sister was too small yet. She was a tiny baby.

One Sunday Brother Donald Carter (our pastor at that time) and his fiance, came behind us in his car. They were going to the new church for services. I begged mother and daddy to follow them and go to church too, but they said, "No," and I cried and cried.

Some time later my big cousin Mildred told mother I was the first one to go forward when Brother Carter gave the invitation to accept the Lord Jesus as my Savior. Mother said she was so ashamed of herself because she hadn't been the one to get me in Sunday School. So my mother started to Sunday School too. My little sister stayed home with daddy.

Mother and I used to kneel by the bed and pray and cry, and pray for daddy to know the Lord Jesus too.

One time Brother Carter and R.Paul Miller came to talk to daddy. Daddy said he loved the Lord Jesus and wanted Him as his Savior. My daddy was baptized on Easter Sunay, and he wrote this poem about sinners accepting the Lord Jesus as their Savior:

Prisoners of the World

Come, all you young sinners, and listen to me:
Accept the Lord Jesus; then you will be free.
Accept the Lord Jesus and say you'll be mine,
For eternal life is a mighty long time.

Accept the Lord Jesus with hearts brave and true.
Don't take any other—you're beat if you do.
Don't take any other, no matter what kind,
For Jesus is holy and truly divine.

Now listen, young sinner, I know it too well
That Satan would have you in the pits of hell;
So take the Lord Jesus and praise Him each day,
And He will keep you along the right way.

—Albert William Stivers.

Now my daddy and mother and Milly Jane (my sister) are saved because our Lord Jesus died on the cross for all of us.

Won't you tell your daddy and mother about Him too so they will go to heaven and live with Him?

We all go to Sunday School and church now. Daddy says it is because "a little child shall lead them"—that means me—but I'm in the Junior Department now.

Sunrise and Sunset Prayer

Tune — "Jesus Loves Me"

As the dewdrops catch the gleams
Of the golden sun's first beams,
Let my life forever shine,
Subject to thy will divine.

Cho.

Yes, He is coming,
Yes, He is coming,
Yes, He is coming,
First Thessalonians, four, sixteen

If between the dark and dawn,
Ere the twinkling stars are gone,
Christ descends from mansions blest,
Waiting, let me rise and rest.

—*Sophie Meader.*

Our Bible Character Alphabet

Answer to *B*: Balaam.

C was a man who was sent as a spy into a land God had promised to give his people. 11 other spies went with him. All the spies liked the land, but 10 of them were cowards. They were afraid of the giants and told their people they could not conquer the land. *C* knew God would help them, and was not afraid, but the people would not listen to him. If you do not know his name, find it in Num. 13:30-33.

NEWS BRIEFS From Our Workers

Vital Statistics:

In a letter from Frank Coleman: "Elizabeth Anne Coleman (weight 8 lbs., 3 oz.) came to live with us Sunday, Jan. 21. Mrs. Coleman and the baby are both tip-top."

Another "moral" to the story: John Stephen Morrill, born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Morrill (our missionaries) of Ashland, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1940. Weight, 8 lbs., 1 oz.

From First Church of Long Beach Bulletin: "Lois Carter arrived in the home of Elder and Mrs. Donald F. Carter, La Verne (Calif.) on Jan. 17, weighing 7 lbs., 4 oz."

WHAT FOLKS ARE SAYING ABOUT "THE HERALD":

Frank Coleman writes: "Incidentally, the new copy of the new magazine came yesterday. I took a copy of it down and asked Elizabeth Anne (that's my new daughter, she's a very precocious child) what she thought of it. She avows it's the most readable periodical she ever saw, and a credit to the ones who produced it. Really it is to be described in superlatives."

Ellet (Akron) Ohio Bulletin: "Have you seen it — The Brethren Missionary Herald? It's one of the finest Christian magazines we have ever seen. And to think it can be had for the almost unbelievable subscription price of $1.00 per year."

Conemaugh, Pa. Bulletin: "Brethren Missionary Herald subscriptions are coming in fine!"

Sunnyside, Wash. Bulletin: "Did you get your copy this week? Did you read it!? $1.00 a year.... Give your name and $1.00 to the pastor....today."

Second Church of Los Angeles Bulletin: "See for yourself that you can't do without it. Then hand your dollar for a year's subscription to....the pastor. Do it today."

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS IN OUR CHURCHES:

"Attend the 'Back to the Bible' evangelistic services Jan. 30-Feb. 18 at the First Brethren Church, Waynesboro (Pa.)." This is the church of which Bro. R. D. Crees is pastor. (From an invitation card.)

"Paging you! to come and hear Evangelist H. L. Dunning, at the Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind., in the 'Back to the Bible' campaign." (From a card.)

The West Tenth St. Brethren Church of Ashland, O., entertained the "America Back to God" quartet for five days recently. The brief series closed with an attendance of 351. A number have come to Christ as a result of these meetings.

We read with regret that the Vinco Brethren have not been allowed to worship in their church owing to the fact that the doors have ben padlocked. The case has received considerable publicity through the newspapers. We request prayer for the pastor, Brother Ord Gehman, and the people who desire to know and do God's will in that congregation.

Interesting Statistics from the Waynesboro, Pa. Bulletin: "1939 is reported to be the best financial year in her history. $5395.10 was received during the year for current expenses and missions ($1200 over previous year). 18,138 people attended a total of 123 services during the year, an average of 148 per service. A partial report told of $139 given for Grace Seminary on Christmas Sunday.

A Fifth Anniversary and Dedication Service was held in the new home of the First Brethren Church of Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 28, 1940. Rev. A. L. Lynn, pastor of the First Church of Johnstown, delivered the dedicatory address. Tom Hammers is the pastor of this church which after five years without a permanent location has at last located itself permanently (till the Lord comes) in a new building.

Teacher of Ethics: According to an Indiana newspaper, Dr. Harry F. Ward, professor of Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, has lost his office as president of the American League for Peace and Democracy. The fact that the organization was one of Moscow's babies was dug up by the Dies Committee, and the League disbanded. At a banquet, the dying breath of the organization, Dr. Ward declared the Dies Committee had created the Communist myth and criticized movements to aid Finland against Russia. Among those sending felicitations to the doctor at his retirement was Earl R. Browder, head of the American Communist Party.

A Challenge to Brethren Home Missions came to the writer recently in the form of a folder entitled "The Christian Rural Fellowship Bulletin." It contained an article, "Rural Poverty and Rural Morale," which purported to be an analysis of the "spiritual" needs of America's under-privileged and an answer to those needs. The exact source of the folder we do not know, but from several internal evidences, it seems to be a child of the so-called "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America." The writer bemoaned the admitted fact that millions of the uneducated and under-privileged are turning to what he called "Holy Roller" sects. This he said was because the "liberal" churches, the only ones "culturally" and "intellectually" qualified to give them a message that would lift them, do not seem to be interested! Evidently the social gospelites aren't too enthusiastic about their own message. Among the suggested cures the writer gave were: a better economic base and a better education for the poor, patience with the "Holy Roller" denominations during their adolescence, and last and most astounding, he asked the question, "Why should not a liberal message be warm and personal as well as rational and social?" What an outlook for America if it must depend upon a message like that for its spiritual salvation!

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HELP! HELP! HELP!

At this writing the only response we have had to our request for the pastors' birthdays and favorite Scripture verses came from Allentown. Please don't delay in this matter or it may be too late. What do we want it for? Well, watch the C. E. columns and you'll soon find out. By the way, we've decided we want the birthday and favorite verse of your pastor's wife too. Write your news editor, Miss Grace Allshouse, 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC FOR MARCH 3

IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON
(Eccl. 11:1-6; II Tim. 4:1-8)

Suggestions for the Leader

For several months our topics have brought us face to face with the great need of personal work. How many have actually decided to profit by these studies and do something for the Lord? It requires determination to start getting decisions for Christ, but determination avails but little unless carried out. The young man astray from his father's home determined to go back; the real benefit came when he actually arose and went to the place of blessing.

In witnessing for Christ, we are liable to neglect our responsibility and wait for a better time and place. About us are plenty of opportunities to testify for the Lord. "Be instant in season and out of season" means to do it always.

A gold miner in the far west who lived in a hut along side of a mountain spent his days panning gold. When he died the company that purchased his property discovered a rich vein of gold in his back yard. He lived with it for years but didn't know it. So it is with us. Some day we will see that our opportunities in this land in our communities are great. How few there are who actually take advantage of them. If we have good intentions, let us put them into practice. Undoubtedly the Lord expects us to do great things as He assures us of confidence and strength.

1. GOD HAS HIS SEASONS.
ECCL. 3:1; PS. 102:13; GAL. 6:9.

God has order and a system to the operation of the universe. Things are done on time and never haphazard. The springtime follows the winter. The movements of the great bodies in the heavens take place with the accuracy of the finest clock. These laws may be called laws of nature but God is back of them and brings them to pass.

In the history of the church, we see regular seasons for spiritual revivals. Every time there is serious lack within the church, God has taught the importance of a revival. Even in the hearts of individuals there come times for conversion. The Lord so directs and arranges events and circumstances that in His own time men should be converted to Himself. It does not mean that the salvation of souls is like raising a crop of wheat. We can have conversions all through the year and not only at special drives.

It is wise to see where the Lord is working and get in there to work too. If we know prophecy and the signs of the times, we ought to know where to work most effectively. These are the dark days but still days of acceptance for all those who will come to Christ.

2. WHY SHOULD WE IGNORE GOD'S SEASONS? ECCL. 11:6.

Seed-sowing and harvesting are going on at the same time. While the Word of God is finding its way into the hearts of some people, it will be ready for harvest in another. If we are instant in season and out of season, we will be looking for those who are about to yield to Christ.

Jesus told the disciples the field was white unto harvest. He meant there were plenty of opportunities to lead the lost to salvation. He proved this statement by talking to the woman at the well and immediately bringing her to realize her need for the Lord.

How easy it is for us to be side-tracked and get on another issue even though we would like to talk about the Lord. To have victory here will require strength to bring the discussion back to the important thing. The disciples may have thought that a great work was to be done and somehow they would help in it. They had not yet learned the importance of starting with the individual and converting that one to God.

In our work this year, we can do nothing better for our society, and for our Lord too, than to bring someone to Christ. Set out with the purpose to talk about the Lord. See whether or not the field is ready for harvest.

3. DOING CHRISTIAN WORK MERELY AS A CONVENIENCE. ACTS 24:25; MK. 6:31; ACTS 17:21.

Putting off Christian things because we feel we are too busy or it would cause us some effort now is one of the devil's ways to gain victory with some people. They know soul-winning, encouraging weak Christians, or teaching new converts, would be the thing to do, but they draw back from the responsibility. If we do only what is convenient, it does not cost us much. Real discipleship requires some sacrifice. Self-denial is a Christian trait. We often have to assist in unpleasant things.

Do not let timidity rule your future. It is possible to overcome those things that hinder. The first attempts for the Lord may seem imperfect or failures. Nevertheless, persistent trial makes us better. Practice in

the little things prepares us for greater things. If we wait for a more convenient time we may not make progress in the next ten years. There is no better time than now to speak a word and do a deed to prove your interest in personal work.

4. CIRCUMSTANCES WILL NOT UNITE TO MAKE OUR WORK FOR GOD CONVENIENT. PROV. 22:13; 20:4.

Conditions about us will never be ideal to conveniently make a stand for the Lord. The enemy sees to it that we have these unfavorable conditions. We can expect them in the world. The Shepherd has been smitten by those who were cruel, and they do not have anything better in mind for us. If we are to be a power with God, it will be because we take an active stand against sin and indicate some real convictions for the Lord.

In times of severe stress, God needs men like Noah or Daniel or Elijah. These men along with many others pledged to be true to the Lord regardless of the surrounding conditions. In some cases, the people were sinful and even turned away from God for idols. These men determined to die before they would be untrue to their God.

We can not tell what we will experience in the years to come. Now is the time for the decision. Can we say like Joshua, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." We may be in the minority.

Additional Scripture

The anger of Ahab and the horde of Baal's followers when Elijah witnessed at Carmel: I Kings 18:17, 18, 22.

The rain at the confession meeting in the day of Ezra; Ezra 10:6-17.

The wrath of Sanballat and Tobiah and the ruined wall, in the time of Nehemiah. Neh. 2:10-17.

The danger about the path of the Lord Jesus. John 11:7-8.

The objections of the desert and the single hearer in the matter of Philip; Acts 8:26-29.

Questions to be Answered

1. How do we know that now is the accepted time to do personal work? 2 Cor. 6:2.
2. What excuses are usually made by those constantly refusing to do Christian work?
3. What does it mean to be one of God's "minute men" for testimony?
4. How are circumstances altered by a Spirit-led and Spirit-filled life?

Junior Topic

Mar. 3, 1940

NOTHING TOO HARD FOR GOD

Preparation for the lesson

Plan a contest between the girls and the boys, having all come prepared to describe Bible events in which the Lord has done that which would have been too hard for anyone but God. At the meeting the sides take turns describing these events, while the opposing group tries to guess what event is being described. The purpose is to see which side can present the best set of description. In case they are needed, the superintendent should be prepared to describe other events in which God's great power was seen.

Approach to the lesson

A man who had ben a very great sinner before he was saved was holding an evangelistic meeting. Just before he arose to speak someone sent an envelope to the platform containing a long list of sins and crimes he had committed in that very city before he was saved. At first he felt like running away; but he stepped to the platform and said, "I will read a list of sins and crimes I am accused of having committed in this very city." After reading each one he said, "I am guilty." When he had finished, he said, "Do you wonder why I dare to preach to you since I am guilty of all those crimes? It is because 'This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief'."

If that man had not been a Christian, people would not have wanted to hear him after they learned he had been a criminal. But in spite of his sinful past, hearts were stirred that night and many people were saved. Do you know why? It is because God can do some things no one else could possibly do. He can take such a man, forgive his sins (Eph. 1:7), make him a new creature (II Cor. 5:17), give him power to live a holy life (Phil. 4:13), make all things (even a sinful life) work out for his good (Rom. 8:28). Truly we have a wonderful Savior! (Eph. 3:20; Jer. 32:17; Dan. 4:35 can be used before the children describe the wonderful things He has done.)

SCRIPTURE ILUSTRATION

DON'T WAKE THE BEAST UP !

By Bernard N. Schneider

An English officer was sitting at his desk in his little office in India, reading over some reports. By his side, and gently licking his hand, lay a young tiger, a big cat with sleepy eyes. Ten minutes before the officer had been warned by well meaning friends to get rid of the fearful looking pet. They tried to convince him that it would be dangerous to keep the almost full grown beast any longer. But he had laughed at their fears. He had raised the cub from the time that he had been a few days old, and ever since, the cub had followed him around like a faithful dog. He had been very careful not to feed the young tiger anything that might arouse his jungle nature in him and thought that he had succeeded in completely taking his beastly nature from him. To some he might be a terror, but to him he was nothing but an interesting pet, a complete slave to his master's wishes, and altogether harmless.

While he sat there reading his reports, his left hand suddenly felt a sharp pain. Obviously, the cat was using his playful tongue a little hard on his hand. He started to withdraw his hand when he was startled by a deep growl. Instantly, he knew that something was wrong. He allowed his hand to remain in its position and looked down. The sight he saw made chills go up his spine. There was the beast, now sitting up, his tail twitching back and forth, his sleepy eyes glowing with a strange light as they gazed into his own. The hardy action of the beast's tongue had brought forth a drop of blood from his hand, and the taste of just one drop of warm life blood had awakened the sleeping nature of the tiger. He was no longer a harmless pet, but a blood thirsty beast, ready to kill if his desire for more was not gratified. Without moving his left hand, or speaking a word, the officer calmly opened a drawer in the desk, pulled out a revolver and shot his pet through the head.

The born again child of God has a sleeping nature, which he will do well not to arouse. The Bible calls it "the old man," and warns us to "mortify" this sleeping tiger, and to "put him off." Some Christian people think that the old nature is completely gone in them and get careless. But just a little food, just a little petting, and the old tiger is awake, going forth and demanding to be fed with the passions of sin. Then follows the experience of Romans 7:21-23.

Beware do not feed the tiger.

Matthew writes for Jews; Mark for Romans; Luke for Gentile converts, and John for all believers.

The resurrection of Christ is mentioned 108 times in the New Testament.

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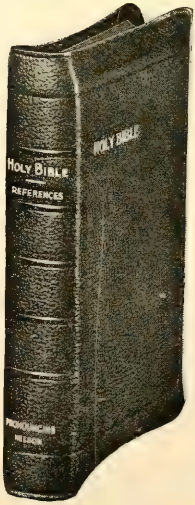

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TWO TREES

Outside my room there stands a tree,
Lofty, and straight, and bare.
No traces of its former life
(Last summer's leaves) are there.
One of these days shall burst to view
Buds, blossoms, leaves—but all things new.

Beside it stands another tree
With dead leaves hanging still,
Unsightly, but still clinging there
Though winter's blasts blow chill.
But when new life bursts forth in spring,
No longer can those dead leaves cling.

O, God, may I like first yon tree
Reach heav'nward. May there be
No traces of my former life
(That life of sin) in me.
May there bvrst forth to others' view
Thy life within which made me new.

But should I, like the other tree
Still cling in any way
To cherished things of former years,
O, fill my life today;
For when Thy Spirit reigns within
No longer can I cherish sin.

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EDITORIALS

By Mrs. A. B. Kidder

CHRIST OUR SUFFICIENCY

When our Women's Missionary Council was launched at National Conference last August, time did not permit us to set up a complete organization and then work out the problems presented. Our executive board had on their hands the duty of filling offices and laying plans for the year, and all had to be done in a few hours' time. They had to outline programs and duties broadly, and then scatter to their various homes. And what a scattering! Some went east, some west, some south; each to work out her part of the problem, their only contact for months to be through the mails.

The rank and file of our women returned to their task of organizing or reorganizing their local councils to work out the objectives set before us. A well-nigh impossible task, it is true, but the setting of the task was in answer to prayer, and we realized that its carrying out must depend upon One whose power is Almighty, and that power is released by prayer.

Being assured that we were in the will of our Heavenly Father, we dared to face the future undaunted by the hugeness of the task, or the obstacles already looming in our path.

Now the results are beginning to be apparent. As we look back to that day when we left Winona Lake behind, we are led to an appraisal of what the Lord has done for us. In a final hasty interview our Vice-president suggested for our devotional topic: Christ Our Sufficiency. Another suggestion came in later, and we felt incompetent to make the choice alone; so we called together a group of our local women, and asked them to help prayerfully in that choice. The vote was almost unanimous. In all this we see clearly the hand of our gracious Lord.

Christ has been and is our sufficiency. His helping hand has been held out to us in our task; The Home Missions Council offered us space in The Brethren Herald; and now we are using space in *The Brethren Missionary Herald.* And we want to praise Him in this first editorial and to declare that the Women's Missionary Council, its national officers, its district officers, its local officers, and its loyal members, look not to man, but to Christ our sufficiency; and in that spirit we go forward in His service.

THE W. M. C.'s CHOICE OF WEAPON

These are war days, and we read much about weapons; the W. M. C. is not a military organization, but we are perforce engaged in a warfare against "the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness." Being at war, our choice of weapon is important. If we are to judge by the number of requests by mail and by word of mouth, asking us to finish and publish the Bible study begun at National Conference, the weapon chosen is surely the "sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

We are acceding to that request by publishing the study in the W. M. C. section of this number of *The Brethren Missionary Herald.* May God bless His Word to all our hearts and build us up in our most holy faith.

ANOTHER OBJECTIVE

In our regular columns we are stressing our objectives for the year. These eight objectives might seem to be enough to keep our women busy; but our W. M. C. women are exceptional women, because we have Christ for our sufficiency; so we are going to propose a ninth objective.

We have no opportunity to put this before our executive board; therefore we must put it before each member of the W. M. C. as an individual.

Inasmuch as The Brethren Missionary Herald Company is asking for an offering of $5000.00 to meet their obligations, and as our W. M. C. is definitely a part of the new set-up, should not our women feel it their obligation to pray for this need, and in every way to get behind this offering? We have an opportunity for personal giving, for taking it up in our local councils, and for using our influence to promote a special offering in our local churches.

Helping to get subscriptions to this fine paper will be of value to the company also. And now that we have four numbers on hand to show as samples it should be easy to interest new subscribers.

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We are repeating the above addresses for your information. We know that the paper is going into new homes each month, and that as new councils are formed, they will require this knowledge as to where to write for certain supplies. So again we say: For your membership cards and sample constitution write to Mrs. Kent; for dime collectors and missionary literature to Mrs. Monroe. Send your president's name and address to Mrs. Kidder for the devotional topics. And please note well—*all money should be sent to Mrs. Koontz.* We emphasize this because we have learned that some has gone to the treasurer, Mrs. Polman, and she just has to remail it to Mrs. Koontz.

OBJECTIVES SUGGESTED FOR THE YEAR 1939-1940

1. Regular monthly devotional meetings.
2. Missionary prayer circle.
3. Bible reading—entire New Testament, or a chapter a day of your own selection.
4. Missionary project—support of Bouca Station, with dime calendars turned in not later than Feb. 25.
5. Special offering lifted in January and July (for administrative purposes).
6. Thank offering received at National Conference for Home Missions Council.
7. Public service held and offering lifted for Grace Seminary not later than May 1.
8. Mission study class using "Biographies of Brethren Missionaries," Study II.

Are you stressing these objectives in your local councils? We are now past the turn of the year and must have in mind that the time is growing short till National Conference and final reports.

If you have not a missionary prayer circle, it is not too late to start one. Keeping our women in touch with our missionaries through prayer will increase their enthusiasm for all the rest of the program of the W. M. C.

As to Bible reading—surely each and every member of our Council wants to meet this objective. As we read the Word we learn God's will for our lives and are brought into touch with His power to help us in our service for Him. Here, too, if yours is a new council, or if you have been negligent in this matter, it is not too late to read the New Testament through before the final reports go in. A chapter a day of your own selection is the alternative.

It is a good idea to have a definite plan for the thank offering to keep it in view all the year round, instead of a grand rush to fill the boxes at the last moment.

The next outstanding objective is that public service with an offering lifted for Grace Seminary. May first is the final date set for this project, so we must have it in mind for consideration.

Of course your mission study should be of interest to all the women. The better informed we are about missions and missionaries the more constructive will be our program and work.

By the time you see this in print your offering for Bouca station will no doubt have been forwarded to the financial secretary, but if not, do not hesitate to send it in after Feb. 25. It will be most gratefully received and there will be a use for it.

We regret that we have no report to give you in this number as to how we came out with our first offering for administrative purposes. This copy must be made up at the beginning of February, so it is impossible to get the information from the secretary. We have been told by officers of several councils that the free will offering method is bringing in much more than the assessment method, and we are hoping that will be true in the majority of our councils.

DEVOTIONAL MEETINGS

Our topic for the year was surely happily chosen: Christ Our Sufficiency. His sufficiency has indeed been realized thus far as we undertook in His strength alone to carry through the great work of our W. M. C.

Devotional Program for March:

Topic: CHRIST OUR SUFFICIENCY FOR SALVATION.

Opening Hymn.
Scripture Reading—Acts 16:16-34.
Season of Prayer (especially for the unsaved, both Jew and Gentile).

Topic: CHRIST THE LAMB SLAIN FOR OUR SALVATION.

Hymn.

Topic: CHRIST THE KEEPER OF OUR SALVATION.

Special Number.

Topic: CHRIST THE FINALITY OF OUR SALVATION.

Business Session.
Closing Prayer

AN INTERESTING LETTER

The editor's appeal for news of your local councils did not reach you in time to get any copy for this number, but we are looking forward to much of such material from month to month. We will publish as much as we can in the space we have. If not the letter as written, we shall use the news items in some way.

But the Lord has answered our prayer by putting it into the heart of one secretary to send us an interesting letter about their work, and we herewith offer it as a sample:

Dear Mrs. Kidder:

Greetings to all our new national officers and members of our Missionary Council.

The first of September our council launched a new program and as we have had such wonderful response we want to tell others.

At our regular monthly devotional and business meetings we ask each lady to bring needle, thread and thimble. We have quilt blocks already cut out and while the meeting is being conducted our women sew and by the close of the meeting we have much accomplished.

Then every Thursday at 9:30 A. M. we bring our lunch and meet in the church basement to sew. Some bring their sewing machines. We use bleached sugar sacks for the linings and have 18 comforts (crib size) completed. Almost everything has been furnished so far (although we have a little black baby in a basket with a sign, "I would like more than a band"). With this money we buy outing for diapers and gowns.

We have hemmed three dozen diapers and have 15 gowns nearly completed.

We take old and new goods and have made 75 little colored dresses.

At these "work-days" if we run short of material for baby clothes we roll bandages. We have 450 rolls of six yards each, and still more material to use.

We are expecting Miss Tyson here the last of January and want her to have all that we have made if she can use them for the new maternity hospital.

Our council has increased in membership since we launched this new sewing program. Our free-will offerings are just as large as when we had dues and every one seems to like it better.

Each member has a card with a picture of two of our missionaries and on the back a short biography. We keep these a month and pray for them individually and then they are exchanged at the next meeting.

Our Council will be four years old March 3rd. We are hoping that this year will be the most profitable for the Lord's work. Pray for us.

Sincerely in His name,

MRS. RALPH WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

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Long Beach, California.

QUARTERLIES AVAILABLE

We still have a few Bible School Quarterlies (International lessons) for the first quarter (Jan. -Mar.) 1940 that might be used to good advantage in Bible School or Home Department. We would be glad to dispose of them at the price of 5c each in lots of 10 or more.

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NEWS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD

Commenting on the war and its relation to the work in Africa, Miss Mabel Crawford writes home folks, "We are all right here, and even though we might be cut off from outside supplies for a long time, we could live very nicely on the land. In produce, the Lord has blessed wonderfully this year. Our garden gives us fresh vegetables all year round and we have lots of fruit, varying with the seasons. Our only real need is flour for we have a good supply of sugar and our goats supply our milk and butter. As for meat, we can buy beef, at least for the present, from the natives; then, too, we have rabbits, chickens, ducks and goats.

We don't know much about what is happening in Europe so probably are much more at rest than you who have constant access to radio and newspapers. We are just going ahead day by day trying to keep panic from striking our natives, reassuring them and urging them to stay in their villages, to listen to and obey carefully all commands of the government. This talk of white man's war cannot be understood by most of them. In native warfare of olden times when two villages fought, as soon as half a dozen people were killed they all got to feeling so bad that they had to quit fighting to mourn for the dead. They can't see how the white man can fight for years and not get sorry and quit. In any event their path of duty is to the French government, and for those who are Christians, this world can offer nothing worse than death—but in the after world life everlasting. I believe that we have a large group here who really love the Lord and have enough faith to stand no matter what tests may come. Pray much for us and them that we may all meet any test unflinchingly. We are willing to bear any privations if we can just be permitted to serve our Lord unhindered till He himself takes us out.

Everything is torn up in my home now for a general house cleaning before conference. I don't have enough kalsomine for all three rooms so I think I'll do some experimenting on one. I may add bluing to the white wash or I've thought of a little purple ink to make lavender, or pound up some papaya leaves to make green, only to break the monotony of white walls.

These days are almost too full for anything but it is good to be busy. Miss Myers is working on translation of Old Testament stories. We have one book of 25 stories, from creation to Moses, nearly finished to be used in our reading classes. In addition to my regular program of Bible classes, French school, reading classes for women and girls, I'm proof-reading translations, also making a dictionary of Karre, Sango, French and English. I will be closing school on Nov. 17. I can't help having a twinge of regret over losing the boys I've had so long. If the French school is kept open next

year I'll have to start an entirely new set of boys. They are so hard to calm down but now that they all have some vernacular before they come it isn't so bad as it used to be for they aren't right from the bush.

We feel that these are days of great opportunity here and we must make the most of them. Pray for us."

ROLL OF LOCAL COUNCILS

We are glad to say that our roll of councils is growing each month. As you send to Mrs. Kent for membership cards, etc., she is able to add you to her list. Then the editor gets requests for devotional topics and various information and so she adds and then we compare and compile the list; but we are certain that it is not complete as yet and we are going to publish it in the hope that more information will be sent in. Will you not go over it carefully and notify us of any mistakes you find; also please note these two statements: If some member of your council or your pastor is not getting the devotional topics each month, it is because the editor does not have a name and address to which to send them. Please send in the name of your president. Secondly, with the March devotional topics will be enclosed a Semi-Annual Report Blank—will you not hand this to your local secretary and see that the report is sent in according to the directions upon it?

For your convenience, we have arranged the councils according to state:

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- Bellflower
- Compton
- Fillmore
- Glendale
- La Verne
- Long Beach, First
- Long Beach, Second
- Los Angeles, First
- Los Angeles, Second
- Modesto
- South Gate
- Tracy
- Whittier

District of Columbia
- Washington

Indiana
- Berne
- Clay City
- Flora
- Fort Wayne
- North Liberty
- Osceola
- Peru
- Winona Lake

Iowa
- Dallas Center
- Garwin
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BIBLE STUDY—
Ephesians 3:16-21

In these six verses we have the word "be" used four times. This little two-letter word signifies an exhortation, a command; not a command to *do* something, but to be passive in the hands of God, to let *Him* do something in and through us. And the basic "be" is found in verse 19—"Be filled." This is the secret of all the other "be's," and so we consider it first.

We need filling, it is said, "Nature abhors a vacuum"—that is the scientist's way of putting it. We find that God abhors a vacuum too, especially when He finds that vacuum in the life of one of His children. Do I hear someone say that we find a use for a vacuum? Yes, we use vacuum sweepers to pick up dirt—and that is just how useful a vacuum Christian is—he just naturally soaks up all the dirt and filth of this Satanic world-system he can hold. What would happen if you filled the bag of your sweeper with diamonds? Well, it wouldn't pick up dirt. That might not be the proper use for a vacuum sweeper, but if we will let God fill us with the Holy Spirit, we will not go around picking up the filth of the old sin-cursed world any more. How full does God want to fill us? 100 per cent? Nay, more—with all the fulness of God. But we can not hold more than 100 per cent! Of course we can't—and then the rest will overflow unto others.

Now, let us look back at v. 16 and find there, "Be strengthened." How conscious we are in these days of our need of strength! And we are to be strengthened with might. In ourselves we have no might, no power; and so the apostle does not pray for an increase of our strength and power, but that power may *be given* to strengthen us.

The agent of that power is the Holy Spirit. We are mindful of our Lord's words to the eleven just before He went back to heaven, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). That was His promise and Paul enlarges upon it by encouraging us who have received the Holy Spirit to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Not that we are to seek more of the Holy Spirit, but we should let Him have more of us.

We are to have this strength in the *inner man.* We need physical strength, of course, but that is not in view here. Neither is the Word here dealing with

strong, mighty works; they are the results of power, and no results can be expected until that power is placed within.

The spiritual nature needs to be fortified against the flesh, that we may live in the Spirit, fulfilling the desires, not of the flesh, but of the Spirit.

Let us look at the next "be" in v. 18—"Be able"; and let us pause a moment and ask, each of her own heart, am I an able Christian? It reminds one of a nautical term—an *able seaman,* which is applied to one who has the knowledge and has learned by practice to perform certain tasks. Too many Christians are *weak* rather than *able.*

The knowledge referred to here is not to be limited to a few favored ones, it is for all, "that ye....may be able to comprehend with *all saints.*" Then we are introduced to the arithmetic of Christiain knowledge; and in spiritual arithmetic there are four dimensions: breadth, length, depth, height. But of what are these measurements? The clause is unfinished, but it can refer only to the work of God and His ways.

The breadth includes all His creatures, all His creation. They tell us there are 1500 billion stars in the galaxy to which our earth belongs, and that there are 1,000,000 such galaxies. It is God who put them there, who keeps them in place, and in motion; He calls them by name! Can you comprehend such breadth?

The length stretches from eternity to eternity, and all that which we know as *time* is just a short pause in God's eternity. How far beyond our finite comprehension!

The depth is that to which Christ descended for us. Have we any conception of how far He had to come to reach us in our lost estate?

The height speaks of the place God has given us *in Christ,* our position in the heavenlies. This is supernatural arithmetic—we are to know that which passeth knowledge (v. 19). Only the infilling of the Holy Spirit can make us able Christians; able for the task to which He has called us, able to endure whatever shall come into our lives, able to give a true witness to Him who is the true and faithful Witness.

Finally v. 21 brings us "Be glory"—how startling! We who so lack strength may be *strengthened,* we who are so weak may be *able;* but what about this last *be?* Can we who are so inglorious ever hope to *be glory* unto Him? That is what it says—*in the church*—and we are in the church which is His body—members of that body—such inglorious members! We heard Dr. B. B. Sutcliffe say, "How His body must bother Him!" "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus" (1 Pet. 5:10).

How then are we to be glory? We have seen above that it is by God's call; Eph. 5:25-27 tells us that it is by the work of Jesus Christ in cleansing us; 2 Cor. 3:18 shows us that it is through looking into the mirror of the Word; while in Phil. 1:11 we learn it is by our works.

When are we to *be glory?* Back in our original passage, v. 21 says "throughout all ages." Let us consider that carefully—*all ages*—but many ages had rolled by e'er the church began at Pentecost. However, Romans 9:23 tells us that before the world's beginning God planned the church to His glory; and that which is purposed in the mind of our God is just as surely accomplished at that moment as when it becomes a fact in time. The manifestation of that glory lies still in the future (Col. 1:27; 3:4).

In Eph. 1, Paul had given a complete outline of the church's glory: 1. Before the foundation of the world she was chosen to the praise of the glory of His grace (Eph. 1:4, 6). 2. This is applied to the early church in the 12 verse. 3. The redemption of the body is to be unto the praise of His glory(Eph. 1:14). 4. The 18th verse speaks of the riches of the glory of Christ's eternal inheritance in His saints.

Thus we see that every redeemed soul is a living "glory to God." And this being true, let us heed well Peter's warning—2 Pet. 3:17, 18.

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"BEHOLD WHAT LOVE"
(1 John 3:1)

(Gal: 3:26)
Thy child! What rest is mine,
Beneath a Father's eye,
Encompassed by Thy love divine,
By precious blood made nigh.

(Gal. 4:6)
Thy Son! What freedom's mine,
Now by God's Son made free,
And in His glorious liberty,
For ever more to be.

(Gal. 4:7)
Thy Heir! What wealth is mine,
Immortal joy's to share,
And in that nightless city dwell,
Where all Thine image bear.

—J. F...

OUR BOYS and GIRLS VERY OWN PAGE

What Other Boys And Girls Are Doing.

Some people think children have to wait until they are grown to be used of the Lord, but this is not so. In the Bible we read of those who were used of the Lord while they were young. The boy Samuel was one of these. If you do not know the story, you will want to read it in I Sam. 3.

Not only can we serve God while we are small, but I Tim. 4:12 tells those who are young to be good examples of believers in every way. That is what the children in the First Brethren Church at Peru, Ind. are trying to do. When they see people whispering in church or doing other things which are not a very good example, they have their superintendent write it on the blackboard at Junior C. E. Then they decide what is the better thing to do, and try to set the example themselves. Don't you think it would be fine if every boy and girl in your church also would try to be an example to others for Jesus' sake?

If in your church you boys and girls are doing anything which might be of interest to the other readers of this page, write the Children's Editor, The Brethren Missionary Herald Co., 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind., and tell us about it.

Singing The Books Of The Old Testament

Have you tried and tried to learn the books of the Old Testament, and still can't remember them in their order or in what divisions they belong? Then perhaps this song to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie" will help you. Perhaps the superintendent of your department in Sunday School and Christian Endeavor would like to know about it too.

Let us sing the books of Moses, of Moses, of Moses;
Let us sing the books of Moses, for he wrote the law,
First Genesis, second Exodus, third Leviticus, fourth Numbers,
And the fifth is Deuteronomy, the last of them all.

Let us sing the books of history, of history, of history;
Let us sing the books of history, which tell of the Jews.
There's Joshua, and Judges, and the story of Ruth,
Then First and Second Samuel, and First and Second Kings,
Then First and Second Chronicles, which give us the records,
Then Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther, the queen.
Let us sing the books of poetry, of poetry, of poetry;
Let us sing the books of poetry, the songs the Jews sang.
Job, the patient; Psalms of David; the Proverbs of a wise one,
And then Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon.

Let us sing the major prophets, major prophets, major prophets;
Let us sing the major prophets, who told what would come.
Isaiah, Jeremiah, who wrote Lamentations,
Then Ezekiel, and Daniel, who were true to their God.

Let us sing the minor prophets, minor prophets, minor prophets;
Let us sing the minor prophets; there are twelve of them all.
First Hosea, then Joel, and Amos, Obadiah,
Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk;
Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

—*The King's Business.*

Our Bible Character Alphabet

Answer to last week's Bible character: Caleb.

D was the lover of a young man who was so strong that he killed a lion without any weapon in his hand. Her people asked her to find out what made him so strong so they would know better how to overcome him. Find D's name in Judges 16:6-21, and see whether her people found out the secret of his strength.

What Do The Africans Wear?

Kenneth E. Sheldon, the 13 year old son of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Chauncey B. Sheldon in Bellvue, Africa, has written the president of the Junior-Intermediate C. E. Society of the Long Beach church. We feel part of his letter will be of interest to all our boys and girls. He writes:

"You asked how the natives dress in your letter. Well, this is how. The men around places where there are white people wear clothes almost like us, only they are more patched up and dirty. But when you go to an out-of-the-way place they just wear a loin cloth. The women and girls wear certain kinds of leaves, strings, shredded cactus, and a certain kind of palm leaves, on the front and rear of their lower quarters, while the richer ones wear cheap calico for Sunday and special days as well as most of the time. Most of the tots go naked.

"I'm beginning the 7th grade and am at both the head and foot of my class.

We know you are especially interested in hearing from the boys and girls who are living in other lands, so from time to time we will be printing some more items from our missionaries' children across the seas.

A Bible Puzzle

The letters in each of the words are jumbled. When they are properly arranged you will have a verse found in John 15. Which verse is it?

DEBIA NI EM, DNA I NI UOY. SA HET CHNARB NOCTAN RABE TRUFI FO TSLFIE, PEXECT TI IBADE NI ETH NIVE; ON ROME NAC EY, CPETXE EY EIABD NI EM.

THE GROWING CHRISTIAN

"Grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—2 Peter 3:18

LETTERS TO A COUSIN ..... By Art

Dear Cousin Bert:

Let me assure you that the most thrilling message we received in all of our Christmas mail was your most welcome letter containing the information of your remarkable conversion. To those who know nothing of the grace of God in its working, they would exclaim "marvel of marvels." I know something of the sinfulness of your past life and the contempt with which you held the Christian faith and those who have embraced it. But, praise God, there is nothing too hard for Him. Prayers have been answered and another precious soul has "passed from death into life." You will understand what this means by turning to I Timothy 5:6 which reads, "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." Surely you were living in all of the pleasures the world had to offer, but now you are in the position to enjoy the "pleasures forevermore" the Psalmist speaks about in Psalm 16:11.

Your good letter reveals the fact that you had a genuine conversion. I was interested in some of the things you didn't write as well as the things contained in your letter. So often people tell about how they were not satisfied with the way they were living and decided to try the Christian life by taking Jesus as their example. Some talk of how they turned over a new leaf. Some state their determination to live the golden rule and keep the ten commandments. Others talk of how they have joined the church. All of this is very splendid, but unless they have made an honest-to-goodness contract with the Lord, resulting in their new birth, as you evidently have, all will end in failure.

Bert, I am glad you learned that to become a Christian one must take the death penalty of sin through a substitute, and that Substitute is Jesus Christ. Yes, He died for you, was buried for you and He arose from the dead for you. And I believe your baptism meant more to you than it does to the ordinary church member, because in trine imersion, you demonstrated your identification with Christ's death, burial and resurrection. Do you recall when I was baptized how you said you would never give up to such foolishness? And it was foolishness to you because you did not have any spiritual discernment. Now you say your baptism was one of the greatest experiences in your life. The Lord bless you!

IGNORANT OF TRUTH

It was thrilling to me the way you exalt Christ's righteousness in your letter. In my Bible selling, I get a chance to talk freely with hundreds of active church people. Many of them have never been taught a thing of this precious truth which you have learned so soon. They are just like the Jews Paul speaks of in the tenth chapter of Romans; "They being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." They have never found out that "Christ is the end of the law *for righteousness* to everyone that believeth." It is a joy to me to instruct them.

I was glad to read your statement that you give the Lord Jesus Christ all the praise and glory for your salvation and for the peace and joy which has come into your life. This certainly is as it should be. The author of the hymn, "Jesus Paid it All" tells the reason why. I want you to read it through sometime soon. You will love it early in your Christian life.

I do not wonder at the admiration you express for the pastor of the Brethren mission in your community. We rejoice with you for such a consecrated worker for the Lord and his patience and tireless efforts with you which brought you to a knowledge of your lost and undone condition. I know that he considers himself as nothiing more than an instrument in God's hands — an ambassador for Christ, to whom has been committed the word of reconciliation. (Read 2 Cor. 5:19-20). And you, along with the others who have found the Lord Jesus Christ through his faithful witnessing of the Word, are his "hope and joy and crown of rejoicing." (See I Thess. 2:19).

OTHERS HAVE HELPED

Perhaps, as a young Christian, you have not thought about thanking God for the many faithful Brethren over the country whose sacrificial giving for home missions put your pastor into that territory where you were found for the Lord. In this connection, you will appreciate the contents of 2 Cor. 9:10-15 where credit is given to those who furnish seed to the sower and supply the needs of those who bring precious souls like yours into subjection to the gospel of Christ. And don't forget the many earnest prayers which these givers send up to God for new converts as spoken of in v. 14. Isn't it all wonderful! No wonder Paul says, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

It is our hope that some day, if the Lord should tarry in His return to rapture the saints to glory, that many others will become trophies of the grace of God because of the program of home missions in The Brethren Church. It is my prayer that you will be led of the Lord to prepare yourself to be used as such a worker. May God grant it!

We are enjoying excellent health from the Lord. We had a lovely Christmas with Dolmans and Brainards as our guests. I have a funeral to preach tomorrw so must bring this letter to a close and plan for that. If you have any problems troubling you in your Christian life while your pastor is away on his evangelistic tour you spoke of, feel free to write me. I will be glad to help you all I can. I remain,

Your happy cousin,
ART.

JEWISH DEPARTMENT

By Arthur Carey

John 10:16; Matthew 18:12-14 and 10:6
Romans 1:16 and Acts 15:26

The Neglected Race For Whom Christ Died

WHO'S GUILTY

Of What?

It is evident that the Jew is unevangelized. Very few know what the gospel story is. Less of them have accepted the gospel of salvation through Christ's atoning work, and seldom have these people appropriated Christ as their all-sufficient Savior. Moreover, an antagonism has developed over a period of many centuries to the claims of Christ. This is due possibly to two things. One is that human nature revolts at the admission of wrong, of an untenable position. But some day the brethren of Christ shall look upon Him Whom they have pierced (Zech. 12:10), and thus acknowledge their Savior and their part in the guilt (Acts 4:27) of placing Him on the cross. The other reason for antagonism to the gospel rests in the attitude taken by the so-called Christian church and the so-called Christian nations throughout the centuries past in regard to Israel. It has been an attitude of superiority and mistrust, sometimes culminating in anti-Semitic demonstrations and outrages. Naturally, Jews under such circumstances have encased themselves in a hardened shell of bitterness and solitude. The shell today is softening and the Jews are highly penetrable with the gospel.

Not Christ

No one can accuse Christ of shunning the Jews. Not One who was born in a lowly manger, after laying aside the official robes of the Creator and Sustainer of the universe! Not One who could have chosen nations with greater worldly prestige! Not One who said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest!" Not One who instructed His followers to avoid Gentiles and Samaritans, but to go rather to the *lost sheep* of the house of Israel! Not One who exemplified by His own death His willingness to go the last mile to reach *that lost one* of which He spoke in the parable of the hundred sheep! Not One who would shed tears of sorrow for the proud, impudent, and impenitent city of Jerusalem! Not One who in the intensity of suffering from the throes of the struggle with a death compounded by hideous and eternal aspects could say, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do!" Not One whose final instructions to His earthly ambassadors were that they should begin witnessing at Jerusalem and Judea! Truly could the Jew of all ages sing the chorus,

No One ever cared for me like Jesus,
There's no other Friend so kind as He,
No One else could take the sin and darkness from me.
O, how much He cared for me!

Not Paul

No one can say that Paul neglected the Jews. He sat under the teaching of the best Jewish teacher of his day. He affiliated himself with the most popular religious sect of his day. He, according to his own testimony, was a Hebrew of the Hebrews, a Pharisee of the Pharisees, a blameless keeper of the law. After his conversion, he became a messenger of Christ to the Jews. He spoke so many times in synagogues to the Jews on Sabbath days, that Seventh-day Adventists have jumped at these Scriptures as proof that Paul was a Sabbath-day keeper. This man who was set for the defense of the gospel established firmly the principle of Jewish evangelization when to the Jews at Antioch he proclaimed, "Men and Brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, *to you* is the word of this salvation sent..... Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins...." Paul's slogan was, ".... to the Jew *first,* and also to the Greek."

Not The Early Church

On that great day of Pentecost, Peter declared to the Jews, "the *promise is unto you, and to your children,* and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call (Acts 2:34)." Upon another occasion, he again emphasized the priority of the Jew in the opportunity of accepting the gospel by declaring (3:26), "Unto *you first* God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities." The early church was founded at Jerusalem, and it ministered almost solely to Jews. Jewish historians admit the worthwhile effort of the early church amongst the Jews.

Are We?

The unwelcome fact remains that the church in general since that early church has either, and generally alternately, sought to compel conversion of the Jews, or else has studiously avoided the great commission which includes their evangelization. The modern religious movement of today has practically recognized Judaism on a common level with its so-called Christianity. The Jews can look for no salvation from that quarter. The task of evangelizing the Jews, then, rests with the fundamental groups. The question that looms definitely large on the horizon of 1940 in the ranks of our own Brethren Church is what we shall do with the challenge of Christ's all - inclusive great commission. *Shall we be guilty of neglecting the Jew?*

This Department

It shall be the purpose of this department to invest all energies in the interest of Israel's redemption, that a great awakening of interest, sympathy, and zeal on behalf of evangelism may spread within our ranks. In its columns will appear articles bearing on history, types, and prophecies concerning Judaism. Also there will be little briefs and news notes of human interest dealing with the brethren of Christ according to the flesh. Our own Brethren Jewish mission will be heard from. Let us "pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee."

CHRIST —THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

A DOCTRINE OF CHRIST DEPARTMENT

Ex. 3:14
"and God said I AM that I AM"

Jesus said "Except ye believe that I AM ye shall die in your sins"—Jn. 8:24

By Frank G. Coleman, Jr.

In The Fulness of Time

That there was a definite point in the history of the race, and of God's redemptive dealings with man, at which the advent of the Savior of the world must of necessity occur, is explicitly taught by Galatians 4:4 —"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son." Had he been sent earlier, the way would not have been adequately prepared. Had His advent been delayed, the whole history of mankind would have been meaningless. Four millenniums were needed to prepare the world for that cross which might conceivably have been erected at the gates of Eden had the race at that time been able to understand and to accept it. But the sons of men were not prepared for the visitation of the Son of man.

The History of Man—A Preparation

The cross was not for Eden's exiles to behold, for sin was not yet known for the hideous thing that it is in the sight of a holy God. Man must needs learn the true nature of sin, a lesson only to be learned in the annals of human affairs, mercilessly recording for his instruction the history of sin in the acts of fallen moral beings. 4000 years of human history demonstrated beyond all cavil that sin is sin, the inherent principle in the very nature of men that gives downward impetus to the depravity of the sons of Adam.

Man must learn something of the depth of his depravity as the lurid record of his depraved dealings with men and with God led him toward a knowledge of his utter abandonment in sin and godlessness. And should he refuse to learn, the record must stand, a silent witness condemning his wilful ignorance, that he might be without excuse. Not until the history of sin and the race demonstrated the utter depravity of man, and inscribed in indelible words the course of that depravity from the little rivulet that sprang forth in Eden to the flood of the days of the Son of man, could He come Who alone was able to stem the tide and cure forever, in the individual hearts of those who trust His grace, the ravages of the disease which had wasted the world.

Again, man must learn the lesson of his own powerlessness to preserve for himself and his posterity a pure knowledge of God. Paul, in the first chapter of Romans, brings an indictment to this effect against the heathen world, saying, "When they knew God, they glorified him not as God.....their foolish heart was darkened.....they became fools." And then, he tells us, they fell into inexcusable idolatry. This was the record of man's spirituality, a universal apostasy from God. Nor did the record reveal that man had ever regained, by his own efforts, an adequate knowledge of God.

But more than this, the history of the world and the sinners who inhabited it revealed the importance of man to effect his own regeneration. All the culture of the ages, all the progress of the millenniums, all the wisdom of the ages, had not availed to stem the tide of sin in the heart of a single one of earth's fallen ones. Man could not deliver himself from his sin—this was the testimony of the 40 centuries of his history. Not until this was the only conclusion to be drawn from the facts, could it be said that "the fulness of the time was come" for the entrance into human affairs of the Redeemer.

Israel—A Preparation

"God.....in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless he left not himself without witness" (Acts 14:16, 17). Into the darkness of the world God began to give light. A nation was born of the loins of a man called out of idolatrous Ur. And God began to educate a people in the majesty, the unity, the omnipotence, the holiness, of God. To them He gave divine instruction in the sinfulness of man and his moral and spiritual helplessness. And, in the face of man's abject poverty of hope, he set before His peculiar people the lesson of the certainty of a coming salvation.

Law

Israel was a nation tutored by law, that in the theophanies and the miracles attendant upon its being given to the people there might be born faith in a personal God. In the schoolroom of God's presence a nation was to learn something of the almightiness of her God, and her faith in Him was to be cultivated. Under the tutelage of law, with its commands and warnings, the dormant sense of sin was to be aroused, for the knowledge of sin must pave the way for the Savior from sin. John the Baptist must come before Jesus of Nazareth. And then, having learned something of God, and man's responsibility to Him, Israel was to be given the inspired hope of a way of pardon and access to Him. Through the priestly and sacrificial system she was to be prepared for the full and complete redemption to be given in Christ.

Prophecy

Israel was a people chosen to an education by prophecy. From the protevangelium in the garden to the words of Malachi she was instructed in the very Word of God as transmitted through His chosen spokesmen. Faith in the Word of God was to be the essence of her walk. Her prophetic education was furthered in the providential careers of typical persons whose lives in a measure foreshadowed the work of the One in Whom all prophecy centers. In the typical acts of the Old Testament history she was given a glimpse into the mysteries of God's redemptive grace. The sacrifice of Isaac, the lifting up of the brazen serpent, were prophetic of the coming sacrifice for sin. In the tabernacles she could, with enlightened understanding, see foreshadowed the whole redemptive program of God. In her prophetic education God used every means to

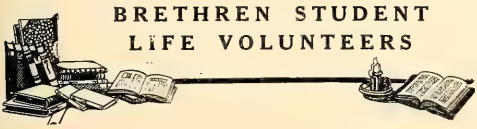
prepare her for the Christ to which all the types and testimonies pointed. When prophecy of every kind was complete there was a brief interval, and then He came of Whom Moses and the prophets wrote.

Judgment

But Israel's education was not complete in law and prophecy. She needs must be educated by judgment. Here was a continued education by chastisement for sin, an education intensified in her exile in Babylon. It was there that she gave up once for all time the polytheism that had brought her woe upon woe. In Babylon the synagogue system was established to preserve and propogate the monotheism to which God's judgment had finally driven her. And it was in Babylon, in exile, that the nation turned from agriculture to the marts of trade. Let no one condemn the Jew for his keenness in trade, he was apprenticed in the bazaars of the Gentiles! So it was that the Jew became a world citizen, going wherever there were wares to be bought and sold.

God Sent His Son

With Jews in all lands, with their firmly implanted monotheism as the starting point for the gospel in every heathen city, with their synagogues established as places of assembly in the things of God, God had prepared a people to receive the gospel and to propogate it throughout the whole world at the very time when the world's consciousness of its need was at its height. And "when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son." Not until the great heathen world had been prepared, not until a chosen nation of evangelists had been educated, dare He give His greatest gift.



BRETHREN STUDENT LIFE VOLUNTEERS

By Kenneth Ashman

Sharing for Service

To Lawrence Judge, Garwin, Iowa, goes the credit for having turned in the first dollar for the "Sharing for Service" fund. This fund is for the express purpose of aiding worthy students through the years of preparation to become Brethren preachers and missionaries. Send all gifts for this fund to your national superintendent. Appropriate envelopes will come to you regularly for this ministry along with your personalized letter.

Beginning Our New Page

According to the present plans, the news of the B.S. L. V. will appear in the 4th issue of each month of the new *Brethren Missionary Herald*. We thank The Brethren Missionary Herald Company for this privilege. We urge all our members to subscribe for this weekly Christian publication at once. Don't miss another issue.

Good News from Cleveland

Late in the old year eight fine young people of the First Brethren Church, Cleveland, O., of which Rev. Tom Hammers is pastor, stepped out for full time service for the Lord. These eight have been sent introductory letters and questionaires. We hope to hear from them soon. We hope that many of you will follow the example of these few. It takes courage to stand out from the crowd, but the rewards are above counting.

B.S.L.V. Summer Revivals

An offer comes from several of the Grace Seminary students to spend the next summer in evangelism throughout the Brethren churches. These would go forth to hold two and three week revivals under the sponsorship of B.S.L.V. If there is enough demand, and we feel certain there will be, a schedule will be arranged and the messengers chosen. Members, get busy in your own local congregation at once. Urge your pastor to arrange for such a meeting in your church. Necessarily there will be a limited number of engagements, so first applicants will be given preference.

How About a Song?

Several have suggested that we have a B.S.L.V. song. It's a good idea. Several tunes have been suggested. Grace Allshouse, C. E. News Editor, sends in this word: "Why not have a little contest in the writing of appropriate words? When the words have been chosen, print them and then have another contest to see who can compose the best music." That's a fine suggestion, Grace. Get busy now, every member. Have your B.S. L.V. song to us by March 25. We suggest I Cor. 6: 19-20 for its theme. Who is the best poet? We'll soon find out.

200 Strong for Christ

To date we have 200 members. That's a fine record for so young a group. However, one young man or one young woman, really dedicated to the Lord, can do more in soul-saving than a whole legion of careless so-called Christians. It is true, though, that 200 dedicated young men and women can do much more than a few. Every member a soul-winner is our desire. Testify with your words, your thoughts, your attitudes, your actions, and your all.

You may get men interested in religion by preaching the supremacy of Christianity, but you can only get them saved by preaching the efficacy of the blood of Jesus.

There are some people whose friends are more to be pitied, than their enemies.

Wisdom is ability to use knowledge aright. The Holy Ghost is the fountain of true wisdom.

If you are "sealed by the Holy Ghost" as the property of your Master, there will be no need for anyone to ask, "Whose is the image and superscription?"

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TOPIC FOR MAR. 10, 1940

THE MISSIONARY PROGRAM AND THE LORD'S COMING

(Acts 1:1-14)

Suggestions for the Leader

Beginning with this topic, we find that it is necessary to cut down on the volume of material in each topic and ask the leader and speakers to do more individual work on the part assigned to them. We will carry an outline with Scripture verses at convenient places. Let each speaker enlarge upon the talk. Select other verses and be sure to put the talk in your own words if possible. In this way we hope to avoid having a society merely reading papers. Next we have a limited space in the Herald and do not feel that it would be right to demand too much of the paper.

This is missionary night. We are particularly interested in the relation of world-wide missions and the return of Christ. There is a relation between the two because the Bible predicts things about the preaching in the last days. We know that the gospel of the kingdom will be preached after He comes; but even before this a faithful witness will carry the word of salvation to many places in the world.

We are able to see where God is working to win people to Himself and ought to be in there. Today, foreign missions present one of the best fields of endeavor for the church. There are more conversions there and thus the bride of Christ will be made complete sooner. Therefore the more people that are saved now, the sooner we shall be taken to heaven by the Lord Jesus.

Jesus left the earth with the instruction to His followers that they should witness into the uttermost parts of the earth until He comes again.

1. THE THREE COMINGS OF CHRIST

a. His coming as a Babe in Bethlehem (Luke 2:4), to be the Savior of men.

b. His coming into our hearts as Lord and Master (Col. 1:27). To abide with us in fellowship (Rev. 3:20).

c. His coming again into the world (Heb. 10:28).

(1) As Bridegroom for the church (I Thess. 4:16).

(2) Later as King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16).

In many ways these three constitute the three events of all time.

2. MISSIONS AND CHURCH HISTORY COINCIDENTAL. ACTS 8:4.

a. This means that the history of the church and of missions happened at the same time and that one was dependent upon the other.

b. The church grew in proportion to its mission endeavor.

c. Lack of mission interest in a church will eventually bring indifference in other things of special interest.

d. The return of the Jews to Palestine, the readiness of many to become Christian, and the church's interest in Jewish evangelism, are evident indications of Christ's return.

e. No church that has neglected missions has long enjoyed God's great favor.

3. PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL AND HIS COMING ARE INTERRELATED.

a. The preaching of the gospel will hasten the day of Christ's return.

(1) Thus men will watch, pray and be ready for His appearing.

b. When the bride of Christ is complete, the Lord will return to get the bride.

c. Preach peace in a troubled world or heart will not accomplish as much as preaching salvation. The important thing is salvation and then comes peace. Paul wrote the order should be grace, mercy and peace.

4. KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST'S COMING BECOMES A REASON FOR HASTENING THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL. Acts 1:8-11.

a. The Jewish idea was to secure a prominent position in the kingdom. Jesus insisted that it was more important to be prepared for Him at His return.

b. The knowledge of how to be prepared ought to be a great urge for us to bring others the Christ.

c. We will be able to live an attractive life for Him (I Jn. 3:3).

d. We will take part in foreign missions.

5. THE TIME OF HIS COMING IS NOT SO IMPORTANT AS THE WARNING INVOLVED IN THE CERTAINTY OF THE EVENT. Matt. 24:42.

a. The exact time can not be determined by us. We can only know times and seasons.

b. The knowledge of the fact of His coming is the important thing.

c. He will come quietly and suddenly.

d. He will come when many do not expect Him.

e. The Christian attitude in this matter becomes our blessed hope.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

The other related Scriptures are Ezek. 33:1-11; Matt. 13:24-30; Rev. 22; I Thess. 4.

THE LESSON ILLUSTRATED

Several Scriptures illustrate the lesson beautifully.

1. The man who went (Matt. 21:28-32).
2. The unprepared guest (Matt. 22:1-14).
3. The ten virgins (Matt. 25:1-13).

QUESTIONS

1. What are the three comings of Christ mentioned?
2. Why is the missionary program an essential part of our work?

Junior Topic

MAR. 10, 1940

A Bible Salute and Pledge:

(May be used at the beginning of the services.)

Salute

"Open Thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law" (holding Bible to forehead, as in salute).

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet" (pointing with Bible to feet), "and a light unto my path" (raising Bible as pointing to a path).

"Thy Word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee" (Bible on heart).

Pledge

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to be kind, attentive, reverent and quiet during Junior C. E.

LESSON: GOD'S HELPERS.

1. Scripture: I Sam. 1:11-28; 2:18-19.

We find many places in Scripture where boys and girls were used in God's service. The story of Samuel is one of the best. His mother had prayed for a baby boy, and God had heard her prayer; so now she gave him back to God for service.

Boys and girls that love the Lord will want to start serving him early: at *home,* your duties faithfully done, because Jesus is faithful to you; at *school,* lessons well done and fairly given, because you want your mind to grow, and to do it fair would please our heavenly Father; at *church,* in our S. S. class, in C. E., and in church services, be regular, on time, with lessons learned, always well behaved. A child that does not behave in God's house has never learned the first lesson in being a Christian lady or gentleman.

2. Scripture: I Sam. 16:13, 21-23; 17:32-50.

This Scripture gives us the story of David, a shepherd boy, called of God to be a king. But while he was growing up he served the Lord in any way he could. He killed a lion and a bear while caring for his father's sheep. He played the harp for the unhappy king. Later he killed the giant, the enemy of God's people, with a smooth round stone. He could do this because he had practised throwing straight and true when a shepherd boy. Perhaps when a lamb would start to wand away he would clip a stone on its hoof so it would scamper back to its mother, or perhaps he would use his sling to kill some animal about to steal a sheep. You see, we must do well the things that do not seem important now, because God may want to use us in Africa or South America or China or India to tell boys and girls there about the Savior you know and love. Then we can use our hands, feet, eyes and ears all to His glory if we have them well trained and clean. Of course we know they should be soap and water clean, but most important of all is that they are clean of sin and disobedience.

3. Scripture: Jn. 6:9-13.

Tell of the little lad with the five biscuits and two small fishes. His lunch used and blessed by Jesus helped many people. Let us learn to give the best we have to Jesus when we are young. Then as we grow older it will be easy and natural to give Him our best and ourselves in His service.

LIGHT on TRUTH

By Bernard Schneider

Christians, Blowing Bubbles

The other day I saw a clever cartoon in a daily newspaper. A man with an umbrella beside him was playfully engaged in blowing large bubbles from a clay pipe. One such bubble had just bursted, labeled, "League of Nations." A new bubble was expanding which was labeled, "United States of Europe Talk." This was meant to represent future after war conditions. The whole cartoon was labeled, "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles," meaning Europe of course.

When I thought on the truth of this cartoon about a groping Europe, I could not help but think about a passage in the Word of God which speaks about bubbles which men are blowing. "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity, and vexation of spirit" (Ecclesiastes 1:14). The original Hebrew word here translated "vanity," means, a breath, a breeze, or a *bubble.* Yes, that picture too is true. Solomon ought to know. He continues in the next chapter.

"I said in mine heart, go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is *bubbles*.....I sought in my heart to give myself unto wine, yet aquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly,.....I made me great works; I builded me houses;.....I got me servants and maidens.....also I had great possessions..... I got me men singers and women singers,.....and whatsoever mine eyes desired, I kept not from them. .....then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do: and, behold, *all was bubbles*" (Eccl. 2:1-11).

Surely, when taken into the light of eternity, many of the worldly pursuits which now seem so valuable, become nothing but plain bubbles, which will burst at the judgment seat of Christ. It is sad but true, that many Christian people are engaged in blowing bubbles.

NEWS BRIEFS From Our Workers

By Robert Culver

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRESIDENT Robert Ashman, pastor of our church at Peru, Indiana, evidently believes that young people's activities are worth while. We note from the Peru bulletin that a young people's gospel team has been organized. At present the young people of B. S. L. V. and other young people are meeting for instruction in doctrine, personal work, how to conduct a service, how to prepare a talk, and other subjects every Christian worker ought to know. There is also a children's meeting held once every week, and from reports, it is well attended.

CLIPPED FROM THE PERU, IND., BULLETIN: "Plans are under way for the purchase of a church building which has not been in use for some years, in Sharpesville (Indiana). It will be used to start a Brethren work with Brother Verne Stuber in charge as pastor."

A CARD from the pastor of the Juniata, Pa., church, Ernest F. Pine, bears the following interesting news. "The Juniata Brethren Church has just completed their basement and has installed new pews in the auditorium. The latter project was made possible in part through the generosity of The Home Missions Council. Our people are grateful for what the Council is doing to establish a work for Him here. The Juniata Brethren Church has a one-half hour program over radio station WFBG. Altoona, each Sunday evening at 6:30. Those within radius of this station will be glad to know of this program. Our church has just completed an evangelistic meeting with R. Paul Miller. The church has taken on new life and activity."

YOU WILL REMEMBER that it was noted in this column some time ago that Bro. Arnold R. Kriegbaum had taken up the pastorate of the new church in East Los Angeles. The following encouraging report comes from him: "The work is coming along in fine shape here at East Los Angeles and we are praising Him. I am certainly kept busy, but oh what joy it brings to be busy for the Lord. We had two confessions week before last and one last week. There are a number ready to make the decision and a good number interested in our church. Prayer will bring the victory."

THE BETHEL BRETHREN CHURCH of Berne, Indiana, observed the fiftieth anniversary of their organization Dec. 17. The number of members at the time of organization was 16. The total membership at present is 219. On the first Sunday of the year they observed a "Jew First" Sunday, with R. Paul Miller bringing the message. On the second Sunday of the new year an offering for Grace Seminary was taken. Jan. 15 a two weeks evangelistic meeting was begun with Bro. E. B. Niswonger of Canton, Ohio as evangelist. Good results have been reported.

FROM THE KING'S BUSINESS magazine: "The addition of Paul R. Bauman, A. B., Th. B. to the teaching staff of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles has been announced by Kenneth M Monroe, Dean. Mr. Bauman expects to begin his service as professor of Archeology and Christian Philosophy at the beginning of the second semester, Jan. 29.

PASTOR ALBERT LANTZ of our Spokane, Washington, church reports through the church bulletin the baptism and reception into church membership of six on Jan. 24.

THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH OF DAYTON, OHIO, announces a two week's revival meeting beginning Feb. 11, with Dr. Louis S. Bauman as evangelist, and Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman of Fort Wayne in charge of the music. Pray for these meetings.

A COMPLEXION is something seldom seen these days. There are plenty of color schemes.—*Long Beach First Church bulletin.*

IT IS NOT SURPRISING that there is such an affinity between a negro and a chicken. One is descended from Ham and the other from eggs! —*Selected.*

FOUND IN OUR MAIL

"It is great! I must say it is the finest church paper I have ever laid eyes upon. If you continue to put out a magazine of that caliber, you should reach those coveted 5000 subscriptions before the end of the first month. I can assure you I shall do all I can here in my own church to get the magazine into every home." —P. B., California

"I agree with you—for two cents I cannot do without it.....I would not like to miss a number."—E.R., Pennsylvania.

"Inclosed you will find $1.00 for The Brethren Missionary Herald. I did so much enjoy reading the one you sent me. Thanks. My prayer is that the Lord will abundantly bless you in your new undertaking."—D.M., Arizona.

"I have just received my sample copy and am delighted with both its appearance and its contents."—R. R., Pennsylvania.

"I received my first issue today and think it is a very fine paper."—G. G., Ohio.

"Just received the initial issue of the new HERALD yesterday. Certainly looks, and reads, like a real magazine."—R. A., Indiana.

"Received the Foreign Missionary Number and surely enjoyed every article in it. I do not want to miss any of the papers."—G. H., Indiana.

JESUS CHRIST

THE ONE KEY TO SCRIPTURE

STUDIES IN THE HEBREW EPISTLE

"Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have Eternal Life; and they are they which testify of me"
—John 5:39.

STUDY NO. 1 — By ORD GEHMAN

Introduction.

A careful and prayerful study of the epistle before us tends toward the conclusion that this is one of the profoundest epistles in the New Testament. Although we cannot tell conclusively who the human instrument was in its production, its canonicity cannot be invalidated. Back of the human instrumentality we are fully aware that none other than the Holy Spirit of God could have given us such a masterpiece. It was probably written around 65 A. D. to the Hebrew Christians in Palestine; quite likely expressly to those in and around Jerusalem where the persecution against the church of the Lord Jesus Christ had been most severe. Beyond doubt, those to whom the epistle was addressed were intimately acquainted with suffering and trial.

The Epistle to the Hebrews presents a marvelous series of contracts between Judaism and Christianity. One word characterizes this epistle better than any other: *Better*. Bear in mind that the law is not condemned, for it had efficiently served its purpose as a tutor, or schoolmaster, to bring us to Christ (Gal. 3: 24). The whole burden of the epistle centers around these facts: that the new covenant is *better* than the old covenant; that Christ is *better* than Moses; that the rest of God is *better* than the rest of Canaan; that Christ's atonement is *better* than the sacrificial system of the Old Testament; that the hope of an eternal city is *better* than the hope of an earthly abode. In short *Grace supercedes Law.*

Then, as we study this epistle, let us bear in mind that the author is writing to those who had recently turned from Judaism to Christianity. Judaism was an important factor in the life of the Hebrew community. To turn from its precepts of the law, which had been a vital part of every genuine Hebrew's spiritual make-up, to the teachings of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ was a big step for anyone who wanted to go the whole way with Jesus Christ. It was the same old question which had precipitated the first church council held in Jerusalem as recorded in Acts 15. The apostle had taught that "the Word is nigh thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is, the Word of faith, which we preach: because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:8-10). The Judaizers had readily accepted the doctrine of grace but had desired to make circumcision and the keeping of the Mosaic law a necessity thereto. The prevalence of the Judaizers among the early Christians caused the apostle to guard carefully against their teaching which had caused widespread confusion. It is my humble opinion that this epistle was written to the Hebrews in an attempt to point out the tremendous advantages of vital Christianity over Judaism.

As we approach this epistle we are at once aware of the fact that it does not begin like the other epistles of the New Testament. It does not contain an introductory greeting as usual for such a letter, but the writer launches at once into the subject matter he has in mind. This is to be expected however, when we consider the impersonal nature of the epistle.

Advancing in our study of this portion of the Word, we discover that much is quoted from the Old Testament, but from the Septuagint. But even in these quotations, the writer seems determined to make slight reference to the human instrumentality in Scripture. So successfully has he covered his own identity that it appears natural that he should seek to obliterate all possible of the human element in the divine Scriptures. Thus he states "But one hath somewhere testified, saying, 'What is man, that Thou art mindful of him?

> Or the Son of man, that Thou visitest him?
> Thou madest him a little lower than the angels;
> Thou crownedst him with glory and honor,
> And didst set him over the works of Thine hands:
> Thou didst put all things in subjection under his feet'."

The writer here quotes from Psalm 8 but makes no allusion to it in this passage.

That the writer of the Hebrew epistle was a philosopher and a logician cannot be gainsaid. The convincing arguments used herein for establishing the fact of our superceding Christ are bulwarks of the Christian faith. Let us notice that there are three outstanding approaches which the writer makes to the greatness of our blessed Lord. If we are able to study this marvelous epistle together and see these things I am quite confident that our efforts have not been in vain. To Him be the glory and the honor forever more!

The Hebrew epistle presents a powerful Christ; One Who is able! As we thus view Christ, we find a guard against lessening the power of our blessed Lord. His power is greater than the angels through whom the former covenant had been mediated to the earthly people of God. He stands above Moses as the Builder of God's eternal house. There is a crying need today to re-emphasize the greatness of Christ's eternal power because of man's philosophy of man's deification. To detract from Christ's power as the Son of God tends to weaken vital faith. It is Christ Who saves by His divine power.

Again we notice a pre-eminent Christ. To gain any conception of Christ which is less than this is to violate His personality. To attempt to rob Christ of His pre-eminence as the Lord of glory serves only to leave the robber poorer and His Person more glorius and bril-

liant. The pre-eminent Christ, as presented in this epistle, guards against far-fetched, man-made philosophies. It is our pre-eminennt Christ who keeps His children safe day by day.

Lastly, but far from least, we reach through to Him and find a personal Christ presented as a final guard against apostasy. How we need to learn that we can touch the hem of His garment! Yea, more, we have One Who can be "touched with the feeling of our infirmities," for He "hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." What a glorious privilege is ours to "look unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith," and to know that His precious blood which was shed on Calvary paid the purchase price of our redemption. Only a personal Christ can sustain His saints. Such is our Christ as He is presented in the Hebrew epistle.

(To be continued)

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"I certainly am appreciating the first issue of The Brethren Missionary Herald. It's superb! We constantly pray God's richest blessings on you men who must work so hard to give it to us."—A. M., Virginia.

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"Think the Herald fine. Do not wish to miss any. May God's richest blessing attend."—W. B., Kansas.

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Note the seven beginnings in Genesis and the seven endings in Revelation. Universe, human race, sin, redemption, nations, Israel, lives of faith.

The first person translated was Enoch. He was the seventh from Adam and God made the seventh the trophy of His power over death.

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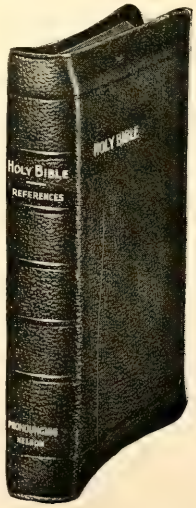

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EDITORIALS

By Louis S. Bauman, Editor

Our Easter Appeal

Any true picture of heathenism is a picture that is black beyond expression, but in an attempt to express it Mrs. Whitfield Guinness has done about as well as anyone after whom we have read. And here is her picture of it.

"Men and women are toiling without a Bible, without prayer, without songs of praise. They have homes without peace, marriage without sanctity, young men and girls without ideals and enthusiasm, little children without purity, without innocence, mothers without wisdom or self-control, poverty without relief or sympathy,sickness without skilful help or tender care, sorrow and crime without a remedy, and, worst of all, death without hope."

Brothers and sisters of the Brethren churches of America, as the Spirit of Christ in you is, how will this picture of the world's heathenism move you at this Easter time as we all rejoice in our knowledge of a risen Lord and the glory that lies beyond the resurrection? These people who are born in heathenism are human beings. In their breasts throb the same passions as throb in our breasts. Among those passions is a passion for life eternal, the passion for meeting loved ones in the other world, the passion for holiness, the passion for peace with God. What will be your response on Easter Sunday? What is the extent of your interest? We soon shall know.

Do We Want The White To Rub Off?

Forty years ago among the missionaries of Porto Rico was a fair haired, sweet faced, little woman. She noticed one day that a little colored girl was keeping very close by her side. Kindly she turned to the child and asked her why she clung to her so closely. The reply was, "You are so white, Senorita, that I thought perhaps if I kept close some of the white would rub off on to me." Thank God for a missionary that lives so sweetly and so cleanly that the black want the white to rub off on to them. However, this incident occured 40 years ago. We are beginning to wonder as the black races become more and more acquainted with the white peoples of the earth whether they are very anxious to have the white rub off on them. In all sincerity we are beginning to wonder whether it wouldn't be well for some of the whites of the earth to pray for some of their black to rub off on us.

"The Little White Sobbo"

A missionary in Africa tells us that "the biggest attraction of all to the little black children is a white baby. They have never seen a white child, and they are fascinated by the missionary's baby. They call him their 'Sobbo' (king) and gathered about him reverently. So the tiniest one in the missionary's family in Africa can help in the work of the Master, who loves all children everywhere, whether they be white or black." After all perhaps the children of our missionaries in Africa are missionaries too in a very real sense of the word.

Even men modernistically inclined say some worthwhile things. E. Stanley Jones says: "When Christianity can no longer produce the miracle of conversion it will lose its right to exist." On that ground there are a good many churches that seem to be possessed of a "Christianity" that has lost its right to exist.

"Stop And Tell Us The Story"

We are told that in Korea, great placards are placed at crossroads, on which is written this request, "If any of Jesus' people come this way let them stop and tell us the story." Whether the placards are up in Africa or not, this is absolutely the cry that is reaching the ears of the missionaries all over the heart of Africa. They are calling loudly to our missionaries, "If any of the Jesus people come this way let them stop and tell us the story." Dare we, who profess to be in possession of the Spirit of Christ, refuse to heed that cry? No wonder the great apostle cried, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel (good news) to you that are in Rome also." And no wonder, that he cried later, "Woe is me if I preach not this gospel." Anyone in possession of the "good news" and enjoying the gift of God which is life eternal, who can refuse to heed the cry of the millions for whom Christ died — well, it is just beyond us!

"I Will Go For Christ"

We have missionaries in Africa who if they were to give their talent to great business concerns in this world could easily be receiving four and five times

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as much as they receive upon the field. It is hard for worldly Christians to understand the spirit that dwells in these missionaries. We heard once of a missionary who asked a Burmese boatman if he were willing to preach the gospel to his fellowmen. The man was getting good pay as a boatman, and the missionary told him that he would be able to pay him only 8 shillings a month instead of the 30 shillings that he was receiving. "How is it?" the missionary asked, "Will you go for 8 shillings?" It was a bit hard for the man to decide, but after some moments of pondering he looked up and said, "No, I will not go for 8 shillings, but I will go for Christ." Can you imagine the apostle Paul going through what he went through for any other reason than the one he gave, "The love of Christ constraineth me?"

Enough to Make Angels Weep!

We have just heard of a pastor who declares that he is determined to attract into his church the "thousands of people who parade through the center of the town" on Sunday. Thus he would help solve the youth problem. His scheme is to put on a cabaret show on each Sunday evening showing "shapely legs, cafe bar and everything!" In our humble opinion, the young people of that town would be far better off parading themselves through the streets on Sundays, than they would be, sitting in the pews in the church of this particular "Reverend"!!

It is enough to make the angels weep that the unregenerate world these days has the opportunity of sitting back and guffawing while some of these degenerate clerics race with the godless old world to see which can arrive in hell first.

A Testimony

One of the most faithful supporters of our foreign mission work—one who gives regularly each month to it—is a school teacher in a certain state in this union. She provides for the support of one of our missionaries.

With her last monthly check came a testimony. We feel it will honor the Lord to pass this testimony along, for we believe it is not only a testimony of this sister, but of others. We quote:

> "As you know, I paid in advance for the summer months, even though it crowded me painfully I thought. Just to show you how the great Provider works, here is my testimony. This is the first summer vacation in which I came out even financially when school started. Usually this first check is swallowed up with little debts here and little debts there. I never saw a dollar go as far as my dollars went last summer. I have no one to whom to give the credit but to the One Who keeps the banks where everlasting treasures are kept."

Just another testimony confirming the fact that no one ever loses who does business with God.

Bandit Tactics!

A Soviet newspaper recently complained because Finland's white clad ski units were resorting to the "use of bandit tactics in sudden attacks on our columns." The paper in describing these bandit tactics said: "The enemy does not engage in open battle. Hidden under white robes and thus skillfully camouflaged, they suddenly dart from the woods to shoot at our advancing units, and then in all haste they run!" Now what a pity it is that those 3,500,000 Finns don't walk out in front of these 180,000,000 of Russians and engage in open battle! And from the latest reports, those miserable Finns have even quit running. From the latest reports, it is the Russians who now run! In our humble opinion the Soviets had better complain about the "tactics" of the God that they have mocked and blasphemed!

"In This Place Will I Give Peace"

On another page the reader will find a very interesting article under the caption, "In This Place Will I Give Peace." This article comes to us from the *American Mission to Lepers* whose National Headquarters are at 156 *Fifth Avenue, New York City.* The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church is cooperating with the American Mission to Lepers in the work of healing the bodies and saving the souls of the many lepers in the heart of Africa. The American Mission to Lepers is making regular contributions to our work. They are in close touch with Dr. Floyd W. Taber and together are working on this problem. We are just getting our work under way, but in due time we believe that The Brethren Church will have reason to be proud of her part in the work of redeeming these formerly hopeless and forsaken people —yes, redeeming them body and soul! The Bible has much to say about the Master as He went about healing lepers. "Hereunto are we called that we should follow in His steps." Any gifts at Easter time designated for this particular work will be so used.

Might we say that the first lodge was called "The Shinar Association for the Exaltation of the Human Name". Gen. 11.

The first Epistle of John is called the book of "knows." The word occurs forty times.

Who was the first grafter? Perhaps II Kings 5:20 will suggest.

You will find the "key of the morning" in Psa. 5:3. The same key should be used at night also. (Psa. 4:8).

When temptations are fierce, make haste to the "safety zone." (Psa. 18:2).

CONUNDRUM!

How can a man make his money go a long way?

Form your answer, and then check it with the correct answer on page 16.

DOES IT PAY?

By Mrs. Hattie C. Sheldon

Does it pay The Brethren Church to spend some forty or fifty thousand dollars a year to take the gospel to the heathen in Africa, or to those chained in Romanism to South America? The expense is great in dollars and cents, and even greater in lives, for the African field has paid a heavy toll in missionary lives for her advancement in this dark land. But even though our view is through a glass darkly, yet we can *see* even now that it pays to take the gospel to those who are lost in heathen darkness.

It is not yet thirteen years since the gospel of salvation was brought to this heathen Gbea tribe. While the missionaries were still living in the little, round, mud, rest house in Kewane's village, a young man became interested in the good news and said he wanted to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. An uncle, who had heard the gospel briefly at Bassai, had recounted to this young man what he had heard, and now he wants to take this Lord as his Savior. There on the narrow, mud veranda of the rest house, he was instructed in the way of life. That young man was Jacob Yase, who has been with the work through the years, and for some time has been native pastor at Bellevue.

Last week, Jacob Yase's wife Rachel, was unable to bring forth her babe and suffered and died. Jacob Yase lovingly stood by her and cared for her, not as a heathen would for a polygamous wife, but as a Christian in our own land would care for and love and cherish his companion. He prayed, asking the Lord to heal Rachel and spare her to him and to their two small children, Sara and David, if He saw fit. But he also prayed for the Lord to do as He saw best. Verily, no heathen ever prayed such a prayer to his fetishes. For some reason, which we as yet cannot see, Rachel was not spared, but went to be with Him, Whom she also loved. Her place will be hard to fill in a land where so few are really consecrated to His service, and especially the women. Her Sunday School class had to be taught by another today, and she will be missed in other classes. So many of the women are indifferent and hard to reach. They have been taught from time immemorial that a woman knows nothing and now it has a great influence on their lives and they are slow to emerge out of their lethargy.

A death in Africa calls forth all the powers of darkness, and why not, when they have no hope beyond the grave except for a vague idea of the spirit disassociating itself from the body and coming back to do evil to others, if offerings are not made to appease it. The heathen relatives all gather; clothing if worn, is torn off; ashes are rubbed on the body. The women turn somersaults and beat their heads against the wall or anything that happens to be near. Men sometimes cut themselves with knives in their desolation. Everybody wails; even the little children who are too young to know why, are wailing.

Jacob Yase, Rachael and Babe

But, when they really take Christ into their lives, it really makes a difference. Rachel told the people around her that she didn't want them to wail for her, but rather to prepare to come where she was going. After she went, Jacob Yase kept the people singing, even starting the hymns himself, until he was so hoarse, he could hardly sing above a whisper. This helped to keep the wailing down, for there were many heathen relatives present. On the way to the grave they sang, and when Rachel was lowered into the grave with the hope of the resurrection, we could not help but feel that it pays to preach the gospel to the heathen whether in Africa or in America.

But, don't forget to pray for Jacob Yase as his home is broken up and he is left with his two motherless little ones. As all of you know, who have been bereaved, the first sting of losing a loved one is not always the hardest to bear, but the days to come will be more difficult. Remember him in his work which needs him so much, that he will come out of his sorrow stronger than before.

Indiana W. M. C. Rally

The Spring Rally of the Indiana District W. M. C. will be held at the First Brethren Church, Peru, Ind., Wednesday, March 13th. There will be morning and afternoon sessions with a favorite dish dinner at noon. All W. M. C. members and those interested in the district are cordially invited to attend.

MRS. J. W. STUBER, Dist. Sec'y.

"A DEADLY PARALLEL"

("A WEARY PASTOR"—for thus he signs his cognomen —who lives in a certain city in these United States, got busy and plucked some news items that touched the lives of his own flock, from the local papers. Then he got busy again and plucked some items from his own records concerning the self-same flock. Then he had the audacity to place these items in those tell-tale 'deadly' parallel columns, and send them to a church paper, "Zion's Herald," for publication. He vouches that every item is based on absolute fact. How many other "weary pastors" are there who might be able out of their own experiences to print a similar " 'deadly' parallels"? Who can read these things without being deeply conscious of at least one deadly disease eating away at the very vitals of the church? Christian, are you guilty?—ED.)

NEWS ITEMS

"Mrs. A. entertained eight intimate friends with a dinner yesterday at the..... after which she took the party to the Majestic Theater to see.....

"Mr. and Mrs. B. left last night for New York, where they will attend the World Series. They will be gone about three weeks, during which time they will visit Niagara and other points of interest in that section.

"Mrs. C. entertained with bridge at the Country Club Wednesday in honor of her guest, Mrs. S. of Albion, Michigan. 30 guests were invited to meet Mrs. S., and a delightful afternoon was enjoyed.

"Mrs D. will be hostess to the members of her club next Tuesday afternoon. 27 members are enrolled in this rather exclusive club, and after an elaborate luncheon several papers will be read on the life and times of Charles Dickens.

"Mr. E. and family arrived at church last Sunday in their new Lincoln sedan,

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"Mrs. A. Contributes $3.60 a year to the missionary societies of her church. She has been a deeply interested member of these organizations for eighteen years.

"Mr. B. sent his check to the treasurer for $60, covering his annual contribution for the support of the church and her benevolences, accompanying it was a note saying, he was sorry it had to be less than last year.

"The city of which Mrs. C. has been a resident for 15 years is raising a fund of half a million dollars to build a new hospital for children. Mrs. C writes, desiring to help, and encloses her pledge for $15.00 payable in three annual installments.

"Mrs. D. pledges 25 cents a week to the support of the church. Sorry it has to be so small, but you know one must take care of one's own needs before helping others. Justice before generosity is her motto.

"Mr. E. made a pledge of $200.00 to the Centenary. He pays his $40 regularly each year the week before confer-

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which he recently purchased preparatory to a western tour of six weeks upon which they leave next Sudnay.

"Mr. F. had his Packard shipped to Jacksonville a few days ago, and he and his wife leave for that point about the 10th. After two weeks in Jacksonville they will make a leisurely trip of two months, touring the Southland.

"Among the 300 guests at the governor's reception on Wednesday evening, no one was more elegantly attired than Mrs. G. Her rare jewels added to her native charm, made her friends proud of her in every way. Mrs. G. accompanied by her two daughters, will leave in a few days for a four months European trip.

"According to her annual custom, Mrs. H. gave a garden party to the members of the X.Y.Z. Card Club yesterday afternoon and evening. The lawn was brilliantly illuminated, covers were laid for 40 persons, and supper was served at twilight. This is an event to which the club members look forward with keen pleasure, and Mrs. H. proved herself a most genial hostess.

"Mr. I. left at noon today for Ocean Beach, where his family are spending the months of July and August. Mr. I. goes over for week-ends usually, but this week will remain until Thursday, as he and his wife are to be hosts to a house-party for several days."

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ence, but raises serious objection to the extravagance —about which he reads in the daily papers—with which the people's money is spent by our missionary workers.

"Mr. F. declined to give $40.00 to the Poor Fund of his church to assist a family who were in great distress because of a flood which swept the place where they had lived before coming to .....and uniting with the church of which Mr. F. is an official member.

"With these same rings on her fingers Mrs. G. called one afternoon on the treasurer of her church and informed him it was impossible for her to comply with the suggestion of the committee that she increase her support to the church this year by 25 cents a week on account of increased cost of coal and labor. She would pay just as she had been doing, viz., 35 cents a week.

"Mrs. H. says the church spends too much money on its music. She does not approve. Singers should give their service the same as others do. She shows her disapproval by declining to make any pledge for church support. Collectors say she drops a coin in the basket when she attends, but the treasurer knows it must be a small one, for he has not found anything larger than a dollar bill in the basket for months.

"Mr. I. owns two automobiles, both of which are used almost exclusively for pleasure. He gives $20.00 a year to his church and $5.00 a year to missionary work. The committee had a hard time to secure a pledge for this sum."

The worst kind of "heart trouble" is that mentioned in Isa. 57:21. Its cure is revealed in Jno. 14:21.

Suffering for His Name's Sake

By Orville D. Jobson,
Bozoum, Oubangui-Chari, F. E. Africa

"For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for His sake"
—Philippians 1:29.

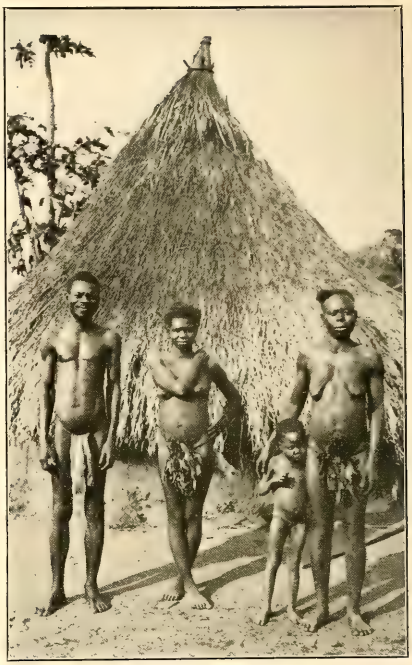
We sometimes forget that suffering is a gift of God's grace and a part of our salvation. It is not until we see some saint of the Lord drawn into a rich and abiding fellowship through sharp and shameful suffering that we begin to realize the truth of the words, "To you it hath been given, on behalf of Christ. . . .to suffer for His sake."

It is rare these days to hear of men and women suffering for Christ's sake. It is rarer still to be permitted to meet such saints. But whenever it is our lot to hear such testimonies our hearts are warmed and we realize anew that His richest blessings are not in deliverance from sufferings, but in granting patience through them.

Such a rare case is that of a woman whose heart the Lord opened in a small Baya village not so far from Bozoum. When she attended one of the first meetings held in her village, the Lord spoke to her soul and she found peace through faith in His blood as a sacrifice for her sins. But her husband was bitterly opposed to her attending the meetings, for she was his first wife and must care for his idols. However this faithful little woman attended daily the morning prayer meeting and sunset service. Her husband became more and more furious. He threatened to send her away and even kill her if she continued to follow the Lord. But Founkeya has found the Lord and is willing to suffer for Him.

Husband Strikes Her

One evening when she returned from the sunset service her husband was sitting by the fire in front of her house. Enraged to see her returning from the service, he grabbed a good sized stick out of the fire, with the flame still burning on one end, and struck at her head. The blow made a gash in the upper lip, and left part of the lip hanging in her bleeding mouth. She fell to the ground, while her husband stood over her pourinng out cursings and threatenings.



A Baya Family and Their Home

Without missing any services her lip healed again, but left a scar that she will carry until she receives her glorified body.

A year later Founkeya was among the first group to receive baptism in her village. Her husband was not at the stream, and still inwardly opposes her new found joy. At the love feast held several days later she gave her testimony. There were 18 at the love feast, and most of the eyes were wet with tears. After we told her of the Lord Who had scars which He received from the wounds her sins had caused and how we are called into the fellowship of His sufferings, she said "I'll follow Him unto the end"

Lord, if it's suffering we need to draw us closer to Thee, and Thou seest fit to send it, give us grace to bear it for Thy dear name's sake.

$50,000

That is the sum that is needed to carry on the great work of the Foreign Missionaries of The Brethren Church for another year! Tens upon tens of thousands through them will hear the "good news" of eternal salvation for the first time in their lives. Will this be true of a similar sum of money spent in the homeland? Dare we fail those whom God has sent and is so marvelously using? No, we shall not fail!

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR BRETHREN IN NORTH AMERICA

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity"(Psa. 133: 1).

Dear Brethren in Christ Jesus, greeting:

First of all, I desire that the grace of our God and Heavenly Father may cover you with every blessing in this present year. Then, I ask you very urgently to pray much for us. It is very necessary that your hands be lifted up on our behalf. Do not sin, therefore, in failing to do so.

Last night, the eighth of January, I found myself meditating on the immense benefits that the gospel of Christ has brought to me and to so many others here. Suddenly a thought crossed my mind, plowed a path through the seas, and then rested upon you Brethren, my beloved ones in Christ. I remembered your unbounded liberality which, through your love to Christ and to us, led you to give freely that which by grace you had received, and you gave with full hands and continue giving without murmuring. For what purpose? To the end that you might receive the approval of that One Who instilled into you so much love, and to the end that you might see us saved and happy.

Brethren, permit me to tell you that your offerings have been transformed by the divine touch into notable conversions. Many homes have been transformed from hells into paradises, because in them Christ now reigns. Even the physical and financial conditions have improved for many of them. Lives that before were being lived like the Gadarene of the Bible, today are in their right mind and publish the good news. Persons who carried knives and revolvers and were a constant danger to their fellowmen, today carry only "the sword of the Spirit" and the cross of Christ, and are a protection and blessing to their neighbors. Yes, brethren, Satan has lost many of his faithful ones since your self-denying missionaries set foot on the soil of our native country. It is true that not all of the holy seed has borne fruit to thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold, but it is also certain that some fell into good ground and has given good results. I firmly believe that the "latter rains" shall cause to germinate many of those upon which, it now appears, labor was bestowed in vain. Who is able to limit the power of our wise and all-powerful God?

That which we must say with sorrow and lamentation is, that at times those whom God had destined to sow only the good seed, carried in their sacks tares also, and have sown them without scruples. These have sprouted and produced their disgraceful fruit. But we trust that God in His time will clean out those injurious roots that seek to ruin the work of God. On the other hand, that which is of God, no one shall be able to ruin.

Now, brethren, it only remains for me to express to you in my name and in the name of all the brethren here, who directly or indirectly have received and do receive your loyal support and help, our sincere and profound gratefulness. God shall repay you with increase your service of love. Many bless you daily, you may be assured, and when we shall be together there in the glory of the Father you shall rejoice in triumph to see how much good you have done for us. Thanks for your love and fellowship.

Sincerely yours in the service of Christ,

LUIS SICCARDI,
Pasttor Brethren Mission,
Cabrera, Cordoba, Argentine.

GIVE!

Imagine the pansy bed saying to itself, "I cannot afford to give away all my beauty and sweetness. I must keep it for myself. I will roll up all my beautiful petals and I will withhold my sweet fragrance." As everybody that knows a pansy bed knows, the pansy bed that would say that to itself, would simply roll up, go to sleep, wither and die. It is the pansy bed that *gives* that *lives*. Human selfishness defeats its own ends always, and the man who withholds the fragrance of his sympathy and love soon loses the very thing he tries to keep. The springs of his manhood dry up, his finer nature becomes atrophied, he grows deaf to the cries of his fellowmen. Tears that are never shed for others' woes, sour to stinging acids in his own heart.

"Give!" says the sparkling little rill;
"I always give, am giving still;
And yet I have enough alway,
God fills my fountain every day;
"Give!" says the little rill,
"The cups of others fill."

"Give!" says the pretty garden flower,
"I give my fragrance to the bower,
I give the bee his morning meal,
And yet no want I know or feel,
And my reward is this—
The dewdrop's morning kiss."

"Give!" says the bird upon the tree;
"I sing my best, my song is free;
I never knew a bird sung out
And left forlorn to fly about;
To sing my song and give
Is my best way to live."

"Give!" says the twinkling star above;
"I shone before you saw me, love;
I give the sailor on the sea—
I give the light God gives to me.
"Give!" says the tiny star,
"The light shines very far."

"Give!" says the Lord of earth and sky;
"I gave myself, I came to die;
I gave my love that you might live;
All mine is yours. Can ye not give?"
Yes, Savior, we will bring
Our gifts to thee, our King.

THE MACEDONIAN CALL

A veritable Pentecost is being witnessed by our missionaries in Africa. When the gospel call rings forth from the lips of a true minister in America, in England, and other favored lands in these last days, men, even as our Lord said they would, "with one consent, begin to make excuse." It is also as He said that it would be: the Holy Ghost has thrust forth missionaries, to tread the pathways that wind through the tall grass in the heart of Africa—pathways banked by brushy hedges—to tell the story of redeeming love to those who have never heard. Multitudes are hearing that story; and our faithful missionaries have the unspeakable joy of hearing thousands upon thousands confess Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Read the *"Gleanings from Missionaries' Letters."* Do you wonder that the missionaries that come home on furlough are always so anxious to get back to their grass-covered huts with earthen floors, to the land where the hot sun blisters, and pests abound? They have looked into that darkness and have seen those faces turning with an indescribable appeal for the Light. No wonder the very souls of them cry out:

"Across the ocean stealing,
For life and health and healing.
A voice:—my soul is reaching,
In plaintive tones beseeching,
O'er dusky faces falling,
My heart turns to Oubangui,
Their tears are ever calling;
And I must go!"

"The Master's earnest bidding,
Within my soul is ringing:
'Go thou, proclaim glad tidings,
To teeming millions dying!'
All earthly ties forsaking,
And Jesus only taking;
My heart for them is aching,
And I must go!"

"I'm going to Oubangui, I'm going to Oubangui!
The call is growing stronger,
I can't stay here much longer,
O'er dusky faces falling,
Their tears are ever calling;
My heart turns to the Oubangui,
And I must go!"

By all means read Jake Kliever's story of his first trip out among the villages. Read it, and you will know that the day of miracles is not passed. The day when the Holy Ghost can move marvellously upon the hearts of men is still here. Jake Kliever must have experienced the joy and pain his Master once knew when He—

"Went about all the cities and villages teaching ....and preaching the gospel....But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion upon them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. Then sayeth He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few: *Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest"* (Matt. 9:35-38).

Once again the indescribable ache of the Master's heart is felt, and it throbs in the bosom of Jake Kliever and of every other one of our missionaries in that dark, dark land. The call for helpers rings in our ears day and night. Brethren, *dare we falter?* Dare we march up to the judgment bar of God without first having done as much as in us is to see that every eye that peers out of that African night shall behold the light, and every hand that reaches out for the Bread of life shall receive it? With countless thousands of lost souls knocking on the doors of The Brethren Church, pleading with us to share our Bread with them, it is time we forget all our petty excuses and rally to the support of those who are out there trying to make known the salvation of God, and put the Bread of life into those out-stretched hands!

"A cry is ever sounding upon the burdened ear—
A cry of pain and anguish, A cry of woe and fear;
It is the voice of myriads who grope in heathen night;
It is the cry of Jesus to rise and send them light.

With every pulse's beating, another soul is gone,
With all its guilt and sorrow, to stand before the throne;
And learn with awe and wonder the story of that grace,
Which God to us entrusted for all our fallen race.

Oh, how the Master's bosom must swell with love and pain,
As evermore they meet Him, that sad and ceaseless train!
And if He holds us guilty for all our brother's blood,
What answer can we offer before the throne of God?"

DON'T RETRENCH ON MISSIONS

Robert Carter loved to tell a story of one of the elders of the Scotch church, who came to New York a poor boy, and when he had earned ten dollars by wheeling goods in a barrow, attended one evening a meeting of the church called to pay off a debt. When subscriptions were asked for, the lad gave five dollars, which in after life he declared to be the largest gift he had ever made, being one-half of his earthly possessions. This good man afterward amassed quite a fortune, but a large portion of it was swept away in a fire. Shortly after, Dr. McElroy was going about, as was his yearly custom, collecting money for the various church charities; but he passed Mr. R....'s door, thinking that he would spare him the pain of refusing his usual gifts. Mr. R.... met him on the street, and said, "You have not called on me yet for my subscription." "No," said the doctor, "I have not the heart to ask you, knowing how heavy your losses have been." "Retrenchment with me must not begin at the house of God," was the noteworthy reply. "I shall double my subscriptions this year."—*John T. Faris.*

"IN THIS PLACE WILL I GIVE PEACE"

Written by Dr. Charles T. Leber, a Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

A short while ago I visited a leper village in southern China. Over 100 lepers had isolated themselves, living in small huts in a grove of trees. Two medical missionaries took me there that I might hear the leader tell what the Christian religion had done for them. Standing on a crutch and speaking through an interpreter, this leper told how evil he and his companions had been. They had been bandits of the worst kind. They had been diseased in mind and soul as well as in body "But," said the leper leader, "we are not like that any more. These friends came and brought healing for our bodies and new life to our souls. Because of Jesus Christ we are trying to live decent, kind, Christian lives."

Yambourou, one of Miss Tyson's leper patients.

Leaving the leper village, I went toward Nanking, where I was later met by a friend who had visited it a few weeks later. He told me this pathetic story: On the Wednesday before Easter some soldiers in that area invited the lepers to come out to the edge of the village early each morning; there the soldiers would give to each a small piece of money. The poor lepers were glad to respond and each morning went and received their coin. On Sunday they went as usual with great expectancy. That Easter dawn the soldiers shot every one of them to death.

Not a pleasant story, is it? It is a parable revealing two forces that men are applying today to the eradication of a terrible plague. By the cruelty of men, lepers all across the earth are wandering helplessly or hiding pitifully or are driven from town to town until in loneliness and destitution they find release in death Over against this, ever since Jesus walked on earth, there has been a group of men and women moved with compassion by the suffering of the lepers. They have tried and are still trying to do something about it. Down over the years, in Asia and Africa especially, there has been developing a movement for the care of the leper. And this movement has found its highest expression and its most statesmanlike leadership in *The American Mission to Lepers,* cooperating with the Protestant missionary boards.

As I journeyed around the world I met the work of *The American Mission to Lepers* in a number of countries in Asia. Thinking back over what I saw, again and again I am reminded of that strong word, "In this place will I give peace." In fact if I could place a sign over the gateways of the leper colonies the world over I would surely write, "In this place will I give peace."

The first leprosarium I visited was in Miraj, India. One evening just at dusk I drove down a winding road through a corridor of beautiful trees, then with my guides, Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Richardson, turned into an attractive compound which appeared at first sight to be an exceptionally progressive Indian village. For over 30 years Dr. and Mrs. Richardson have ministered here to lepers. With the cooperation of *The American Mission to Lepers* they have developed a unique work, amazing in its accomplishments.

The first building you come to is the chapel. Nearby is the well-kept clinic. Across the clean and neat campus-like area are rows of comfortable little cottages, each with a cook stove, and here and there a garden. I was taken into the chapel There approximately 200 lepers were assembled. A song was sung; a word of greeting by Dr. Richardson, and then by wistful lamplight I tried to speak words of comfort and cheer. Because of the progress of science approximately one-third of those who enter such a leprosarium are sent out into the world with the disease arrested. For many years within the bounds of that compound, whatever the circumstances, there has been no despair. If ever these words could be spoken as a tremendous reality it is here: "In this place will I give peace."

A day's journey to the north of Bangkok, Siam, brings you to the city of Chiengmai. On the outskirts of that appealing oriental city there is an island on which Dr. James W. McKean, then director of the McCormick Hospital of the American Presbyterian Mission, long ago established a great leper colony. Though I had heard of this project many time, I did not expect to see so spacious and inspiring an enterprise.....

My visit was just before Christmas. In that tropical country it was very difficult to appreciate that Christmas was really near. Yet I shall never forget the service in which I participated that sultry December morning. Carols were sung by the congregation, seated on the floor. The choir sang anthems of the Nativity. A group came forward for baptism. Representatives rose to pray. And as the climax of the occasion, an elderly man, whose features revealed the long increasing marks of leprosy, arose and for almost an hour told us what his life in that colony had been over the past 20 years. In positive words, under deep emotion, he spoke of how he had found new life, abundant life—a life of hope and peace. Then I was called upon to speak. That Christmas, in that far away place, I spoke words which I have said many times but never as I was able to say them that day: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life."

There are two deep convictions which live within one as one thinks of the work for lepers. First, no other venture in this world so validates the fundamental purpose of the missionary movement. Though there are non-religious organizations caring for lepers here and

there, the pioneering and the most effective motivation come from those who have committed themselves to serve mankind in the spirit of the Master.

Second, in the face of evil and need today we are tempted to give way to mere human processes as a means of solution. The soldiers referred to in the opening paragraph of this article were not madmen. They were but individuals moved by leadership which held, as a philosophy, that force and destruction could eradicate evil and make a better comunity. There stand the soldiers. There stand the missionaries. Both groups see evil. Each group uses the power in which it believes. So the question arises in every thoughtful individual, to which side shall I give my support? In which do I really believe?

The American Mission to Lepers has a dual ministry. It not only brings peace to stricken persons but demonstrates and establishes the great conviction that in the philosophy of Christian love in action there is the way of peace—not only for the plague of leprosy but for all the evils of body, mind and spirit which cause such misery today throughout the stricken world.

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1940—AND YOUR MISSION AMONG LOS CORDOBESES

By J. Paul Dowdy

1940 ! ! And yet there are thousands of men, women, and children, in this Province of Cordoba (Argentina) who have not heard of Him who is the Light of the world. Shall they hear the good news? How shall they hear it? It is certain that The Brethren Church shall be responsible for a large number of them. There are other missionary groups working in this Province, but they have large sections for which they are responsible, and therefore we cannot expect them to do the work that *we* ought to do. Though it is true that much remains to be done, the task is not an impossible one, and it need not require an unreasonably long period of time.

Indeed, we may not have a long time in which to tell a lost world of our Lord who died to save sinners. We look for His coming, and if He does come soon, may we be able to say we have proclaimed His message of grace throughout this land. This much we certainly can do, and it is our duty and privilege to strike in with renewed effort this year, *now!* We may never be able to see a large membership in our churches in Argentina, but we can surely give the gospel of saving grace to every town and village in this section.

Regarding membership, The Evangelical Handbook of Latin America for 1939 gives the figure, 55,162, as the membership of all Evangelical bodies in Argentina. In proportion to the population, 12,561,361, the membership is not large. But *just* think what a great throng of redeemed souls shall arise from this land to be with the Lord in glory! Some of these shall shine as gems in your crown. Are you planning this year to invest more heavily in these jewels of eternal worth that our Lord is gathering out from this Province of Cordoba?

Your Help Counts

Remember, salvation means just as much to a soul in South America as it does to one in any other place. Fathers, mothers, young men, and young women, changed from servants of Satan into servants of our Lord; little children, accustomed only to the midnight blackness of sin, transformed into bearers of eternal light; these may be realized through you. It is certainly true that many such transformations may never take place without *you* and your help.

During recent months we have seen the work of saving grace wrought in the lives of three very elderly people, persons who had passed beyond threescore and ten years. It is very unusual to see people in the very late evening of life turn from sin and idolatry to the Lord Jesus Christ. These elderly souls all came to the knowledge of the truth and to conversion in different ways.

One was an elderly woman, left alone in the world, her eyesight almost gone, but healthy and active. Years ago her husband had learned the truth of the gospel, but she had held back. Finally, being alone, and with time to think, she mustered up courage to come to the door of the mission to listen to the singing. Being afraid to enter, she remained outside, and then slipped quietly away. Before long she came back, slipped inside, listened, and was pleased with the message of God's Book Gradually she came to the knowledge of the truth, was convicted by the Spirit, and accepted the Lord as her Savior. She comes faithfully to the services. Although alone and seeing very poorly, she comes, and even rain does not often keep her away. She says, "I make propaganda for the mission, too"!

The second of these is an old Argentine woman. She also came very slowly to the knowledge of redemption. This old lady was led to the Lord by her daughter who was gloriously saved a couple of years ago. The mother, even after being convinced of the gospel of salvation by grace, still kept in her home an image of Saint Antonio. She felt that surely he must be of some value to her. It took some time for her to be convinced that the Lord Jesus was not interested in sharing her heart with Saint Antonio. Then finally she disposed of the little

There are still souls yearning to know Christ. This Argentine woman walked 25 miles to find a Savior, only to find a Roman Catholic idol that could not give her peace!

image and accepted the Lord and now is happy in Him. Needless to say, her daughter and son-in-law and many others are very happy also.

Hates Own Children

The third of this trio of late-comers-to-the-Lord was the father of one of the members of the Rio Cuarto congregation. He had come years ago from Europe, where, as a child he had learned of the gospel and many other teachings of the Bible. He retained a considerable knowledge of the Scriptures in spite of a broad, deep, and ugly chasm of many years of the basest of living that intervened between childhood and his conversion in old-age. During long years he had entertained and openly expressed the bitterest hatred even toward his own children.

One morning toward the close of his life, lying sick in bed, he asked God, the God whom he had blasphemed, to raise him up that he might go and kill one of his daughters for whom he held a special hatred. Through the ministry of the Word and prayer, that man was led by another daughter to the pierced feet of the Savior. About half an hour after he asked for strength to commit murder, the same old man with broken heart was crying out to God for pardon and salvation. God heard, granted his petition, the Holy Spirit gave him a new heart, and immediately out of that new heart poured a flood of praise to the Lord Jesus. Quickly matters between father and children were forgiven, put away, and the enmity of years gave place to love and joy unbounded. He lived only a few days, but they were days of great joy, days spent in the Scriptures in communion with his long-rejected Savior who had patiently awaited through the years the opportunity to flood his life with joy unspeakable.

There have been others saved also, young people, who have many years yet in which to serve the Lord. But in every case, salvation brings joy to men and women and glory to our Savior. The ministry of your mission in this place is worthwhile. Let us then, at home and on the field, rise to our opportunity. Let us, with renewed hope, renewed energy, and enlarged vision, looking for the coming of the Lord, enter in and take this land for Him *this year.*

NEWS BRIEFS — From Our Workers

By Robert Culver

FROM ONE OF OUR OHIO PASTORS came a catalogue of courses to be taught in the Northern Ohio Bible Training School. Of the seven teachers in the school, three are pastors of Brethren Churches, namely: John H. Squires, president of the school, Charles W. Mayes, registrar, and John M. Aeby. Classes are to be conducted on different evenings in different communities. The purpose of the school is to supply the need for Bible instruction to any Christians who desire it, and to train Christian workers and teachers. Courses in Bible Exposition, Bible Prophecy, Principles of Interpretation, Life of Christ, Biblical Introduction, Bible School Teaching, Missions, Personal Evangelism, Christian Evidences, Elementary Greek, and Homiletics are being offered. The opening date is to be announced. Classes will be held in Mansfield, Wooster, Ashland, Norwalk, and Sandusky, Ohio. Brethren in these communities may well take notice and make use of this opportunity for study of God's Word.

FORTY-TWO CHILDREN IN A SCHOOL BUS! That is the way the Brethren Sunday School at South Gate, California, brings the children in. 42 was the number brought on January 14 in the bus the South Gate Sunday School owns. Sunday Schools, take notice! The bulletin which supplied the foregoing item also bears the news that Dr. Louis T. Talbot, pastor of the Church of the Open Door, of Los Angeles, began a series of Friday night illustrated prophetic lectures in the South Gate church on Feb. 2. An interesting lecture and good attendance was reported for the first meeting.

A VICTORY REVIVAL and Evangelistic Campaign was begun in the First Brethren Church of Uniontown, Pa., on Feb. 4. The meetings are to continue till Feb. 19. Pastor William H. Clough, through the church bulletin, announces that Rev. John W. Troy, evangelist, soloist, and song leader, is the speaker of the campaign.

NINETY-ONE SUBSCRIPTIONS AT ONCE! That is what The Brethren Missionary Herald Company received from the Waynesboro, Pa., church recently. This is an example for other churches till some church does better. Says the pastor, R. D. Crees, "Go and do thou likewise."

TWENTY-NINE MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS last week brought the Cleveland church up to 100 per cent subscriptions, or a magazine in every family. This is another challenge to other churches in the brotherhood to "go and do thou likewise!"

A SUNDAY MORNING RADIO BROADCAST is conducted from station WJW, Akron, Ohio, weekly at the 8:30 hour by the Ellet Brethren Church, under the leadership of their pastor, Bro. Raymond E. Gingrich. If you are in range, tune in.

THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH of Rittman, Ohio, enjoyed the ministry of a gospel team from Grace Theological Seminary Jan. 28. The team was composed of Ralph Rambo, Blaine Snyder, and Robert Hill. Three decisions for Christ and a fine offering for the seminary were reported.

FROM THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH OF WHITTIER, CALIF., the pastor, Charles A. Ashman, sends the following report under date of Feb. 11. "A day of victory today, 5 confessions in the morning and 11 at night, 16 for the day at the two regular church services. There was just the pastor on the job, no special services. Praise the Lord for revival! Rejoice with us!"

JAKE KLIEVER CIRCUIT-RIDING IN AFRIC'S HEART

"Dear friends of the homeland:

It is quite some time since I have taken to writing a general or circular letter. The Lord has been blessing abundantly above all that we have asked or thought, and we praise His name.

I will not tell you of some of the things that have recently transpired, other than that because of the war in Europe the situation on the field has changed somewhat; and we are praying that soon there may be a readjustment that will allow proceeding as before the war. All autos are registered and subject to military authority as soon as they are ever bought; and thus our truck was at a military camp for 22 days, and I was with it, as we had no chauffer for it.

I dined with the administrator, was invited out to dine with the captain several times, and slept in the captain's house, while other white folks had their quarters in the rest house, etc.—that is, those were not officials—thus you see I have nothing to complain of. The French treated me like a brother, and I believe they, as a whole, feel that way toward true Americans.....

I will give you some notes from the log or diary of my first trip into the bush. I had never been on itineration work with another missionary, so naturally I asked all kinds of questions of those whom I could see as to what they did when they were in the bush, how they went about the work, etc., etc.; and I packed a small trunk (clothes, a few books, Scriptures and portions, etc.), a duffle bag with sleeping outfit, chop box, cooking utensils; and with five boys as porters and a cook, I started out, wondering what would happen and knowing only that it was the Lord's will for me to go and that He would bless.

The Monday I wanted to start, a palaver came up, and I spent most of the day looking through that; then, in the process of that I had a small accident on the moto-bike, hurting my ankle, and by doctor's orders I had to postpone the trip another day.

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, I started the trip. It was cloudy and a small shower fell, so the men waited until almost noon before starting the trip. I had planned on going directly to a village called Bebeuleum, but was told the bush path was only good for walking and not passable by bike, so we changed plans a little and went to Bedam, the Canton chief's village.....

I have a lantern....so at night I lit it (even if I knew that it would attract all kinds of bugs, etc.) started playing the trombone, and the villagers started coming.....

The chief's son, who had caused a little stir in former services held by the evangelists, came to the service, and I asked him what it was all about. He said he had been drinking, etc. He was all dressed up in a nice white (?) coat, long (used to was) white trousers, and a pair of tennis shoes—all worn out but miraculously hanging together. It didn't matter that they were about three sizes too large and were on the wrong foot. His vallet must have forgotten to lay out a shirt as he had none on, no socks, no necktie, *but* just the same *all dressed up*. We dealt with him in the gospel, and believe he will come out O.K. as he shows an entirely different spirit right now at least.

Twenty-Three Accept Christ

In these two days we got to speak to 587 souls, out of which 23 accepted Christ for the first time, and 35 confessed sin and came back into fellowship.....

We then left for the village to which we wanted to go first—Bebeuleum..... We arrived almost noon, having seen much game tracks, such as antelope, wild fowl, leopards, etc.; but since our guns are in cold storage as yet, we had to forget that we might have been able to get a little fresh meat for the larder..... We are not having fresh meat other than chickens right now, and they aren't too plentiful.

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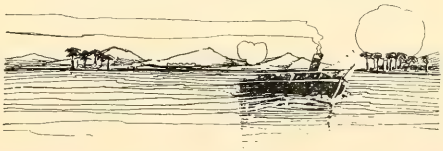

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We called in the villagers that were left, as most of the men and some women were doing road work.... 85 were left, and they came to hear. 7 accepted Christ and 9 came back. Among them was an old, old woman. It gives one a thrill to see the real old folks come and embrace the gospel.....

We arrived in good time to set up camp at Bedwa, and I had just cleaned up and eaten a bowl of soup when the big chief of Bedaia canton came and greeted me. One of his teepoyers had cut his foot on a snag, so I 'first-aided' that and after a short conversation he left. He wants us to work his field thoroughly also.

About 5:00 P. M. just about the whole village gathered. I played the horn and we had a good song service..... There were about 185 there, and just as I was starting the message a sudden storm came up and all took to shelter at top speed. My hut was black in more ways than one. It was filled with natives. My cook had supper ready. I couldn't ask them to get out into the rain, and all the huts close by were the same as mine, filled with natives. Freda had sent some fruit and a small portion of cheese, but with it a small bottle of oil of cloves for tooth aches, not for my teeth but for the boys and for the natives who needed it. Well, this oil had flavored the cheese, and I didn't feel that I needed to eat it, so gave the natives a taste of cheese. Well, the expressions would have been good camera food for any movie camera!!!

They had all promised to come back if it quit raining, or in the morning if it didn't, to hear the rest of the message. It slowed down enough for them to go back to their huts and I proceeded to move my bed around, trying to miss all the rain coming in through the roof. After several moves, finally I got it in the right place and at the right angle, provided the wind didn't change! The natives came and borrowed my small lantern in order to teach those in their huts some gospel songs, so I went to sleep!!! with their beautiful singing!!!..... It is beautiful when you think of how they love the messages they sing, even if they can't produce the accidentals or half tones, and thus change the tune to a state of almost not being able to recognize it.....

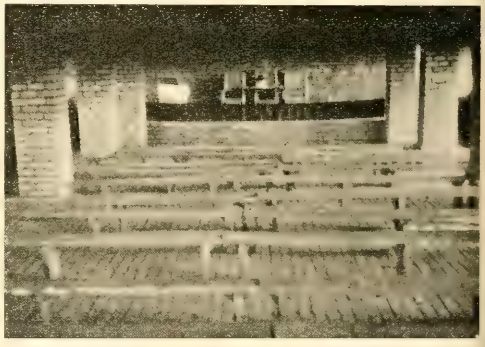
Lion Pays Visit

I say I went to sleep. The mosquitos were humming, and they sounded like a tea pot. I was glad I had a good net. I was suddenly awakened. In the moving around of the last evening, I had lost my flashlight, and what woke me made me think I had gone to sleep in the zoo. There was a lion with a nice deep bass roar, singing his song right close by.....

Then the natives started to yell and light their flares of grass torches. I came to enough to remember I was all alone, no fire in the hut and my light was missing—yes, all alone, but not alone. It is no affair for a lion to push in the light grass door that is before the rest hut, or to jump over it, and its good-by world, good morning Savior. There was nothing to do but turn over and go back to sleep, and if the Lord wanted to keep me until the morning, I would finish my message, and if the lion came to eat me, he might get a case of indigestion from eating all white meat!! But to go home by the way of a lion's stomach wouldn't be so bad, so to sleep I went. And as day was breaking, I awoke, and returning from the outhouse when it was still almost dark, I was again greeted by the good morning roars from a few lions.....

An hour later I had breakfast. The folks had gathered and all had come back to hear. Again some old folks made the confession—17 first confessions and 6 confessed sin and wanted to return to the Lord. This village although a bush village has been visited several times.....

We then proceded to Bebaouda, a small village one hour's walk from Bedwa. We saw lion tracks where they had been chasing buffalos. The grass is tall here, and the natives never walk alone or go alone on bikes as they would be attacked, therefore we always went in groups. They had heard the gospel only once, that is only once before had someone been to preach the gospel to them. 40 gathered here and 6 believed on Christ



Interior of Yaloke (Fr. Equ. Afr.) *Church. Built* 1927

By Modena Minnich Studebaker

No footfalls, no sound on early Sabbath morn.
Silent, waits the mud church, plain, unadorned.
Soon now will flow within its calm, deep walls,
Life which is eager, pulsating, warm.
Comes now—
The man who has stolen during the night;
Lithe black children, carefree, gay;
Quiet, respectable women and men;
An old and tottery beer-drinking man;
A beaming young mother with her babe at her breast;
Earnest young students, with serious eyes;
The woman whose sharp tongue cuts the air,
The man whose face is so very kind.
Good Shepherd, hold thee, each one, to Thy heart.
They are so alone, who walk apart.
Here now within these calm, deep walls
Give strength. Give peace, richly, to all.

—*Lassa, Africa.* —*(From "Gospel Messenger")*

Then we went to another small village and preached there to 36. Some accepted the Lord and others returned. We had a sandwich here and some lemonade. I have never tasted such rank water as they had had in the last few villages. And even after boiling all the bugs to death and flavoring it with lemon and sugar, it had a swampy taste. We walked (by bike) in the noon day sun and arrived at another very small village. There is a native here that comes to the mission from time to time and then goes back and gathers the people to tell them what he remembers. I hope he hears and remembers straight. He can't read so I have asked him to come to the mission to learn how.....

195 Accept Christ

After another half hour we arrived at another small village. Although it is small, it is large for a bush village. Here there were men from many villages far and near, who were doing work on the road and cotton houses. We stayed here Saturday and Sunday night, and had 4 meetings with them. Twice we had 325 come to the meetings. 195 accepted Christ as their Savior and 80 came back to the Lord.....

Sunday evening, after the service, it was unbearably hot inside of the hut as there is hardly any ventilation, and it was sultry. I got into my 'jamas' and sat outside the hut in the air, as it felt almost cool. I noticed some shadows in front of the door as I was undressing and redressing, so I saw I needed to empty the wash basin, and of course not knowing there were any natives there (?) at least they wouldn't want me to know it, I poured this water right out the door in their way. There was a shout and laughing and a scattering. The campfires were lighted and flickered like little stars, only they were on the earth, and around each were natives, either eating their food or getting ready to eat .....Then they started to leave, I thought, but they gathered again under the tree and after another short conference, here they came again. They sat close to me in a semi-circle and said not a word. I waited, saying not a word either. That is the way of the African. They come and sit and say nothing, and as you say nothing they know that you are waiting for them to tell their affair.....

Soon after, one spoke for the five and said, "We want to stay with you." At first I thought I hadn't heard right and so I asked them again. Then the thought came to me that when Christ asked his disciples if they would leave Him, they replied, "To whom shall we go, Thou hast the words of eternal life." They wanted to be by me to hear the gospel and thus be able to tell it to their brothers. If there were quarters for such inquirers, I would have taken them; but now I had to say, "I have no place for you to sleep, I have no food for you, what can I do?" Then I told them that I was planning on sending a teacher here once a week to teach them the Word and to read it to them. That sounded good to them, but it wasn't happening yet.

See Power of Gospel

Then, one said, "My brother is with Mr. Jobson." I asked what his name was, and he said, "Sangobe."

What Missions Really Are

(1) Missions are a matter of common honesty. We are trustees of the gospel we hold, and embezzlers if we withhold it from others.

(2) Missions are a matter of simple obedience. Whatever the world says of missionaries or converts, our duty is plain—to obey Christ, Who unquestionably commanded us to evangelize the world.

(3) Missions are a matter of national self-interest. Where we have evangelized, there we have prospered; where we have been false to our trust, trouble has befallen us.

—*The Missionary Review of the World.*

Then I said, "He was with Mr. Jobson, but is with me now at BeKoro." He was the boy of one of the evangelists we sent to the Bozoum Bible School. He said, "I will come and see him." I said, "Your brother hasn't as yet built himself a house, and is sleeping in another's." He said, "I will go and help him build one!" Then I said, "If your chief lets you go, and your father says you can, and your brother wants you, you may come."

The next morning there was a new face among my boys. His father had given him permission, and some food, and his very own man-sized spear, and thus the little 10 year old, future evangelist (we pray) started to BeKoro.....We started north. On our way we passed several small road gangs and invited them to our evening service. Then we arrived at Yene, put up camp, and that evening preached in this very small village to 115. Another chief with his people had come to hear also. We had had definite prayer the day before and thus the large results at Bemankesara. And so tonight we were to see again the power of the gospel.....

It strengthened my faith and also the boys. Well, they were as in a dream and praised the Lord for all that was happening. Out of 115 again some old folks came, some taraways (influential men in the village), and one man especially stands out in my memory. He confessed to murdering men, stealing women, praying to his idols faithfully to help him in his evil, but he knew there was no life there. He even thought he was a big and evil man, and even though it probably meant death at the hands of his father and bigger brothers, he was coming out to the meetings and he confessed faith in Christ.....

73 confessed Christ and 1 came back to the Lord. Meanwhile I had sent 2 of the fellows to another village and they had preached to the same 80 twice (morning and evening) and 23 accepted Christ and 40 came back to the Lord.....

In the next village 85 heard the word, 19 accepted and confessed sin.....We rushed on to the next village ahead of the recruiter. 53 gathered to hear the Word

(It was a small village). 18 accepted and 1 came back to the Lord. As the porter arrived we had to tell them that we would go back to Bedam and preach at Be-Gouradje. They were willing and thus again in the heat of the noon day sun we traveled in order to get to a large group for the evening.

Lord Richly Blesses Meeting

We again preached to a large group that evening, but they were mostly those that had heard in the villages that morning. The Lord blessed again, and after preaching in Bedam in the morning, I put the bike into high gear for BeKoro, and was very cordially received again.....

In all the bush trip (my first) and no doubt doing a lot of things that should not be done, and missing many an opportunity, just the same, we had 2244 listeners out of which 390 professed to accept Christ and 175 confessed sinning and came back to the Lord. I was only out for 8 days, as I heard of sickness on the station and thought I had better get back to see how serious it was. The Lord had worked, and although Dr. Gribble is still weak she is apparently on the road to her usual health and strength.....

My impressions and depressions were somewhat as follows. This was the first time that I had seen many of these villages. I had seen their names on a few of the maps that I had found, begged, borrowed or bought, and thus I knew about what I would find as to the number in the villages. But as to the road or path conditions, all was unknown as well as the food situation, that is whether we could get food for the porters, etc. All the villages had been located before so I went by the maps and according to the reports of the evangelists we had been sending out, and thus we found no new or unlisted villages. We were delightfully surprised by the fact of the new auto road going to the river between BeMakesara and Guili, and this will be a tremendous aid in evangelizing this and the Laka field. We will save about a day's travel in the direction of a village named BeGorns, and in a few hours by bike, or an hour by auto, we are at the door of the Laka tribe, a sister tribe to the Kaba.....

Expected Too Much

I was disappointed that so many of the villages were so small, but then I had never seen any bush villages, and thus I was expecting too much I guess. I imagine it is the same with all bush villages, no matter where they are. But they need the gospel as well as the large villages. The field has opened itself (that is this part of the field, which is about a seventh of our charge) and I believe we are going to make real headway from now on. We are trusting the Lord to raise the men to send and train and teach.....

We don't want a one to go unless they feel they must .....Missionaries have had some heart breaking experiences so we have decided to wait the Lord's hand in this. We are thus asking you to join in prayer with us to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into this ripe field, for really I couldn't begin to tell you, and you couldn't know the hunger for the Word by those who have tasted just a little.....They are at the stage where they know it is real and they want it. They have been in such darkness that they are overjoyed by the light and power that is in the gospel and they want to know more of it.....

If only some of the real old folks were really saved; all of them real.....But I would be the last one that would want to say that the Holy Spirit wasn't able to take the Word, touch their hearts and work the work of regeneration in their hearts. Also would I be the last one to say that this or that one wasn't serious, and will have to know more before saving faith takes hold .....

But now we ask, who will go and feed the sheep and the lambs? It is this that makes us lie awake at night, praying, hoping and wondering how this is going to happen. Oh, if only we had been born quintuplets and all five of us were here, we might be able to start to do a small portion of that which has been put into our hands to do here at the present time. If a person doesn't want to have a real uncontainable joy and at the same time a burning and uncontainable heaviness, he had better not come to Africa as a missionary. There is such abundant joy at seeing the hand of the Lord working through His Word, but O the sorrow and heartache, to see so many hands reaching for the gospel—yes, I say reaching for the gospel, because we know that it is needed. They are reaching for freedom from the slavery of sin and superstition, and we are so few.....

Attendance Increasing

At the chapel or station gospel meetings, the attendance is increasing. We have long timbers by the side for benches, and the chapel is crowded so that there is no aisle—just a mass of blackness as we look ahead of us, and the wings at the side are as thick black also. The chapel holds, by crowding, 300, and there are about 625 that are coming from Sunday to Sunday.....

Last Sunday, 75 made the great confession, and 26 came back to the Lord. After the after service, I asked from what villages they were and there were 22 different villages represented. Some had walked 35 miles to get to the services here just to hear a little more. Do you wonder our hearts swell and burst over, as it were, with tears, as we think of the hunger and so little to work with and so little time each day to work!.....

Over 200 are coming daily to learn to read, and we have a limited baptismal class right now, and there are about 100 in that. These classes only touch the few villages right near the mission station. We are hoping

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By contributing it to foreign missions!

to be able to send teacher and catechistes out to the villages regularly soon—hoping yes, but almost against hope—but with your prayers, and by His grace, we will.....

With the present world situation, it is not hard to believe that at any moment the heavens will break forth in the shout for which we long, when we shall ascend, leaving this flesh that is corruption to be changed into His glorious likeness. Oh may many more be called at that shout, because we have done our part! *pray, pray pray!"*

GLEANINGS FROM MISSIONARIES' LETTERS

NOTE:— News from our missionaries in Africa begins to remind us of the days when the Holy Ghost rested upon the apostles themselves as they went among the villages and cities of old Judea and then out to Samaria and beyond. The Spirit of God can still work, and if the white man in the pride of his civilization and boasted learning turns away from the lowly Christ of Galilee, Who is now exalted at the Father's right hand, then the black man of Africa is going to glorify Him A mighty host will be swept into the kingdom, for every seat at the marriage supper of the Lamb must be filled. What a glorious privilege it is that we brethren can have part in this work.

Read the gleanings from their letters and then inquire of the Lord what He would have you do this coming Easter Sunday. The editor of this magazine has no regret that last Easter a church in Long Beach forgot the fact that it had a very heavy debt resting upon it and that they came forward and laid $11,000.00 *at the Master's feet as an offering that this work might go on. And now as we read of the moving of the Spirit of God in Africa how our hearts rejoice. Thank God for the privilege that we here in the homeland have, of having a real part in the doing of this work and a part in the joy that will be ours when we stand on the hilltops of glory and witness these children of the sun, fashioned into His own glorious image, sweeping through the gates.—L.S.B.)*

Mrs. Sheldon Writes

War or no war, the uplifted Christ continues to draw men unto Him, according to a letter from Mrs. Hattie Sheldon of Bellevue. We quote from her letter, written Oct. 19th:

"Two weeks ago the government gave back our car, and we praise the Lord for it. We are allowed 100 liters of gasoline for the time. Don't know if we will be able to get more or not when it comes to going to conference. The Lord is able. So far, we have been able to buy sufficient flour, although it is rationed. Butter, lard, sugar and wine are rationed. The last one doesn't interest us, of course.

Estella Myers Writes in a Letter To Miss Grace Byron:

"The crowd in the church is so large we do not have seats enough. Children sit on the floor. We are making benches..... We praise the Lord for the faithfulness of the natives.....

Mrs. Kennedy's Message

The best preparation for war is being made by hundreds of Africans on our mission stations. Mrs. Kennedy writes from the Be-Miller station:

"We certainly have been having the crowds out to service on Sundays. In the last month there have been nigh on to 300 new confessions here in the church, not counting those in the villages daily. Some who have been putting it off a long time are coming. They say they know it's the truth, and now since they don't know when the airplanes may fly over and drop their bombs and kill them, they want to get right so that if they die they'll be saved."

The Fosters Write

"We praise the Lord for the Easter offering. We will be able to carry on another year. The Lord surely does provide. If we would only look more to Him and less at circumstances and people! He will not suffer His work to stand still as long as we look to Him for the supplying of every need, and the power and strength to carry on. That is our blessed hope in the present crisis. God is above all. He rules and overrules to bring all His plans and purposes to pass. If His work is not finished in the land to which He has sent His servants, then the door will not yet close. We are sure that all of you are praying to this end. Victory for France and England means the continuation of the going forth of His blessed Word."

War or no war, the living Word of God is being given to tens of thousands surrounding our African stations. The Fosters write:

"Speaking about the Word of God, perhaps it will be interesting to you to know that we are having great blessings in circulating it among the people. We received 2000 copies of the Gospel of John just a short time ago. Then too, we had received 450 through Bro. Jobson in June; all of those are gone and about 400 of the last lot. Besides this many New Testaments have been sold. There is great desire for the things of the Lord, and everywhere many are turning to the Lord. It seems as though the Lord is working in a very special way in the hearts of the people to call them unto Himself. Ask your church to pray that God will give us strength and opportunity to go far and wide with the words of eternal life this dry season. It is the most important work that we have to do.

God has blessed us with a very fine group of men, who are interested in getting the Word to the people. They go willingly and without pay. The one great difficulty is that they themselves need much more teaching before they are ready to be placed at chapel points. If God wills we hope to send some to Bible School the beginning of the New Year."

War Brings Handicaps

One of the most difficult problems of these war times is the transfer of money to the field. Another is the problem of securing gas for our automobiles on the field. Mrs. Foster writes:

"We have not the slightest idea how our money will come through. We have received the notice from you of having forwarded two months allowance, but we have not yet heard from Mr. Warren. We are only allowed to draw 100 francs per day, and it may be when the Mandats come through that it will be necessary to wait until the full time has expired for the entire amount, before we can draw it. However, the Lord will take care of this as He does with everything else, for we have committed it to Him. The Lord is providing for us day by day so that we have need of nothing materially. We cannot tell you now how gracious the Lord has been the past month, but in many ways we have seen His hand working for us. We have the V-8 and are allowed to use it provided it is possible to obtain gas. We believe that the way will soon be opened whereby it will be possible to purchase gas as usual. Pray that it may be possible, so that we will be able to do the great amount of itineration that needs to be done during the dry season."

News From Miss Crawford

One of the most "newsy" letters that we have recently received from the field comes over the signature of Sister Mabel Crawford, in charge of our French school for boys and girls at the Bassai station, F. E. A. The letter is a bit too long to publish in full, but we will give it in a condensed form.

"Right now we can neither cash nor buy money orders out here. Fortunately Orville cashed all money orders on hand just a few days before war was declared so we don't have a lot of our money tied up in uncashed checks..... I imagine you think I have to live on peanuts out here but don't you worry.....I don't nearly live up to my allowance and I live well. Of course, prices may soar, supplies may be hard to get, money may not come through good and I'll be thankful for my "reserve fund," but the Lord will take care of us no matter what happens. Speaking of living on peanuts, I guess we could do that if we had to. This year produced a bumper crop. My French school boys had about 75 bushels in the school garden alone. Their tithe made quite a show one Sunday morning.

By the time you get this Thanksgiving will be at hand. (Did she mean Thanksgiving, 1940? This letter was dated 'Oct. 7, 1939." We received it Jan. 16, 1940! Thanks to Hitler, Stalin, and Co.! L.S.B.).... So you take me to task for wanting to die in Africa... Yes, I know what you mean and love you for it. Even if I didn't understand you and thought you were 99 1/100 per cent wrong I think I would still love you, Bro. Bauman.....I'm looking for the call upward just as truly as anyone else, you know that, but what I meant to say was that I was not unwilling to pay the supreme sacrifice if He so willed. I counted that cost years ago when He called me and I'm just as willing to meet it now as ever, more so since I've tasted the blessings of service in this land. What a glorious day when He shall call us to Himself, but what a day of shame

Elaine Morrill writes the Editor:

My uncle Bob took my picture when I had a "happy birthday—three years old." I wanted a baby brother for my "birthday-Christmas." My Aunt Anne gave me a doll, and I thought that was my baby brother; then today my daddy took me

to the hospital where my mama went "to get well," and there was another baby brother in bed with her! I can't quite understand it all, but she says it's a real one, and his name is "Stevie."

With Love,
ELAINE MORRILL

JOHN STEPHEN MORRILL
Was Born To
MR. and MRS. CURTIS G. MORRILL
Jan. 22, 1940 — Wt. 8 lbs., 1 oz.

it would be if He should find some of us homeward bound because fear was driving us from the place He had placed us.

We are anxious to know how long war conditions will hold up new recruits. There isn't much use of them planning on bringing out cars just to be grabbed by the government or to sit unused if we can't get gasolene. At present, gas can't be bought and if fighting gets to be in earnest it will be harder than ever to get. We will have to go back to the old days of evangelizing by push and bicycle. Personally, I think that is the better way. We rush through village after village in our cars and if we weren't in such a hurry to get some place we would have more time to be concerned about the souls we pass with merely a lifted hand in greeting. We are looking forward to as much time as possible in the bush this coming dry season.

Mail Is Censored

Our last mail, for which we waited four weeks, was all censored at Bangui. Only one of your letters was opened. I guess they read one, decided you were harmless and didn't waste time on the other one.

Right after lunch yesterday Miss Myers and I started by push to visit a village five or six miles up the line where we want to put a new teacher. On the way back we stopped to visit a couple of classes that have recently been organized.

We are having almost a mass desire to read these days. People are calling for teachers who can teach them to read the Word of God; and not only the children, but women and old men as well are trying to learn. Some of the chiefs are even attending the classes. How we do long and pray for the time to come when every Karre who desires may read God's Word for himself. He is wonderfully blessing Miss Myers as she is speedily getting it ready for printing and we hope to have hundreds ready to read it by the time it is printed..... If we don't have some help here next year I don't see how I can conscientiously persuade myself that I'm in the Lord's will to be content to spend next year teaching beginning French to such a small group of 10 or 11 years old. If our other work was adequately being taken care of I'd go at the task without a word, but the Bassai work is not getting a square deal right now. Oh well, I shouldn't bother you with such a detail of field policy and perhaps the Lord will work it all out when our conference meets.

May God bless you day by day in your large ministry for Him, may His blessing rest upon The Brethren Church and guide through any deep waters.

Yours in Christ and Africa, till He come."

Maconaghys Not Discouraged

Not discouraged in Argentina! From a private letter received from our Brother Hill Maconaghy we quote:

"Dolly and I are not in the least discouraged with things. We know the future of this work is as bright as the promises of God, and these promises are yea and amen in Christ Jesus.

"Recently we have been reading the life story of that great missionary, Goforth of China, and it has been a great blessing to us. One of the chapter headings is a statement by Hudson Taylor: "How often do we attempt work for God to the limit of our incompetency rather than to the limit of God's omnipotency.

As we look out upon the work carried on in this land, the above statement seems to be sadly true. To our knowledge there has never been, nor is there now in any place here in the Argentine a real turning of things upside down for the Lord—men in great numbers being saved. This has taken place many other places in the world, even in far harder places than this is.

"Romanism is no excuse, as I see it, for this not being possible; for Romanism is nothing but idolatry, and Paul had a wonderful time watching the Lord work in idol-filled Ephesus.

"Hudson Taylor seems to have hit the nail on the head, as far as Argentina is concerned—of course, unknowingly. Certainly, as we look at ourselves and then round about us there is tremendous incompetency, as far as accomplishing the great work of evangelizing this land immediately is concerned. And if we tackle the job no further than the border of our incompetency, verily it will never be accomplished. But the Lord has given us a wonderful revelation in this statement of Taylor's, and also in the well known verses in Matt. 28:18,19. He says, '*All power is given unto me in heaven* and *earth*. Go ye *therefore*.....' According to this, we are convinced that He never wants us to go to the limit of our incompetency, but the limit of His omnipotency—"all power....in earth."

Walk In Faith

"Argentina is still a part of this old sin cursed earth in which He has been given all power. Therefore, the immediate evangelization of this land *is possible*. Lack of men, money, or anything else is only part of our incompetency; but we are not to stay within these limits. We must step by faith over on to His omnipotency. This we are, by His grace, doing *now*. Pray for us that His purposes may be fully accomplished in and through us.

"Perhaps you would like to know about the tract distribution which is being carried on systematically here in Rio Cuarto and also in other places. Brother Wagner has been covering about seven or eight towns in this manner. Here in Rio Cuarto, Dolly and I have had the great privilege of thus bearing our testimony for the Lord. Several thousand tracts have been distributed thus far in this city. One time we take one

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tract with us; the next time we cover that same section, we take another. We take opposite sides of the street, and leave a tract at every house, in the stores, and give them to those on the street. Numerous opportunities have been ours to witness further to inquirers.

"Day before yesterday I had the opportunity to speak with three interested men in a business establishment. Yesterday two young men followed us for half a block and made inquiries about our meetings. I gave them more literature and they promised to come. Also, yesterday a nurse receiving a tract and having read it, came back and asked Dolly for more to take to the children in the hospital. She said she would ask permission of the Sister, and while she may have refused, apparently the nurse thought that they should be distributed. Instances like these occur every day we go out. We believe that in this way many people shall be reached for Christ who would never be reached through the services here in the mission. Some would not come here, while others could not because of distance. We are praying for a special tract fund to provide the literature for this work."

Word From China

Mrs. Rosemary Foulke Wang, a member of the Long Beach church, sends the Secretary-Treasurer some "joy bells," even from war-torn China. Mrs. Wang and her mother, Mrs. Rose M. Foulke, are connected with the Evangelistic Orphanage and Rescue, Tamingfu, Hopei, China. She writes, under date of Nov. 25th:

"Joyful bells, joyful bells, even from far off war-torn China, comes, as I heartily wish you a very "happy Christmas" on China's bamboo paper. No pretty Christmas card comes from uncivilized Tamingfu, as you so lovingly send me yearly.....

"You cannot understand the full blessing of that 'peace' until you experience the conditions that surround us.....Consequences of war in the form of famine, pestilence, floods and utter despair are raging, unchecked among the thousands. Malaria, dysentery and flu are taking toll of lives.

"I wish you could picture 'li'l Rosemary' with her basket (I call myself Martha and mother Mary) as I tread along in ministry among the many needy.....

"I found one old lady—starving for two days—kneeling on the cold hard floor, praying for help for herself and bed-ridden son, the only child of her widowhood, paralyzed from gun-shock! A silent prayer, but her face lit with joy! A wonderful lesson to me! I silently prayed I would give her joy, happiness, and a vision of Jesus to help her to carry on at her post.

"Another young woman awaits my call. She too, only twenty years old tomorrow is suddenly paralyzed. Lord, help me to leave her a new vision of Jesus. I pray each one will not see me, but Jesus, as I meet and serve them for His sake.

"Whole villages of people sit huddled in their cheerless homes, starving, freezing, no one caring—no hope and no God! Lord, help us to do our best for them, that the loving, caring Christ be revealed to them and comfort them. In your far away home at this happy time, do not forget li'l Rosemary as she treads around ministering unto even these, precious souls in God's sight. Pray for us.....

"May our Lord richly bless you and yours this coming year, and spare you from war and its consequences."

From Mrs. Wagner

Mrs. Ricardo Wagner of Almafuerte, Prov. Cordoba, under date of Dec. 13, 1939, from Berrotaran:

"As you see, we are now in Berrotaran. We finished our Vacation Bible School in Elena last week, and this week began here. We had better attendance in Elena than we had anticipated and if I have not miscounted, 42 notebooks will be given, in all. That represents 10 mornings and 5 nights of work, because we have the classes for children in the morning and classes for adults in the evening, taking two lessons each evening. With practices for a Christmas program thrown in for good measure, it makes a pretty stiff program. O yes, and if I counted all of the fleas that were present the attendance would be somewhat higher!....

Ricardo Wagner Family

"My children, especially the two girls, have red-eyed, sneezing coughing colds, and I'm afraid it's going to be measles... If that is what my kiddies have and it is going to effect the attendance any, we may have to postpone the school. I would like to finish, now that we have begun, for we still have the school in Almafuerte to think about and we would like to have some more special meetings in the three towns before summer is over...

P. S. This did not get off when I intended it should.....It was measles that the girls were coming down with, and we also had some very rainy weather at the same time; so Bible School was postponed. Measles aren't any special fun at any time, but having them to take care of when one is away from home is extra troublesome.....If the Lord wills, we hope to have the Bible School, beginning next Wednesday.

The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church

Financial Statement for the Month of Jan., 1940

General Fund

Brumbaugh, G. C. (Portis Church), Hill City, Kansas	$ 5.00	
Krypton, Ky., Birthday Banks, per Fred M. Walter	2.16	
Shomber, Mrs. Silas, per Homer A. Kent, Washington, D. C.	10.00	
Hartman, Mrs. F. W., per Homer A. Kent, Washington, D. C.	10.00	
Baerg, Herman, 2nd Church, Los Angeles, California. per Geo. Baker	5.00	
Rent, Wells Property	24.00	
Subscription, Miss Nettie White	1.00	
		$ 57.16

South American General Fund

Dallas Center, Iowa, per C. L. Sickel	9.00	
Garwin, Iowa, per C. L. Sickel	4.82	
Leon, Iowa, per C. L. Sickel	4.50	
Berne (Bethel), Indiana, per C. L. Sickel	7.54	
Flora, Indiana, per C. L. Sickel	9.00	
Fort Wayne, Indiana, per C. L. Sickel	12.04	
Huntington, Indiana, per C. L. Sickel	4.71	
Lake Odessa (Campbell), Mich., per C. L. Sickel	18.00	
Lapaz (County Line), Ind., per C. L. Sickel	3.37	
New Troy, Mich., per C. L. Sickel	5.67	
Osceola, Indiana, per C. L. Sickel	1.80	
Beaver City, Nebr., per C. L. Sickel	6.63	
Portis, Kansas, per C. L. Sickel	7.86	
Akron (Ellet), Ohio, per C. L. Sickel	10.69	
Ankenytown, Ohio, per C. L. Sickel	2.54	
Ashland, Ohio (West 10th Street), per C. L. Sickel	5.17	
Canton, Ohio, per C. L. Sickel	5.65	
Clayton, Ohio, per C. L. Sickel	4.82	
Cleveland, Ohio, per C. L. Sickel	18.70	
Dayton, Ohio, per C. L. Sickel	30.75	
Louisville, Ohio, per C. L. Sickel	11.28	
Middlebranch, Ohio, per C. L. Sickel	4.00	
Rittman, Ohio, per C. L. Sickel	8.04	
Sterling, Ohio, per C. L. Sickel	10.60	
Allentown, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	13.10	
Altoona, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	10.25	
Berlin, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	5.45	
Conemaugh, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	24.18	
Johnstown, Penna. (1st Church), per C. L. Sickel	45.29	
Johnstown, Penna. (2nd Church), per C. L. Sickel	8.52	
Johnstown. Penna. (3rd Church), per C. L. Sickel	6.79	
Juniata, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	5.71	
Kittanning, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	4.50	
Leamersville, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	6.66	
Listie, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	5.00	
Martinsburg, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	8.83	
McKee, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	2.83	
Meyersdale, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	15.00	
Mundy's Corner (Pike), Penna., per C. L. Sickel	13.40	
Philadelphia, Penna. (1st), per C. L. Sickel	8.66	
Philadelphia, Penna. (2nd), per C. L. Sickel	17.50	
Pittstown (Calvary), Penna., per C. L. Sickel	4.30	
Sergeantsville. N. J., per C. L. Sickel	3.26	
Vinco, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	5.03	
Waynesboro, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	32.39	
Yellow Creek, Penna., per C. L. Sickel	1.76	
Pennsylvania District Conference, per C. L. Sickel	10.00	
Buena Vista, Virginia, per C. L. Sickel	5.97	
Hagerstown, Maryland (2nd), per C. L. Sickel	6.00	
Hollins. Va. (Mountain View), per C. L. Sickel	14.50	
Limestone, Tenn. (Vernon), per C. L. Sickel	19.00	
Lydia, Md., per C. L. Sickel	3.10	
Oak Hill, Va., per C. L. Sickel	8.45	
Roanoke (Ghent), Va., per C. L. Sickel	16.44	
Winchester, Va., per C. L. Sickel	9.00	
South Gate, Calif., per C. L. Sickel	5.00	
		553.05

African Leper Fund

W. M. C., 1st Church, Long Beach, Calif., Leper Pig No. 106100	5.60	
American Mission to the Lepers. Quarterly Appropriation	25.00	
		30.60

African Special Funds

Sisterhood, per Ruth Christy, Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind., for Yaloke Hospital		20.00

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A Friend		10.00

Foster Fund

2:15 Class, Los Angeles, Calif. (1st), per R. O. Schmitt		15.00

Hathaway Fund

Individual, Waterloo, Iowa, per J. W. Hathaway (special gift)	7.00	
Miss Rosalie Garrett, Muncie, Ind., per J. W. Hathaway	5.00	
Peru, Indiana, per J. W. Hathaway	6.94	
Beaver City. Nebr., per J. W. Hathaway	20.05	
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		7.00
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LOUIS S. BAUMAN, Sec'y-Treas.

TOO GOOD TO HEAR ALONE

"Too good, this Word, to hear alone!" Thus thought
Samaria's daughter standing by the well;
And, hastening village - ward she quickly brought
Others to hear what Jesus had to tell.

"Too good to hear alone, and I must share
With other folks the gladness of this Word."
So spoke a daughter of Ceylon, who ne'er
Before the gospel of God's grace had heard.

And we—who know the power of Jesus' name
And countless precious gospel blessings own—
Can we account ourselves as free from blame
Whilst myriad souls in heathen bondage groan?

Oh, may these women make us feel some shame
And deem that word "too good to hear alone"!

—Selected.

OUR BOYS and GIRLS VERY OWN PAGE

A LETTER FROM AFRICA

The Juniors of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach received the following letter from Mrs. Sheldon, one of our missionaries in Africa. They liked it so much they decided to share it with you.

Dear Juniors:

How are you this A. M.? To tell the truth I don't believe that most of you are yet out of bed, for it is only about 5:30 in the morning in California. We see the sun about eight hours before you do. It looks as if it might rain this P. M. Just two more weeks of rainy weather and then the grass will dry up and die and the natives will go on their big hunts. They don't get much meat to eat during the year, for they have no guns, but how happy they are when they kill an animal in the bush fires.

Last night a buffalo passed right through our place. Of course we didn't know it until we saw his tracks this morning. The children here are afraid to go outside at night without carrying a torch, for there are so many leopards lurking in the dark places. Quite often one of them kills some person, but more often they kill our goats. About two weeks ago when our goats were out grazing, a leopard jumped out and killed four of them. Last night the natives caught a leopard in a trap and today they have been having great fun carrying him around on a stick, rejoicing that he will kill no more of their people or goats.

The old hippo in the river near us often bellows during the night. When he gets hungry he raids someone's corn field. Sometimes he visits our garden and gets what he can find to eat. His big feet just about spoil things wherever he walks. There are elephants around too, but we saw them only once. In August a hunter killed one, and we had elephant stew from the trunk—and it was quite tough! There are crocodiles in the river also, and some big fish. Once a lion came and broke into our goat pen killing 11 goats. He had also killed many people. But that was some time ago, and we haven't seen one since our people killed that one.

But you know we aren't hunting for animals, neither are we looking for precious minerals; but we are hunting for men, and women, and children, and telling them about the Lord Jesus who died for them. How would you like to live in a land where the name of Jesus was not known—a land where you prayed to idols of wood or clay? I'm sure you wouldn't like to live in such a land, and you or I wouldn't want anyone else to live such a life. That is the reason we are here to tell them about the Lord Jesus. Many children in this land are taking Him as their Savior. Aren't you glad that you can help them to find their loving Savior? You can, by your prayers; and if it were not for your gifts, missionaries could not come out here to bring them this "good news."

This afternoon Mr. Sheldon is conducting the funeral of one of our Christian women. Had she died a few years back, she would have gone to her grave without knowing that Christ ever came to earth. Her relatives would be trying to offer food to the evil spirits, so they wouldn't take another of their family. They would be wailing and falling on the ground. But what are they doing today? Their hearts are heavy, it is true, for they sorely miss their mother; but when they lay her away they know they will see her again in heaven where there will be no more weping, no more sorrow. How we praise the Lord that they have heard and accepted the "good affair of God."

We have been told of the gift which you boys and girls gave at last Easter time to help tell some more people about our Lord Jesus. We want to thank you and ask you to pray for us as we labor for Him in this land.

In His Name,
MRS. C. B. SHELDON.

What Other Boys and Girls Are Doing

The Juniors of the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind., in appreciation of what the Lord has done for them, deny themselves gum, candy and other things they would like to have, and put the money in a Thank-you Bank on Sunday morning. This thank-you money is used for missionary purposes. The first two Sundays in February they contributed $1.50 to this fund.

Answer to Last Week's Bible Puzzle

Jn. 15:4.

Our Bible Character Alphabet

Answer to last week's Bible Character: Delilah.

E was a man who was so hairy his blind father mistook his brother wearing goat skins for him. You should know E's name without looking it up, but you will want to read the story again in Gen. 27.

Some Things For Which to Pray

Ask God for a large Easter offering for foreign missions.

Ask God to bless and use the missionaries' children with their parents in foreign lands.

Pray for the missionaries' children in America, whose parents are in foreign lands. You know how homesick you would get so far away from your parents.

Ask God to make it possible for more missionaries to go to the field. War in Europe is keeping some of them from going out.

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TOPIC FOR MAR. 17, 1940

Abraham, The Hero of Faith

(GEN. 22:1-19)

Suggestions for the Leader

During the year of 1940 we will make a special study of sacred biography. Outstanding persons will be considered and the outstanding trait or traits will be pointed out. The lessons will fail to accomplish much if we simply throw out a volume of material without drawing applications and lessons for ourselves.

Abraham stands as the great illustration of faith. He lived a life of faith. The writer of Hebrews said that he went out not knowing whither he went. His trust was in God and when He spoke to him to go, that was enough. One of the marvelous things to be said of this man of faith is that he believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness. Once a covenant was given to Abraham that meant he would have a son. As a result the descendants would be numerous. However there came a time when Abraham and his wife were very old and yet no children were born. As long as there was life there was hope with the man of faith. Somehow God would fulfil His word. Then after Isaac was born and had grown to be a strong boy, the test came to Abraham to sacrifice the son. Now Abraham did not question the wisdom or purpose of God. He proceeded to carry out the instructions.

Be sure to tell all the speakers that outlines will be given as a guide for talks. These can not be written in full by the topic editor. Let each person add original material. Use a concordance and try to get additional material to bear upon your subject. It is hoped that during the new year we can develop more people to give talks freely instead of merely reading clippings. Do your best, a little at a time and we shall have a better meeting.

1. THE DEFINITION OF ABRAHAM'S FAITH. Gen. 15:6; 18:21; 19:27-28.

a. He believed God even when the evidence of the things was not to be seen.

b. He took God at His word and accepted it into his heart.

c. He was willing to be obedient to what God had for him.

d. He demonstrated an element of trust.

2. ABRAHAM'S PILGRIM FAITH.

Gen. 12:14; Heb. 11:8-10,13.

a. He possessed the spirit of adventure common to frontiersmen.

b. He possessed the courage to withstand the enemies who preoccupied the land.

c. He believed that life consisted of more than the abundance of things that a man possesses.

d. He was as a city dweller moving into the "back woods."

e. He looked for a permanent city whose builder and maker is God.

3. ABRAHAM AND LOT. Gen. 13:5-18.

a. Abraham was willing at last to leave all to follow God.

b. God's covenant was not confirmed to Abraham until he was released from the hindering influence of Lot.

c. Abraham turned to the hill country by faith and God gave him mountain top experiences.

d. His success was not a mushroom success. This is not God's way of victory.

e. He lived a life of victory. He prospered and became strong even to the extent that he could help the weak brethren when they were in trouble.

4. NOTHING HELD BACK. Gen. 22:1-8; Heb. 11:17-19; James 2:21-23.

a. Abraham had to come to the place where he would place everything upon the altar.

b. The birth of the promised son was a miracle and yet given up as dead on the altar.

c. Abraham's faith was so great that he believed that God would raise up his son from the dead.

d. We can never have rest or be perfectly blest until all on the altar we lay.

e. God gives back to us, as He did to Abraham, more than we sacrifice.

5. ABRAHAM THE FRIEND OF GOD.

Gen. 18:17-19; James 2:23.

a. It is a great compliment to be a friend or servant of the living God.

b. The works of Abraham did show that he had faith in God.

(1) Going into a strange land trusting God for protection.

(2) Offering up Isaac as a sacrifice.

c. Faith without works is dead.

d. Others could see that Abraham walked with God.

e. Power comes to those who trust God. (Abraham was victorious in conflicts).

Additional Scripture

The far-reaching effects of Abraham's faith: Ex. 2:24; Ps. 105:42-45; Micah 7:18-20.

The contrast of Abraham's faith with the unbelief of the decendants: Ezek. 33:24-29.

Who are the seed of Abraham from the point of view of his relationship to God? Gal. 3:1-9,29.

Questions

1. Name some things that Abraham did because of his faith in God.

2. Was Abraham saved by faith or works? Rom. 4: 3,5,22. Cf. James 2:21-22.
3. How can we live a life of faith today?

Junior Topic

FOR MAR. 17, 1940

THE WORK OF AN ENEMY

Preparation for the lesson

The home and foreign missionary magazines are full of incidents illustrating the work of Satan where the gospel is being proclaimed. Make this a missionary lesson, using such items to illustrate the points in the lesson.

Approach to the lesson

People who have lots of friends are usually likeable. Those who have lots of enemies are usually folks with whom no one can get along. But sometimes it is the likeable people who have the most bitter enemies. The reason is usually that their enemies are jealous and do mean things to try to make others think less of them.

You would not think that anyone as good, kind, loving and merciful as God could ever have an enemy. But God's great enemy is the bitterest foe of all. He was jealous because God had power and glory he did not have, so tried to overthrow God (Isa. 14:12-15). He could not do this, and ever since has been trying to spoil both God's work and God's plan.

Scriptures bearing on the lesson

1. Sometimes a nice toy (a stream-lined wagon or a beautiful doll) makes a child popular with other children in the neighborhood. Every once in a while a jealous child will steal such a toy so he can ruin it, not wanting the owner to have the popularity it brings. Satan does not want people to receive God's Word into their hearts, because that pleases God, so he watches his chance to steal it (Mt. 13:19). (Illustrations from the Bible Coach work in South America are especially appropriate here.)

2. When your baby brother is fussy because he is tired, your mother rocks him to sleep. In the Greek, I Jn. 5:19 pictures Satan lulling the world to sleep in his lap. He does not want them to be concerned about the judgment ahead if they continue in their sins. (Home missions illustrations of people's indifference to the gospel would be fitting here.)

3. What would you think of one who took a squirt gun and shot acid into another's eyes to make him blind? Satan blinds people's eyes so they will not see how wonderful salvation is (II Cor. 4:4).

4. If a lion escaped from the zoo and was running around your neighborhood, what would you do? God tells us to be watchful because Satan, like a roaring lion, seeks to destroy those who try to serve God (I Pet. 5:8). (Illustrations from Africa showing the temptations to fall back into sin which the native Christians have to face would be good here.)

5. Perhaps there are boys in your neighborhood who like to play mean tricks. Satan is always playing tricks, called wiles in Eph. 6:11. V. 12-18 show how we can be prepared for his tricks.

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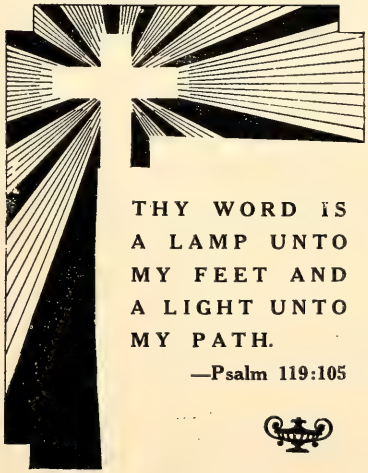

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH.
—Psalm 119:105

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Editorials by President Alva J. McClain

Prayer and Can openers

At a gathering of eminent British doctors and surgeons a very famous French chef was asked to address the meeting. Among other interesting things said by Chef Emile Aymoz, he deserves praise for the following remark: "In the old days a meal was opened with **prayer;** nowadays in many homes it is opened with a **can opener."**

Now, like all humorous sayings, the reader should not take this too literally. Doubtless there are can openers used in many a home where there is also a practice of genuine prayer. In general our daily diet has been improved greatly by the men who have learned the art of canning foods safely and cheaply. The cult of the can opener is not necessarily anti-Christian. In fact it has saved much energy and time for those whose duty it is to prepare the family meals.

But we wonder at times just how these saved minutes are being used today. Is there more prayer in the home because there is more leisure time? Or does the can opener merely give the family more time to spend at the movies or in other similar profitless pursuits? It all boils down to this: modern inventions are good or bad, depending on how we use them.

Why Don't Monkeys Talk?

For a long time among the worshipers of the evolutionary idol there have been certain scientists who felt that it would help their cause tremendously if only they could show that animals had the faculty of speech. And so there has been much study and observation of the great apes, but with little to show for the labor. At Yale University, for example, the institution is supporting a class of chimpanzees for the professors to watch. And Dr. Robert Yerkes thinks that these brutes might make the grade and talk "if they could develop a little more imagination;" and this end might be accomplished, he argues, if they could only " grow a little more tissue in the fore part of the brain."

The common man, who knows little about these profound matters, can only hope that — if and when the professors get the apes started to talking — they will not repeat some of the foolish notions at present being uttered by their teachers. When Balaam's ass began to talk, we recall, he displayed more sense than his owner.

The shortest and most complete answer to all this professorial nonsense, in my judgment, is as follows: The reason animals do not talk is because **they have nothing to say!** If a chimpanzee really had something to say, he would find a way to say it. This is just another way of reminding the reader that language has no value of any consequence except as a way of expressing **ideas.** Thought and idea precede language. Words are merely the symbols of ideas. Whenever animals begin to have ideas, they will begin to talk, and not before. That is why no animals will ever talk, because man alone was made in the image of his Creator. And in all the brute world there could be found nothing "answering to" the first man as he came from the hand of his Maker (Gen. 2: 18 ARV marginal rendering).

The Rickety Bridge of the "Bridge-Builders"

In the face of prophetic warnings from the Word of God, and in spite of the cries of faithful watchmen upon the walls, the drive for the unification of Christendom moves on inexorably in many devious and subtle ways. In the Inter-Seminarian, an organ distributed by the American Association of Theological Seminaries, there is an illustration of this drive in an appeal written by Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, noted Presbyterian leader and recently the head of Princeton Seminary.

Dr. Stevenson writes, "The present generation of ecclesiastical leaders is preparing the way for this unity.....The causes of division are too unimportant to justify separations.....Theological students should therefore acquaint themselves with the world situation which can be met only by a united church; with the oneness which the church of Christ should exhibit as His body; with the **movements culminating in a World Council of Churches, all of which contemplate one holy cath**

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olic apostolic united church.....Thus they will become 'bridge-builders'."

Now all this has a certain plausibility that will deceive many a sincere Christian. Suppose that all the various branches of the great sprawling tree of Christendom could be brought together into this "World Council of Churches," would not that be a magnificent achievement? Think of making it possible for all the hundreds of millions of professing Christians to be able at last to speak with one voice in social and religious matters! Such an organization could almost direct the course of the world. Well, according to the prophetic Word of God, this is exactly what will happen at the end of the present age. The "bridge" will be built, and across that bridge sinful humanity will attempt to pick its precarious way to the mirage of a man-made millenium. But the "bridge" will fail. To say this is not popular today. It will gain you the bitter enmity of men in high places. You will be counted an obstacle to "spiritual and social progress." But it is nevertheless the truth.

There is a genuine spiritual unity in the true church of God, a unity of the Spirit, a unity which does transcend all human barriers, a unity which springs out of that divine Life which became the common possession of all true believers on the day of Pentecost. But this true unity is centered in Christ. He is the Bridge that spans the chasm of human futility and failure "so safely for man." All other ways, no matter by what high-sounding names they are called, lead only to temporal disaster and finally to eternal doom.

Even The Doctors Do Not Agree

President Roosevelt, in one of his recent speeches, rendered a condensed financial accounting of the present state of the Union. It is unnecessary to recall the exact figures—they were astronomical in size—but the point the President was making had to do with the exact indebtedness of the government. Reading them as he gave them, the figures to the ordinary man sounded plausible. But a few days later Mr. Thomas E. Dewey, presidential candidate, took the President's figures and "proved" to his own satisfaction at least that Mr. Roosevelt had made a little mistake of about $26,-500,000,000.

Now the editorial columns of The Brethren Missionary Herald are not the place for political partisanship, and I have no intention of recommending the figures of either Mr. Dewey or Mr. Roosevelt. Readers of the Herald, so far as I am concerned, are at liberty to make their own choices. But the point I want to make is this: Here are two of the leading politicians of the United States. One has been our President for a period of nearly eight years, with the bare possibility of actually being reelected for a third term. The other man is also regarded with high respect by millions, and it is possible that he may become the next President of this the greatest nation in the world today. According to the working of democratic processes, we have here in a sense the two most important men of the present hour. To one of them, in a very real sense, we shall soon have to commit ourselves and our hopes temporally in the gravest crisis that the nations of the world have ever experienced. Yet in attempting to diagnose rightly the immediate problems of the nation, **they disagree by the staggering amount of twenty-six billions!**

The more I think about this, the more I am inclined to get discouraged about the resources of mere human leadership. Is it possible, with all our universities and colleges and foundations, that the Democrats and Republicans cannnot get together in this tremendously important matter and select a few wise men—men who can count and add up figures—and thus find out who has made what Mr. Dewey calls "the greatest financial error in history"? This is doubtless what any sensible and unprejudiced spectator from another world would suggest. But you may be quite sure that nothing like this will be done. And so probably about half of the people will go on believing Mr. Roosevelt's figures and the rest will think that Mr. Dewey is right. Government "by the people and of the peo-

"GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER"

It is our lot in the office to be recipients of all types of letters. Some express a glowing warmth of love and prayer in our behalf, some express dislike, some are just matter-of-fact business letters—all go into the make-up of the routine of our service. Some stir us and move us as we see the depth of sacrifice some are making to aid in the carrying on of the work of the Lord, and we cannot help but know that the Lord is well pleased with such a spirit and act, even as of old (Mark 12:41-44).

The following letter enclosing 20¢ came to our office just recently:

"Dear Christian Workers,
I haven't much to give. Maybe it will help a little. You all have my prayers in your work."

As we read this, our souls were stirred profoundly and our prayer ascended to the throne that a deep blessing may rest upon this donor. This one incident has moved us to labor more fervently and has caused us to realize the scope of the effect of such true and humble service. Thus, we are passing it on to you.—From the Business Office of THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD CO., Fort Wayne, Ind.

ple" is the best we have in this present world, but those who have read their Bibles carefully find themselves at times longing for the coming of our Lord and the establishment of His kingdom, when the government shall be "on His shoulder." In that day men will not be staggering in the darkness of human uncertainty, but they shall have the truth in all their problems.

Toy Guns, Movies, and Human Depravity

The city of Chicago has been stirred up considerably over the selling of toy guns. Many anxious mothers, supported by legal and other authorities, argue that the sale and possession of toy guns should be prohibited by law because the children play "cops and robbers" and thus the way is paved for the later criminal use of real guns when they grow up. Another angle to the problem is that real hold-ups have been staged by the use of toy guns that looked like the real thing.

Now this may be all very well, but are not these mothers and judges concentrating on symptoms rather than the disease? The other day as I drove up to the curb in a certain city and stopped, a little four-year old boy dressed up like a cow-boy sneaked up behind a post, drew a bead on me with his "trusty gun," and began to bang away. Now there may be some people silly enough to believe that little boys just naturally know what to do with a toy gun when they get one in their hands, and that if they could stop the manufacture of such guns the little boys would know nothing about shooting with guns. As a matter of fact, however, the little boys do not get their wild ideas from toy guns, but from the movies where they see what guns are for. Give a toy gun to the average child, brought up in a decent home, with his mind unspoiled by vicious movies, and he would act know what to do with it. But you might stop the manufacture and sale of toy guns, and your movie child will turn sticks into guns. It is not a toy gun problem, but a movie problem.

Even this, however, does not touch the spiritual problem. If you wonder why little children take so easily to guns and shooting and killing, the answer will be found **within,** not in mere external things. "From within, **out of the heart**.....proceed evil thoughts.....**murders"** (Mk. 7:21). If all the movies were shut, and all the toy gun stores closed, the human heart would remain the same in its unmeasured possibilities for evil, whether in children or in adults. Only the power and blood of the Lord can deal with that.

Gone With The Wind

On the subject of the theater and its players, I am not at all well informed. It is not my habit to read discussions and gossip of Hollywood, nor to listen to it over the radio. But there are some things about Hollywood that could be missed by no one unless he happened to be deaf, dumb and blind. For the past two years at least there has been an incessant public blare in building up the public mind for the movie production of "Gone With The Wind." First, there was the book itself. Whooped up by the critics, people who had not read a book for years ran to the public library and got on the waiting list. Those who had the money bought a copy. Next we heard how the great companies were bidding for the movie rights. Then for several months the public was choked with interminable arguments about who would play the part of its rather tough-minded heroine. When that was at last settled, we were fed on the magnitude and cost of the production. It was to be truly "colossal." Then came the grand opening at some great city of the south, I forget where, with governors, society celebrities, and other famous people in attendance. And now the newspapers are advertising "Gone With The Wind" dresses, prints, patterns, costumes, sweaters. All this fanfare of publicity was planned evidently with but one end in view—to bring millions of people to the ticket offices at the steepest prices ever charged for a similar production. And the end has been reached. The millions are attending, and the money is rolling in.

Now we come to the climax, or the anti-climax, depending on your personal view of the case. The leading lady, if you wish to call her that, has become the central figure in two divorce suits. Her own husband has sued her for a divorce, naming another man as the co-respondent. And the wife of the other man has sued him for a divorce naming the leading lady as co-respondent. In less polite language, this means that both the leading lady and her paramour were charged with the sin of adultery. According to newspaper reports, Hollywood was not surprised at the suits, which will not be contested, and the two co-respondents will be married as soon as the legal matters are settled.

If you are old-fashioned enough to suppose that all this will cause the lady to lose her reputation and job in Hollywood, or keep the "church people" from paying their money to see her picture, you are mistaken. In these days of moral darkness and spiritual apostasy, it may even help the attendance. And if you are wondering what have become of America's Christian ideals of marriage and the home, it is not facetious to say these things have just about gone with the wind. Now we are about to reap the "whirlwind," thanks in part to the unspiritual preachers who either defend the movies or else lack the courage to tell the truth about them.

Perhaps the first recorded young men's prayer meeting is that mentioned in Dan. 2:17-18.

Contrast the eight "woes" of Christ (Matt. 23) with the eight "blesseds" in Matt. 5.

Middle chapter of the Bible—Psalm 117.

EDUCATION IN FRANCE - By Garner Hoyt

Foreign Missionary Candidate and Junior in Grace Theological Seminary

(Editorial Note: As some readers of the Herald already know, Brother Garner Hoyt went to Europe about two years ago and spent a year and a half in language study for the purpose of preparing himself under our board in French Equatorial Africa. He returned last year and entered Grace to complete his theological course. In addition to his regular work as a student, he is conducting a special class in the French language for the benefit of the five students who will sail for Africa next summer if war conditions permit. Knowing that Garner literally walked by faith while taking his work in France, I have asked him to write a series of articles on conditions in France and his experiences while in that country. This is the first of the series.—A. J. M.)

During my study of the French language in Paris, many and interesting were the experiences that came to me. And the Lord made all these things possible, for He provided the means to go; He blessed me and guided me in all my study; He cared for all my needs and proteced me from the harms of the world around me; and He brought me safely home that I might continue with my Bible training preparing for the Master's work in the foreign field. So it is with thankfulness of heart that I have consented to write this little series of articles telling of what the Lord has done for me during my stay in France. It is my prayer that these words might be not only of interest but a blessing to those who read them; and above all that His name might be glorified.

I have chosen to devote this first article to the matter of education in France, relating just a few of the outstanding facts of interest. As a word of explanation I might say that these articles are composed wholely of my own observations and from information that has come to me personally while I was in France.

Perhaps the most outstanding and widely recognized fact concerning the standard of education in France is that it is superior by far to that of our own country. This fact is no doubt due to the system of education that is used in that country, and to account for that system, one must look back in the history of France to Napoleon who was a genius not only in military affairs but also in the field of education. He played a great part in this field by bringing into existence the secondary school called "Le Lycee." That school could be compared to our high school and junior college combined. Through these past years, France has developed a system of education which ranks foremost among the educational systems of the world. This is quite evident from the fact that Paris and other large cities of France are literally filled with foreign students from every nation on earth. It can almost be considered a custom in this day that those who wish to pursue higher education naturally go to Paris. Paris is fast becoming a city of foreigners. It is of interest to know that already there are more foreigners in Paris than there are French people.

2-Year-Olds In School

A few words about the types of schools in France would perhaps be of interest. It will surely be astonishing to you as it was to me to know that many French children start to school at the age of two years. They usually spend about four years in this school called "l'ecole maternelle" and then they enter "l'ecole primere" where they remain until the age of about twelve or thirteen, depending upon the pupil. On leaving this school the child does ones of three things, which depends to a great extent upon the financial standing of his family. He can continue in a general course of education, or he can enter a special school where he begins at once his study in a certain profession, or he can drop out of school entirely. A great number of French children do the latter, not because it costs so much to go to school in France, for that is not the case; but rather because the people are so poor. I am speaking of course from our point of view.

Then the next group, the middle class financially, is able to continue in school. They decide upon their life work at once and concentrate their time and efforts in that direction. They would enter such schools as "l'ecole pratique de commerce et d'industrie," "l' ecole de metier," "l'ecole d'agriculture," or "l'ecole enfantine militaire," etc., as the child with his parents decide. Those who are of families more well-to-do nearly always enter "Le Lycee" where they spend about six years in a general course, but of course majoring in a certain field. A very small percentage of these students ever go any further in their training than this. However those who are pursuing official positions in the government and in the army continue on in "l'ecole polytechnique" and in "l'ecole des mines," etc.

In these schools and universities, however, it is not a matter of just entering and following the desired courses. It is really a very difficult thing to be admitted into these government schools. One Thursday afternoon during the time that I was in Paris, I took a walk down to "l'ecole polytechnique," to see a young Frenchman by the name of Paul de France, one whom I had learned to know through correspondence even before leaving

this country for France. In the course of a short conversation concerning the school, he told me that each year there are about 2500 young men who apply for entrance in this school and only 250 are ever accepted. This is all decided by an extremely difficult examination that is given to each applicant desiring to enter.

Examinations Are Severe

In France one must be a good student to go very far in education. It is not so much a matter of money but rather of talent and intelligence. At the completion of all their schools there is a final examination that the student must pass in order to receive the degree or diploma. He looks forward constantly to those final examinations as a matter of life and death. One can understand that it would be a constant strain and worry for a student to wonder through six long years whether he were going to pass or not. The failure of a student is a most serious disappointment. It is no wonder that some of them lose their minds. Just before leaving France I read of a young boy who, having failed his examination, went out into the school yard at once and took his life. So far as I am acquainted with the educational system in France that is the only thing that I do not like. It is too hard upon the minds of its youth. It is true that the nation finds its best minds that way, but at the same time it is certainly a terrible misfortune for the weaker ones.

In closing I would like to leave just a few sentences concerning the school where I took my language training, and then just a word concerning the religious education in France. The language school is called in French "l'Alliance Francaise." It is a branch of the "University of Paris," and is devoted entirely to the teaching of the French language, and therefore its students are all foreigners. For the missionary, that school is truly a foreign missionary field. There are students from every nation in the world before whom the missionary can bear a testimony for his Lord.

System Is Unique

The system used in this school is quite unique but very effective and efficient. Each day the new students that have come in are taken into a room where they are given a short dictation and a few elementary questions on grammar. From that the professor is able to place the student in the class where he can make the best progress. He continues there until he is asked to go to the next class. There are three types of diplomas given in the school: "Le diplome moyen" which concerns the language alone; "Le certificat d'aptitude," which covers the same material but gives the possessor the right to teach the language to foreigners; then the highest diploma is "Le diplome superieur" which covers not only the language but also the history and literature of France and gives the person the right to teach the history and literature as well as the actual language. A student must have an average of seventy before he can even take an examination, and then it is very seldom that more than half of the students pass the examination.

Religious education in France is a field that is sadly neglected in the Protestant church. And yet the influence of the Protestant church is remarkable when one realizes that the percentage of Protestant churches in France is so very small compared to that of the Catholic churches. It is true that France flourishes with religious institutions of the Catholic church, but it is quite the opposite on the Protestant side. So far as I know there are only two Protestant Christian institutions in all of France, one seminary in Paris and one Bible Institute just outside of Paris at Nogent sur Marne. As to the system of education in these institutions, it is practically the same as that of our own Christian schools in America. With these few facts one can easily understand that the low moral and spiritual condition of France as a nation is due to the lack of true Protestant Christian training.

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October 1, 1939 - January 20, 1940

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The seminary desires to express gratitude to all of our many friends for the gifts sent in, and especially for those who have prayed for the work. The Lord has answered in a multitude of ways, and we have learned the blessing of walking by faith in His promises.

While the need is not immediate, we feel led to ask all friends to pray that God will provide in the future for the erection of our own building. For some steward of the Lord desiring to leave a useful memorial fund, surely there could be no finer investment than to provide a place where men and women might be taught the Word of God and prepared for His service until the coming of our Lord. We ask that each one add this definite request to the daily prayer list.

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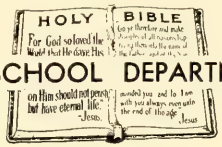

BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

By Tom Hammers

Competing or Cooperating — Which?

On almost every hand today, we are witnessing the tragedy of broken homes, in which strained relationships between husband and wife have brought separation, and in many instances permanent divorce. We are witnessing a similar tragedy in all too many churches and Bible Schools, all because of strained relationships between the two. Where such conditions prevail, disastrous results will inevitably follow unless a reconciliation is effected and an indissoluble union between the two is formed.

Take for instance the spirt of **cooperation** which has given way to a spirit of **competition.** We do not question the value of competition of the right sort in trade and industry. It has its place. But any church or Bible School has enough competition as it is from the world, without fostering it within the church. If the Lord has blessed the work of the Bible School in such a manner that great numbers are enrolled and in regular attendance, and that interest and enthusiasm are at a high pitch, praise the Lord for such blessings. It should be so. However, it is the responsibility of the Bible School leadership to so direct the school that it will fall right in line with the church, that the two shall work hand in hand not **independently** of each other as is so often the case.

Not **independence,** but **interdependence** is what we need; not rivalry, but harmony. In fact this spirit of independence has become so widespread that the Bible School has become a **substitute** for the church. The school has its opening services, its classes, its reports, its benediction and good-bye and not only a large percentage of the members of the school, but many times the officers and teachers as well, **call it a day** and go home. They do not attend the church services, nor do they frequent the prayer meeting. As far as they are concerned, the Bible School is the **main tent** and the church is merely a **side-show.** And be sure that where such a spirit prevails, in which the Bible School is an end in itself, such a school will never be of any value to a church.

A bit of inventory of our own situation would certainly be in order. If your church and school are competing instead of cooperating, then find out just why. And no matter wherein the fault may be found, whether in the pastor, the teachers, the superintendent, the officers, or the members of the church or school, get busy at once and correct the situation. Unite your efforts for the Lord in order that souls might be won for Christ. After all, souls come first and all other things are but secondary.

The following is the third in a series of studies in **evangelism in the Bible School,** written by Rev. Harry H. MacArthur, and published as a part of the correspondence course on Child Evangelism by the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

Important Factors In Child Evangelism

1. THE SEED.

"The seed is the Word of God" (Lu. 8:11).

Our Lord so speaks of the Bible or the gospel in the parable of the sower (Lu. 8:4-15).

The calling, commission, and mission of the Bible School worker is that of sowing this seed.

We ought to be diligent and earnest in sowing and scattering this precious life-giving and wonder-working **seed** in the hearts and lives of those in our Bible School.

It is this **seed** (Word of God) that creates **faith** (Rom. 10:17), and when applied by the Holy Spirit imparts spiritual life to the soul (I Pet. 1:23 and Jn. 3:6).

2. THE SOIL.

"The soil is surely the pupil's mind and heart" (Lu. 8:15).

The study, preparation and cultivation of this soil is the delicate task of the Bible School teacher and worker.

No pastor can effectively and successfully minister to his people if he is not acquainted with the home life, habits, needs, problems, short-comings, weaknesses, heartaches, and aspirations. It is just so with the Bible School worker: he must be familiar with the home life and its conditions, the habits, companionships, reading and amusements of the pupil, if he is to be successful in sowing and applying the Word of God to his heart and mind, that it may bear fruit unto eternal life. In other words he must **know** the pupil.

3. THE SOWER.

"And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).

The teacher, the parent, the superintendent, the pastor, all are sowers. In song, in sermon, in the lesson taught, in the word of loving exhortation, in the prayer, in personal interest, the letter, the leaflet, the pressure of the hand, the example of a sincere Christian life—in one, or several, or all of these ways, the seed is being surely sown.

The essential in it all is that there be a vital contact with the Master on the part of the sower, a real love for the work, and skill in the sowing.

4. SATURATION.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Ps. 126:5).

This is the brooding of a heart over a soul. It is the burden or anxious interests of the worker for souls, that God has laid upon his heart.

There can be no harvest without this **"rain"** of the Spirit (Isa. 66:8; Acts 20:31).

This burden will manifest itself in believing and prevailing prayer, and will eventually result in joy and salvation.

5. SUNSHINE.

"Them hath He filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work" (Exodus 35:35).

This is the power to make Jesus real to others. It is only the radiant, Spirit-filled believers who carry this **sunshine** that makes the Christian life so attractive and creates a hunger in the hearts of the unsaved for it.

Sour exteriors never recommend the goods of salvation. Sunshine is the best salesman: sunshine that is in the heart, revealed in the face and only made possible by the Holy Spirit of God.

6. THE SICKLE.

"But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come" (Mk. 4:29).

How and when shall we put in the sickle? Special decisions will be necessary and this subject will be dealt with later, but the wise and efficient teacher will, the year round, sense golden opportunities for using the **sickle** and the gathering in of precious sheaves.

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (Jn. 4:35).

Every farmer is in partnership with God. Both are absolutely essential to the harvest. The farmer has to prepare and cultivate the soil, sow the seed, gather the harvest. God furnishes the seed, the sun, the saturation of the rain and the operation of the chemical ingredients of the soil. This partnership has borne results for thousands of years where the human side has not failed God.

It is just so in the spiritual harvest, we are co-workers or partners with God, and results are assured where Bible School workers are faithful in doing their part.

Frank Brown in "Plans For Sunday School Evangelism" suggests these six factors that enter into the law of the spiritual harvest, which has been discussed above.

"Sow in the morn thy seed,
At even hold not thine hand;
To doubt and fear give thou no heed:
Broadcast it o'er the land.
Thou canst not toil in vain;
Cold, heat, and moist and dry,
Shall foster and mature the grain,
For garners in the sky."

Attention! Camp Leaders and Directors

Factual information relative to the 1940 camp to be sponsored in your district is needed just as quickly as possible, if it is to be included in the **Camp Directory** to be published in this department at a very early date. We don't want to miss a single one of our camps which will be meeting throughout the United States this summer. Therefore every reader of this announcement who is interested in the success of the camp in your district will do us a favor by urging the proper persons to send us the needed information at once.

Already many Brethren young people are "talking camp," planning "camp rallies," and are "saving" nickles and dimes for their "camp fee." However, we can greatly aid the young people of our different districts in making their "camp plans" for this summer, if we will as quickly as possible, publish the following information about our camp: the **name, location, dates, ages, price, sponsors, courses,** as well as the **dean or the secretary** of the camp to whom inquirers may write for additional information.

If you want your district camp listed in our directory, see that the information reaches us no later than April 1. Mail directly to Tom Hammers at 2706 Noble Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

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C. E. NOTES and NEWS

By Grace Allshouse

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The most important thing right at this moment is for us to have the birthdays of your pastor and his wife, together with the favorite Scripture verse of each. The societies which have sent these to us up to the time we write this are Allentown, Pa; Ankenytown, O.; Dallas Center, Ia.; Kittanning, Pa.; Leon, Ia.; Portia, Kans.; Spokane, Wash. and Winchester, Va. As you notice, only from one district has more than one society reported, and three districts have not reported at all! If your church is not in the above list, please let us hear from you **at once.**

The Spokane society included this news item with their report of their pastor's birthday:

"Greetings to our Fellow-Endeavorers:

"We enjoy reading letters from the other groups, and I thought others would be interested in hearing from our loyal group in 'Sunny Old Spokane.'

"Our President, Craig Ettenborough, is doing splendid work, and with the cooperation of the young people the work is moving forward. Our C. E. is sponsoring a half-hour radio service each Sunday, 9:30 A. M. over KFIO. We covet your prayers that the brethren message might go forth with great power and people be saved.

"We are stepping out on faith. We know our Lord is able to meet the need for this great venture.

In His service,
June McBride."

We appreciate this word from this society, and trust that the rest of you will follow their example and send us some news with the information regarding the birthdays.

Our first monthly prayer calendar will be found elsewhere in this department. We suggest that someone in your society (probably the one in charge of the quiet hour) shall see to it each week that a different name is assigned to each member of your group. From now on, this prayer calendar will appear in **the last issue** of The Brethren Missionary Herald each month. Be sure to look for it.

The first entry in the C. E. Topic contest has arrived. A young woman in Iowa submits plans for two fine meetings. If the committee decides to print either of these, she will receive a Standard C. E. Manual.

What unusually interesting meetings has your C. E. had? Write them up according to the rules printed in the issue of Feb. 10, and mail them to your news editor. This contest is for all age groups, and any contestant may submit plans for as many meetings as desired. A Standard C. E. Manual will be awarded for every topic printed, and a banner will be awarded the district whose efforts in the contest bring the best results.

In the Scrap Book Contest announced in the issue of Jan. 27, in addition to the society awards, the district showing the best response will likewise be awarded.

Be sure to read. "Your Personal Problems Considered," in this issue. The young people's society at Sunnyside, Wash., used this material with great interest in one of their C. E. meetings last summer. Some of the young people had heard Mrs. Lichty discuss this subject at the Northwest camp.

If you have any pictures taken last summer at Bethany Camp, Winona Lake, be sure to send them to Brother Polman. Remember, he is paying $1 each for the best ten pictures submitted.

Two delightful banquets were held in Indiana during Brethren National C. E. Week. The first in Peru carried out a red and white color scheme. A strip of red crepe paper, ruffled, twisted, and placed on a white background, extended the full length of each banquet table. Red balloons suspended at various lengths over the table made the room indeed inviting. Delegations from several nearby churches were present.

The second banquet was sponsored by the Fort Wayne societies, carrying out the theme, "Christ our Captain on the Sea of Life." Those making the voyage went up a gangplank and presented their passports previously secured. Red ships with white sails formed the centerpiece of each table.

Table decorations were made complete by programs with red and white covers; red, white and blue napkins picturing a sailing vessel at sea, and secured in white napkin rings to which was attached a red anchor, and red lifeboat favors. Musical numbers and messages were in keeping with the theme.

C. E. FUN CORNER

April Foolish Fun

The Invitation:

No foolin'—get this straight,
On April first you have a date;
Come foolishly dressed for an evening of fun;
Games, stunts, contests, and a prize to be won.

The decorations:

Cut pictures from magazines, hang them upside down about the room with inappropriate titles. Make foolscaps for each guest. Pin a kerchief to the rug. Place box of candy in room with sign "Take one"—see how long they last.

The Refreshments:

Nutty sandwiches—nuts in sandwich filling.
Dunce salad—salad moulded to represent a dunce cap.
Clown cakes—cookies with frosted foolish faces.
Cracked skulls—cracked nuts.

The Games:

Present each guest on arrival with a dunce cap, to be worn during the evening.
Slyly pin slips of paper on backs of some bearing statements like the following:
Please tell me my name. Pinch me easily. Call me nice names.
Have a prize for the most foolish costume.

Partnering: Two each of names of animals. Pass one to boys, other to girls. Boys are to imitate animals whose name they have drawn, girls must recognize their partners from their actions.

Twenty ways to arrive: Each couple must cross the room in a different way from any other. Leader to call for couples by the animal names given out. May skip, walk backward, hop, etc.

Foolish Relay: Two teams. Two tables. Two marbles. Two hairpins. Seat contestants in line with tables. At signal each leader must push the marble with rounded end of hairpin across the table, leave it there, return to seat, next in line pushes it back. Side finishing first wins.

Foolish Bubbling: Divide crowd into two groups. Each chooses captain. Stretch line across the room, or use long table with line down center. The captain blows bubbles, the rest aim to keep the bubbles from breaking on their side of the line. Side on which bubble breaks loses a point.

Foolish statements: Write the following statements on cards and place about the room. Let each one make a list of corrected statements:

1. Our National C. E. President wrote" Gone with the Wind."
2. L. S. Bauman is a famous tenor.
3. Jonah was an English poet.
4. Alva McClain wrote "Pilgrims Progress."
5. Caruso is a famous preacher.
6. Margaret Mitchell had the first "undersea" voyage.
7. Robert Ashman is President of Grace Seminary.
8. Rudyard Kipling preached in Nineveh.

Motion Pictures: Announce that Bethany (or whichever camp you attend) pictures will be shown. Prepare a room with seats for your audience. Have some special music. Place sheet on wall, fine wire stretched across on which are hung the pictures you will show, pushed aside and concealed until time for presentation. When all are seated the leader will with great flourish give a talk on Camp life and then quickly draw the pictures across the sheet. Didn't they move? Finis. Fools' exit—the open door.

The Devotions:

Nothing could be more profitable than a meditation on what the Bible has to say about fools: (Psalm 53:1; Luke 24:25; 1 Corinthians 3:19); many others.
Here's hoping you have a good time.

Aunt Polly.

Monthly Prayer Calendar

On their respective birthdays, the names, favorite Scripture verses, and prayer requests of pastors, missionaries, and others in the brotherhood who are prominent in Christian work, will appear under this head. Please see that each member in your society is assigned one of the following names for daily prayer. Assign a different name to each member weekly. If you know of others whose names should have appeared this month, please notify your News Editor at once.

Mar. 1—Mrs. George E. Cone, wife of pastor at Portis, Kans. II Tim. 2:15. Requests prayer for Max Kurman, Hebrew coach in their high school; Bible class in prophecy started by pastor last Monday night; a young man planning to enter Grace Seminary; the way to be opened for a Jewish Bible conference in their church.

Mar. 11—Mrs. Herman A. Hoyt, wife of professor at Grace Seminary. Phil. 4:19. Requests prayer for the salvation of her father who now lies on death bed.

Mar. 12—Rev. Herman A. Hoyt, professor of the New Testament and Greek, Grace Seminary. Gal. 2:20. Requests prayer for Grace Seminary and for The Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

Mar. 17—Rev. Henry Rempel, pastor at Flora, Ind., and president of Grace Seminary student body. Col. 3:17. Requests prayer for the two C. E. societies less than a month old at Flora, and that the seminary student body shall be used in winning souls for Christ.

Mar. 19—Rev. Vern Stuber, Grace Seminary student who is starting a new church at Sharpsville, Ind. His prayer requests did not reach us, but we are sure he would appreciate prayer for the new work.

Mar. 21—Mrs. C. B. Sheldon. Time has been too short to get her requests, but we believe one of them would be that the Lord will open up the way for the new missionaries to get to Africa, war conditions now preventing their sailing.

YOUR PERSONAL PROBLEMS CONSIDERED

By Mrs. Emma Lichty

Young People—This column is conducted especially for you—Send your problem to C. E. Editor, Leo Polman, 3326 South Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Problem

I am a Christian, and do not indulge in worldly pleasures such as dancing, card playing, and theatre going, for I feel they are wrong. Yet I cannot explain to my companions why it is not consistent with a Christian life. Is there any portion of Scripture on which to stand?

Discussion

In my early life I also faced this very problem. I am especially fond of music, and you can readily judge which amusement hindered God from having His way in my life. As long as I compromised I could not win souls. I soon became a very unhappy Christian. When on Satan's territory I was timid about inviting my associates to fellowship with me in my church, and when in church circles, I hesitated asking them to join me in my worldly pleasures. If you want a hectic Christian life, try mixing worldly amusements with spiritual things. Like oil and water, it simply does not mix! Soon I did not feel at ease in either environment, and I had to choose one or the other. Rest assured it was a battle! Different methods were tried, but none solved my problem. In desperation I decided to settle it on Bible grounds. The following Scriptures are a result of this investigation:

Nothing takes care of the amusement problem as well as a thorough knowledge of the rapture. "Do I want to be found on Satan's territory when Jesus comes to take out a people for His name?" is the acid test. Once you surrender your life to the Lord regardless of the cost, amusements will take care of themselves.

You ask if a surrendered soul winner can engage in these pastimes. Let me ask how many of these questionable pleasures a surrendered soul winner will want to indulge in. Just how much tree climbing does a brook trout want to do? But perhaps you are thinking, "Times have changed, and we live in a more liberal age." My heart goes out to you, for you do live in a very different age from the one most of us adults lived in. That very thing is a sign of the Lord's near coming! Turn to Heb. 11:9-12. Times change, but God and His Word—never! Heb. 3:12 exhorts us to take heed lest we depart from the living God.

Take your Bibles and follow from the printed page. I want you to see for yourself. It makes no difference what you or I think, or what your chum across the alley thinks—it is what God's Word says that counts. Gal. 6:14, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." When you take Him as your personal Savior you become a new creature. Old things have passed away. If you become a new creature, what should become of these habits? II Tim. 2:19, "Depart from iniquity." II Cor. 3:17. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate." V. 3 clearly gives the reason, "Giving no offense in anything that the ministry be not blamed." Have you ever heard of a Christian doing or saying anything that would cast reflections on the church? The world is quick to judge us. Why shouldn't they be when their father the devil accuses the saints daily at the throne, bringing even the smallest matter before our Intercessor? The unsaved set a much higher standard for us Christians than we set for one another. Since we are "epistles known and read of all men" (IICor. 3:2) "let us not eat of their dainties" (Ps. 141:4), but instead "abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5:22). "having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good words, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation" (I Pet. 2:11-12).

The Spirit of God is very plain in the limitations of Christian liberty (I Cor. 8:6-13). Satan would have you reason that if worldly indulgences doesn't hurt you, that is all that matters. Suppose it doesn't hurt you. That gives you no license to go into questionable places of amusement, for you are warned to take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are

what? Yes, weak. You have knowledge (v. 10), and you partake. The weak brother, misled by your example, becomes encouraged to do likewise. The Spirit of God goes on to say, "Shall the weak brother perish?" He doesn't say you will perish, but that your example will cause another to perish. That is a horrible catastrophe, isn't it?

Lest you fail to get the full significence, He adds concerning this weak friend, "For whom Christ died." Weigh that! That alone should cause us to fall on our knees. But v. II puts on extra emphasis, "When ye sin so against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ." Think of it! By that so-called innocent pleasure you not only cause a weak one to stumble, you not only cause him to perish, you not only wound him for whom Christ died, but you wound Him Who bought him with His own precious blood! It must have made Paul shudder to think of such a far-reaching thing, for in the last verse he sums it all up with a resolution, "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh"—till I get into the city where no one knows me? No, "while the world standeth." Why? "Lest I make my brother to offend."

Turn back to I Cor. 10:21, "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of devils, ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table and of the table of devils."

Perhaps the adversary says to you even now, "Lots of good church members, even preachers themselves, do these things. Many churches have these pastimes as a part of their program. Why can't you?" We have a jealous God Whose very righteousness can't permit sin and compromise. Read on in I Cor. 10. Paul sums it up with, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles nor to the church of God." Imagine glorifying God with the modern methods of dancing!

Paul in writing to the Romans said, "Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. Let not then your good be evil spoken of" (Rom. 14:15-16). You may be compromising, thinking your friends will eventually be won. It seldom works that way. Satan accuses you on high, and the world points its finger at you, and your good is evil spoken of. There's no room for compromise in a Christian. The Bible says so much about being a bad example. Evidently it must be a serious thing. So "be ye not conformed to the world" (Rom. 12:2).

I used to think there were only a few landmarks in the Bible to guide us pleasure-loving saints, but there are many. Look at Rom. 6:12-22. "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto God as those that are live from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Do you realize you are not your own? You are bought with a price! Your fruit should be unto holiness (v. 22). And if it is, what is the result? Yes, "everlasting life"—not an evening of fun and then a dark brown taste the following morning, but **everlasting life!**

We usually think our members are our feet. Your feet may be a large portion of your anatomy, but this refers to even more. How about playing for worldly amusements? How about using your eyes to enjoy pictures that are distasteful to our Lord and Master? Read Jude 23, "Hating even the garment spotted by the flesh," and James 4:4, "Know ye not that friendship of the world is enmity with God?" Also, "Whosoever will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." That is pretty plain language, isn't it?

Need there be any doubt in your mind whether a Christian's amusement and that of an unsaved person should be different when the Word says, "Neither be partakers of other men's sins; **keep thyself pure"?** I Tim. 5:22 Rev. 18:4 also shed light on your problem.

You are living in an age when society makes demands of you, and my prayers go out for you; but you have a loving Father Who understands your situation and Who will reward you for faithfulness. "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." True, you may have a rough road, but your heavenly Father has promised you a safe journey. "If ye suffer for righteousness' sake, **happy** are ye and be not afraid of their terror, neither be ye troubled (I Pet. 3:14). They may even persecute you because "they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: who shall give account to Him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead" (I Pet. 4:4-5). "Rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering" (I Pet. 4:14).

You may stand alone and have to "suffer all things lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ." Jeremiah has an interesting passage (15:16-17): "I sat **not** in the assembly of the mockers nor rejoiced: I **sat alone** because of thy hand." You say, "I can't face standing alone." You aren't asked to stand alone. You have a Father Who created the very heavens and He will care for you. "God is able to make **all** grace abound toward you; that ye **always** having **all** sufficiency in **all** things, may abound unto every good work." (II Cor. 9:8).

You asked me a question. May I, as my closing thought, leave one with you? When Christ comes to meet us in the air, when He comes to take out a people for His name, when He comes as a thief in the night, would you want to be found on Satan's territory?

From a **brethren** of a different denomination:

"We have been receiving your fine little magazine for some time now and can only say 'God bless you all,' for we have enjoyed it so much. Enclosed is $5 for your publication day and $1 for THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD."—C. C., Ohio.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

for March 24, 1940

JOSEPH THE DREAMER

(GEN. 37:1-11)

Suggestions for the Leader

The title of this topic does not have the same meaning as we apply it to dreamers today. It means that God revealed His perfect will to Joseph through dreams. That was His approved way of talking to many people before the Scriptures were written.

Joseph is an outstanding character in the Bible because he stands with a few men to receive great praise from the Lord. In the writing of his life the Holy Spirit did not point out moral lapses. On the other hand, He did in the lives of Abraham, Moses, Noah and others. Joseph belongs in the class with Daniel, and Enoch.

Of all the types in the Bible that direct us to Christ, Joseph is the most complete. We understand all types to break down at some point; but in this case there is a marvelous likeness in the experiences of Joseph and Jesus. The leader ought to list many of these. For instance, both were beloved of their father, chosen to be ruler, hated by their brethren, given up for dead, proved to be a blessing to the nations, selected a Gentile bride, and will finally be made known to the brethren. There are many more.

Joseph was a young man with many temptations. He lived a life above reproach and discovered that God stood by him in time of need. He ought to be an example of one young man that believed that it paid to please God. Some people have found fault with him because he secured a corner on the grain market in Egypt. They fail to see that it was for the salvation of the people. God revealed the meaning of the dream and He must have instructed Joseph as to the best thing to do about the oncoming famine.

1 Joseph, the Dreamer of Dreams, Gen. 37:5-11; 44:14-16.

a. God was pleased to speak to men in different ways at different times. He spoke directly to Adam, through an angel to Abraham, through a vision to Daniel, but through a dream to Joseph. (Heb. 1:1).

b. Dreams hardly have the same meaning today as they did before because we have the Holy Spirit as well as the written Word.

c. Joseph's brethren were unsympathetic because of jealousy.

4. Stephen compared the Pharisees to the hateful brethren.

e. God brought to pass all He showed Joseph in the dreams.

2. Joseph, the Interpreter of Dreams. Gen. 40:1-8, 41:1516.

a. God gave His insight and understanding.

b. It was God's way of promoting Joseph.

c. Joseph's humility was an honor to God.

d. In a senes, God's own people are wiser than the people of the world. (The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.)

e. Many times God brings His people to bear a message to a perplexed world.

f. We have a right to ask God for the answer to hard questions.

3. Joseph, Kept by the Power of God. Acts 7:9-11.

a. God will not suffer or let the righteous be moved.

b. Stephen said that God was with him.

c. He was informed in his dreams of his favor with God. (This gave him confidence and assurance.)

d. Trials came but only to perfect patience.

e. Apparent losses to a Christian are for a purpose. Find out what it is.

f. We have assurance of God's keeping power. (1 Peter 1:5). This deals with salvation, too.

4. Joseph Rewarded. Gen. 41:42-44.

a Faithfulness to God merits reward. Salvation is not earned by good deeds; it must be accepted as a free gift.

b. There is a danger of running ahead of God as well as running behind. Moses, Saul and Elijah ran ahead while Jonah lagged behind.

c. If we wait on the Lord we shall see His salvation. He always vindicates His Word. (Ps. 27: 14).

d. We get more than salvation; we get an abundant entrance into heaven.

5. Joseph's Faith Commended. Gen. 50:24-26; Heb. 11:27.

a. In the hall of fame, Joseph's name stands with those of great faith. He believed God and obeyed Him.

b. His walk with God was a blessing to Jew and Gentile.

c. He had faith in Israel and believed that the nation would be regathered in Palestine. He asked that his body would be taken along to be buried there.

d. Without faith it is impossible to please God. (Heb. 11:6).

Additional Scripture

Servants of God cast into prison for their faithfulness to Him: 1 KINGS 22:26-28; Jer. 37:13-38:6; LUKE 3:18, 20; Rev. 2:10.

Out of prison to victory: Judges 16:21-30; Acts 12:5-17; 16:22-34.

Dreams given by God: Gen. 20:3-7; 31:24; JUDGES 7:9-15; Dan.2: 24-28, 45; Matt. 1:20; 2:12-15, 19,20.

Questions

1. Do you think jealousy is a sin? What harm did it bring to Joseph?
2. Why was Joseph especially beloved of his father? Gen. 37:3; Gen 30:25.
3. Do you think that God will reward those that have faith in Him?

Topic for March 31, 1940

"Moses, the Lawgiver"

Junior Topic

FOR MARCH 24, 1940

Miriam Gilbert, Topic Editor

Who Is a Sinner?

By Geneva Kuhn

First of all, let us define a sinner. The dictionary says he is one who sins; an offender; a transgressor; one who is unregenerate. Now, don't be frightened at those long words! This definition covers all, but now we shall make a definition of our own. A sinner is anyone and everyone who is outside the Lord Jesus Christ, or anyone who is not redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. **John 16:9.**

Just as you find different kinds of people the world over, there are different kinds of sinners, so let's put them in groups where God's Word has them.

1. The Good Sinner. (Luke 18: 9:14).

This class includes persons who are good morally, upright of character and have high ideals, living clean, moral lives. This is good, of course, and secessary, but this life will not save anyone from eternal death, which is separation from God. Without the blood of Jesus Christ as the only redeeming power, these folks are still lost sinners. **Heb. 9:22.**

2. The polite sinner. (Mark 10:17-21).

Includes persons with the highest degrees of politeness and courtesy, yet rejecting Jesus, lacking one thing, they are lost sinners.

3. The handsome and beautiful sinner. (II Sam. 14:25, 26).

Good-looking, beautiful, and proud of their beauty! These folks, rejecting Christ, laugh at "the idea of such a thing" as being saved by the blood of Jesus. Lost souls outside the Lord! **Ezek. 28:17; Prov. 31:30a; II Cor. 4:4.**

4. The wise and educated sinner. (I Cor. 1:19-21).

This group includes men and women of learning, with scientifically-trained minds. They have no place in their work for God and try to prove things to be opposite from what the Word of God and even nature teaches, using modern theories of thought. Trained, intelligent and cultured as these folks are, they are absolutely lost without Christ. **I Cor. 1:25-29.**

5. The hard-working sinner. (Titus 3:4-6).

The people of this class spend most of their time working and slaving to make a living—not much time for anything else—and are angry because other folks don't have it quite so hard perhaps. They say, "I don't have time to be a Christian, to go to church, to serve the Lord, to read the Bible." When they are told that the blood of Jesus is the only way by which they can be saved, they turn away with scorn and reply, "Don't you think that God knows how hard I work? I don't need the blood of Christ to save me, my hard working will do it. Do you mean to tell me that God would condemn me after all this hard work and trouble?"

Lost without Christ! **Eph. 2:8, 9.**

6. The ignorant sinner. (Acts 17:22-32).

This classification includes those people who know not of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Those who partake of the things of the world (enjoy them, of course), but know no better. These, too, are lost not knowing Jesus Christ or God's plan of redemption. **Acts 17:22, 23.**

7. The vile sinner. (Rom. 1:18-23).

This class is made up of persons who openly and proudly commit things which they know are sins and which the world knows are sins, and take pleasure in doing wicked things. In their sinful lusts, they are completely lost without Jesus Christ. **I Kings 21:25; I Kings 16:30.**

8. The REDEEMED sinner. (Rom. 3:23-25).

Although it is a good thing to have high ideals, live clean, moral lives, be courteous and polite, have a good education, and take the responsibility of hard labor, and although we would **all** like to be handsome or beautiful, these things in themselves have no power at all with the very God of heaven. The thing that counts eternally is what you do with Jesus Christ in your personal, individual life. Take Him as your Savior, live close to Him every day, and add these good things to that life and you will have the life that really counts before God. **Eph. 2:8-10,13; Gal. 2:20; 3-13.**

NEWS BRIEFS — From Our Workers

THE GROUP OF BRETHREN IN FLORA, IND., who recently sponsored a Bible Conference in the city (reported in this column) are preparing to complete their organization as a church. In a business meeting Feb. 15, they extended a unanimous call to Bro. Henry Remple, a senior in Grace Theological Seminary, to serve as their pastor. Mr. Remple has been speaking there regularly for several weeks. Sunday School and church attendance have been as high as 78. Two Christian Endeavor Societies have been organized which meet regularly every Sunday night. The group is continuing for the present to meet in the basement of the Flora Public Library. A building fund has already been started and plans are under way for

the launching of a building program in the immediate future.

IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: All the churches of the district united for another "singspiration" meeting in the Glendale Church, on the afternoon of Feb. 11. We understand that these churches meet for these united services given over to the singing of gospel music once every month.

From the First Church of Long Beach bulletin. "122 souls made decisions for Christ during the two weeks' evangelistic services which closed last Sunday. 46 of this number made public confession at the evening services. 76 boys and girls came forward at the special service conducted in the Bible School hour. 14 have thus far united with the church." These services were conducted by the pastor himself, assisted by the Eureka Jubilee singers, a group of colored musicians.

The Whittier Church announces that Dr. V. C. Kelford, of Waterloo, Iowa, who recently joined our church at Fort Wayne, Ind., will be with them for a Bible conference March 13-17.

FROM THE CHURCH AT HARRAH, WASH., of which Bro. Fred Wm. Walter is pastor, comes the news that an evangelistic meeting with Dr. J. C. Beal as evangelist was recently closed. Following the meeting 6 were baptized and received into the church and more are expected to follow.

FROM BRETHREN CHURCHES far and wide came very little mail to the writer of News Briefs this week. That's why the column isn't longer. Come pastors! Oil up that writing arm and write us a line about what is going on in your church! Or put a postage stamp on some of those Bulletins you've been throwing into the waste basket and send them to the writer of this column!

FOUND IN OUR MAIL

"My mother has just received her second copy of the BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD. The first one was so full of good things I could see no room for improvement."—M. M., Indiana.

"I am enclosing a check for $5. Please take $1 of it for a year's subscription to the magazine and put the other $4 for my publication day offering. We enjoy reading your paper very much."—R. F., Illinois.

"Do we like that BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD! You tell whomever it may concern that it is the best Brethren paper we ever had since I came into the Brethren Church now 22 years ago."—W. J., Indiana.

"It is a real 'thriller' and every page is a blessing. I have read and reread every copy from cover to cover. We will be very glad to do all we can to support it, and also pray God to bless abundantly the Brethren Missionary Council, and we will look forward to the National Conference this summer."—D. F., California.

"From the copies I have received I think that every one is better than the one before."—A. W., Maryland.

"I get **so** much enjoyment from your magazine."—D. W., Iowa.

"The paper you are putting out is a real joy to us and our prayers are for your success."—M. P., Tennessee.

"I enjoy the HERALD very much and receive a rich blessing from reading it."—C. D., Penna.

"I am so happy to be receiving it and may it continue to give out our Lord's message."—E. M., Ohio.

"Find enclosed $1 for my subscription for one year for THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD. I am anxiously looking for it."—J. D., Pa.

"It is with great joy I welcome THE HERALD to our home with its really spiritual messages. May God bless your work and magazine to His glory."—T. E. S., Ohio.

"The B.M.H. is about the most readable paper I ever saw. You've done a great job of printing and I am pretty critical. I've inquired around among my people and I don't know of anyone who doesn't say the same thing. Keep up the good work!"—F. C., Pennsylvania.

"Just a line to express my appreciation of our new church magazine. It is splendid—inspirational and informative!"—H. P. Nebraska.

SOUTH COMES FIRST

Well, folks, you-all ain't so slow after all!! Living in the south did not keep the Sunday School at Limestone, Tenn. from walking away with the honor of being **first** to respond in sending in the order for next quarter. By the way, their checks accompanied the order. Thanks.

North Georgetown, Ohio, you did well to follow with second place.

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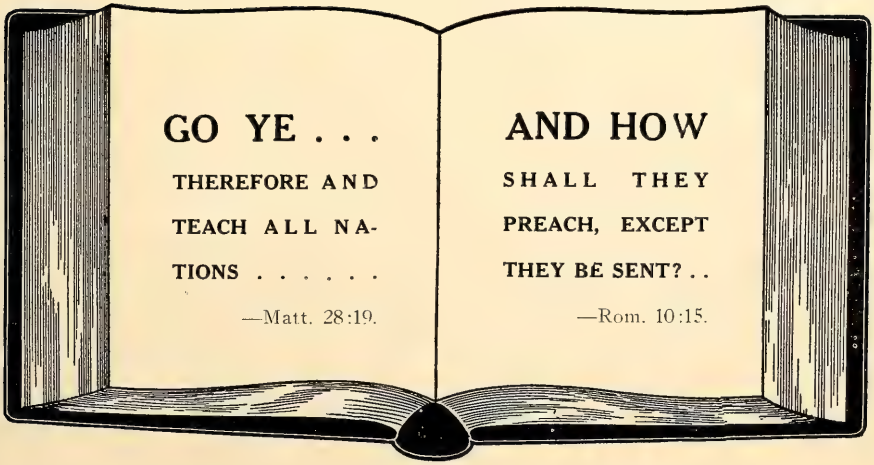

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A GREAT EASTER OFFERING

Our Brethren churches have been going through what we believe to be a purifying experience. We believe the Spirit of God has been leading us. We believe we have been pleasing God in the position we have taken. We believe we are true to the whole Word of God in our teaching.

Now—the most eloquent proof of this can be demonstrated by making our greatest sacrifice to foreign missions in the form of our largest Easter offering in history.

This responsibility rests upon every pastor and every member of every congregation. We must prove to God that we are worthy of His blessing and favor by putting the great work He is most interested in, foremost in our own work: **Getting the gospel to the lost.**

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R. Paul Miller, Editor

HATED OF ALL NATIONS

How little did the Jews realize the true meaning of the words of Jesus when He said in Mt. 24:9, "Ye shall be hated of all nations for My name's sake." But the events of these later days surely should make many of their leaders take note of those significant words. Shipload after shipload of Jewish refugees, among whom are thousands of refined, cultured and formerly wealthy business men and their families, are now reduced to destitution, drifting aimlessly over the seven seas, unable to find a country that will receive them. With reports of countless thousands of destitute Jews along the German-Jewish border; fathers, mothers, and little children; homeless, friendless, clothed in nothing but rags, and not too many of them even; with nothing to eat, so way to earn a living, and no one either in Poland or Germany caring whether they live or die; like hunted animals they seek shelter behind clusters of bushes and trees, in fence corners, behind pieces of old doors and scrap tin, and dream of the home they used to have. Now comes the report of tens of thousands of Jews being forcibly ejected from their homes in Germany and hauled to an all but barren section of Poland. From London we learn that two thousand Jews are stranded in barges in the Danube River where they were stopped trying to escape from the terrors of Hitler's hate. Other thousands are reported trying to cross the mountains from the Balkan countries where Jewish hatred is so fierce and unrelenting, hoping that they will succeed in slipping across the borders into Palestine under cover of night. Many die from exposure and sickness, but resolutely the rest push on with bleeding feet hoping, against despair for one favorable break. Sad indeed is the picture. No story ever written can compare with it. Well did Isaiah write in chapter 27:12,13,

> "And it shall come to pass in that day—— ye shall be gathered one by one, O, ye children of Israel. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, **and they shall come which were ready to perish** in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts of the land of Egypt and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem."

Can anyone doubt that they are in distress today? Aren't they ready to perish? Actually perishing they are! Aren't they coming from the land of Assyria as well as the rest of the world? How soon the iron hand that bars them from Palestine today may be removed; how soon England may have more warfare on hand than she can take care of and thus lose her control of Palestine or be compelled to change her policy there; how soon the way may be open for the Jews to slip through the fingers of the nations pre-occupied in great wars and thus flock into Palestine, we do not know. But return they will. God hath spoken! When the Jew goes to Palestine, the true Christian goes to glory. Hallelujah! Keep looking up.

THE BISHOP IS SLIGHTLY MISTAKEN

Great Britain's Bishop of Ely, a very famous churchman, is quoted by the United Press as having stated,

> "Unless there is some change in the minds of nations I cannot see any hope for the future of the world in the rest of this century."

What the Bishop should have stated is that unless there is a change in the **hearts** of the nations there is no hope for the future of the world. That is right. The mind thinks as the heart directs and chooses. It is the servant of the emotions and desires of the heart of man to attain his desires. General Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff of the United States army, who died several years ago stated the truth,

> "Will there be another war? Of course there will be more wars. Not until the **heart** of man is changed will wars cease."

The old general knew what was wrong with the world. He knew that the basis of all wars and all other of this world's strife was based on innate selfishness. Selfishness is the basest of all human characteristics. It is the foundation of all sin and rebellion against God. In its name has been sacrificed all the blood of man slain since the foundation of the earth. Jesus our Lord stated the truth when He said to Nicodemus.

> "Except a man be born again he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (Jn. 3:5,6).

In spite of the sneers of the worldly wise, the faithful preacher of the gospel is doing more to make this old world fit to live in, he is doing more to end all war and all misery, than all the lawmakers and all the social schemes known to man. God sent you to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, brother. He knows what is the matter with this old world. He knows what to do about things. Nobody else does. Whether the world appreciates it or not, you can know that you are doing the greatest work for the real uplift and salvation of mankind for time and eternity. Stick to the job till He comes.

Plough Ahead, Brother!

There is no doubt but that today Satan is making his greatest onslaught on the Christian church. He has instituted a world system that is so distracting as to make thousands of church members to be swept from their feet of faith. He has succeeded in garbing infidelity in robes of the clergy and is thus killing thousands of churches.

He has succeeded in getting churches to seek numbers instead of strict conversion with the result that now this unborn-again multitude within the churches is making havoc of things by worldliness and dissension. The churches have lost their power and testimony. Worldly men and women have been elected to offices in the churches. Spiritually minded preachers go into their pulpits with fire burning in their hearts only to come away with their hearts chilled and spirits broken. One pastor said to us the other day,

> "It just seems useless to go on. I am tired of all this strife and bickering in the church. Our churches are full of it and our conferences are full of it. I am tired of it."

There is no doubt but that trouble is being heaped upon the door-step of God's true servants as never before, just to take the heart out of them. We ran across a wonderful word for all of us written by Maltbie D. Babcock the other day.

> "Pay as little attention as possible to discouragement. Plough ahead as a steamer does, rough or smooth, rain or shine. To carry your cargo and make port is the point."

Keep your eye on the port, brother, not on the storm. Remember Peter!

Are Catholics Slipping?

In a letter reported in the newspapers announcing Lenten regulations, Cardinal Dennis Dougherty, Arch-Bishop of Philadelphia, stated of the membership of the Catholic Church,

> "Faith has grown weak, fervor has been chilled, and not a few Catholics never fast, even during Lent. It is bad enough to disobey the church law of fasting particularly during Lent, but what shall we say of Catholics who, in our day, seem to spurn the Holy Season of Lent by attending during it, banquets, theatrical shows, parties, and other worldly amusements!"

It is a hard job the cardinal has on his hands. It is hard to keep people away from things that their hearts run after. It is hard to get spiritual responses from people who are not spiritual and know nothing of the new birth. It is hard to compel people to stay away frim shows and all manner of worldly amusements during Lent when the church itself sponsors and profits by such things all the rest of the year! The other day we were passing a Catholic Church and saw a large flaring sign outside announcing,

"BINGO PARTY HERE TONIGHT"!

and we learned that it had been a regular weekly affair till the authorities had to pass an ordinance to close it up because gambling was forbidden in the city.

Can We Fast Away Our Sins?

The cardinal further states in his letter,

> "Catholics deny themselves food and drink for the purpose of reducing, but **never think of fasting to atone for sins"** (underscore ours).

Now just when did God arrange that by **fasting** we could "atone" for our sins? If we can "atone" for our sins by fasting, then where is the need for a Savior on Calvary? To support this unscriptural statement the cardinal quotes a perverted verse from the Douay version (Roman Catholic) of the Bible.

> "I say to you, **except ye do penance,** ye shall all likewise perish."

Naturally, any scheme of salvation that is based upon anything but the sacrifice of Calvary must resort to "wresting the Scriptures" in order to get some apparent authority for what they teach. How utterly perverted such a statement that by "fasting" men could atone for their sins is, is shown in Hebrews 9:22,

> "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission."**

To make fasting or any other works of self merit a means of cleansing from sin in order to bring the doers under the power of the church is under the severest condemnation of God.

> "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, **let him be accursed"** (Gal. 1:9).

We know of no better answer to all such error than the Apostle Paul's mighty delaration in Tit. 3:4, 5,

> "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

Beyond this there is nothing more to say on how to get rid of sin.

QUOTATIONS

"I will go down, but remember that you must hold the ropes."—William Carey.

"Oh, let me pray once more for Fiji."—John Hunt.

"My Jesus, my King, my Life, my All, I again dedicate myself to thee."—David Livingstone.

"Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God."—William Carey.

"If I had a thousand lives to live, Africa should have them all."—Bishop Mackenzie.

"Woe is me if I preach not the gospel."—The Apostle Paul.

"The medical missionary is a missionary and a half."—Robert Moffat.

"My parish is the whole world."—Count Zinzendorf.

"God loveth a cheerful giver, not a regular taxpayer."—Bishop Penick.

"Churches are generally living churches in exact ratio of their missionary activity."—Cannon Liddon.

"First of all, and above all, the church is here to evangelize the world."—Archbishop Temple.

HOMEWARD BOUND

By

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Like the darkest hour preceding the dawn, like the last storm barring the mariner's way to his desired haven, despair has enveloped the children of Israel as they confront the waves of savage persecution which threaten their existence in almost every quarter of the world.

Civilization, long the guiding star of Jewish hope, is itself in the grip of paganism, and by this time it has been conclusively demonstrated that there is no hope for the Jew in a pagan world, whether ruled by Hitlerism or Communism. Even democracy has brought forth its "White Paper" to close the gates of Palestine, the only country on earth that is properly his home.

The Jew himself is as yet too greatly bewildered to take account of his sorrows. But from Christian hearts that derive their comfort and hope from "the promises made unto the fathers," there rises today as never before the question, "Watchman, what of the night?" And to those who have ears to hear there comes the reassuring answer of the Word of God, "The morning comes as well as the night." The night of weeping is not to last for ever. The night is but the harbinger of the morning. For there is a point at which the stream of Christian hope—the blessed hope of the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, absorbs into itself the gentle rivulet of the faith still cherished by those who wait for "the consolation of Israel," and flows on toward the day predicted by the prophet Malachi, when for those who fear His name "the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings."

To the devout student of the Word of God, the intensification of Israel's sufferings, taken together with other Biblical signs of the times, such as the apostasy of the church and the decay of civilization (see I Tim. 4; Jude 11-19; II Tim. 3; James 5), is but an added indication, perhaps the clearest indication, that we are witnessing the closing days of the present age. To use a phrase from the ancient Rabbis, "These are the birth-pangs of the Messiah." But the Christian's heart thrills at the thought that "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

From the standpoint of prophecy it was not a matter of accident that the outbreak of Jew-hate served as a prelude to the European war, nor is the fact that the Jew now finds himself at the very center of the international storm, bearing the brunt of its fury, incidental. The fact is now plain that we are living in the "feet and toes" period of Daniel's prophetic image. The nations of the world have run their course. Feudalism and autocracy are now things of the past. Democracy is fighting a losing battle. Dictatorships have arisen to occupy the center of the world's stage, and in them we see the inception of those end-time kingdoms which shall be dashed to pieces at the coming of the kingdom of our God and of His Christ. The Northern Confederacy of nations is already in the making. The revival of the Roman Empire is as yet only a dream of the Italian dictator, but one which is destined to become a reality before long. Small wonder, then, that the elimination of the Jew is the prime plank in the programs of the modern dictators. The real conflict today is not between Gentile and Jew, but between the kingdoms of this world and the coming kingdom of Christ. "Why do the pagans rage, the peoples imagine a vain thing, the kings of the earth take their positions, and the rulers take counsel together?" Because, when God sets His King upon the holy hill of Zion, it will be to rule over the house of Jacob for ever.

The re-establishment of the kingdom of Israel, with the greater son of David as the King, is the goal of history and the climactic point of the Messianic program. New Testament prophecy declares it to be so. The disciples understood it to be so when, prior to His ascension, they asked of the Savior, "Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" As a result of this question we have in Acts 1:6-11 the Lord's own outline of the events that must take place before the promise of the kingdom can be fulfilled: 1. The publication of the gospel throughout the earth, 2. His visible return to the earth. To this also the Apostolic declaration recorded in Acts 15:13-18 gives witness. The unique, for-the-first-time-in-history visitation of God among the Gentiles, is to be followed by the return of the Lord from heaven, and this, in turn, by the restoration of the tabernacle of David from its ruins, or the return of Israel to God's favor.

In the light of these truths, the present scourge of Jew-hate takes on a more than local significance. It is not alone the survival of the Jew that is at stake, but the whole program of God centering in the Jew, including the kingdom of His beloved Son. The Jews are the people over whom

the Father determined from of old that His Son should reign for ever and ever (see Lk. 1:31-33).

Granting the truth of these things, what should be the attitude of Christians toward the Jews in their present hour of suffering and loneliness?

1. Inasmuch as Satan's fury is raging not only against the mass of Jews, but also against those out of the mass who have espoused the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior of their lives, we should make every effort in our power to help our brethren in the faith in a material as well as a moral way. As members with them of the body of Christ, we are in duty bound to share their afflictions (see Heb. 13:3; I Cor. 12:26).

2 Toward the still unbelieving Jews, our duty is plainly indicated in Romans 11:30,31. "Mercy" is the keyword here. Seeing that the age of witnessing is still in effect, we must bring our love and our testimony to bear upon them, for we know not when a deed of kindness or a word fitly spoken will be used of God to bring a Jew to Christ. For some Christian waits the happy privilege of bringing to the faith the last person who shall complete the number of the elect body of Christ, and that one person may be a Jew.

Our Jewish Mission Is Dependent Upon Offerings Taken At Special Jewish Conferences Held In Brethren Churches.

Brother pastor, have you been delaying the matter of securing the speakers for your Jewish Conference for this year?

Do not put it off any longer. In their suffering today, and for the sad days ahead of them, poor Israel needs Christ. God has honored us with the privilege of evangelizing the 250,000 Jews of Los Angeles, California. We must not fail in this. To rightly care for this work is an open door to all the blessings in God's hands.

Here is a list of the speakers for your Jewish Conference. Write to the man nearest you and he will come to you at the earliest possible date.

Rev. A. B. Machlin
206 North Park Ave.,
Buffalo, New York.

Rev. H. B. Centz
5454 Catharine Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Rev. E. S. Davidson
% Y.M.C.A.
Dallas, Texas.

Rev. E. Zimmerman
2914 Colorado Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Rev. H. H. Amster,
5105 Arcade Bldg.,
Seattle, Washington.

Rev. E. D. Gruen
1058—37th Street,
Des Moines, Iowa.

No matter what date you prefer, write now and arrange for it.

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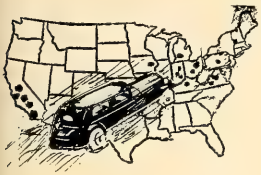


ACROSS THE NATION

with our secretary

Wooster At Work

After the close of the Juniata meeting, we drove through Wooster on our way to Berne. The Wooster people were in the midst of the remodeling of their building for church services. When we stepped inside it was a sight to behold. There was John Squires, the preacher, so covered with brick dust and dirt that I could hardly recognize him. I knew his voice however! That didn't change, no matter how he looked. Then Harold Jolliffe came over from somewhere and began talking and I knew who he was. Wayne Baker was there helping but he seemed to stay away from the dirt more than the others. But everybody was working at top speed to get the building ready for use by Feb. 1st. A fine spirit of optimism was everywhere.

We sympathized most for the preacher's wife who had to sit in her end of the building and watch the dust roll in and all over everything. When we mentioned it she smiled and said, "It's just no use to try to clean up for it keeps coming through all the time." She was cheerful under mighty difficult circumstances for a housewife. But they all had the spirit of a great cause for Christ. That is what counts. There wasn't much we could do right then so we drove on.

Fremont, Ohio Our New Mission Point.

On Sunday, Jan. 28, we drove to Fremont that early Sunday morning to meet with this new group of Brethren. This is a group of Brethren who were formerly members of the First Brethren Church of Fremont. They are now starting a new work in another part of the city where there is no real Christian work going on. The section they are locating in is a new section where new homes are going up right along. This city is a live community of 18,000 people supported by a strong industrial business. There is a great need for a strong fundamental church in that city and one that has a passion for reaching lost souls. The blessing of God has rested upon this new work from the very beginning. By the leading of the Lord they have secured a small Presbyterian mission hall on the outskirts of the city for their services. The Presbyterian people very graciously rented the hall to our folks for all the services they need. The Presbyterians have a Sunday afternoon Sunday school that meets there but that is all. They are pleased to have the building used more fully for the Lord. Already our people have selected a site for their new work. They plan to buy lots and build as quickly as possible. The spirit of devotion for Christ among the group is most gratifying indeed

The work has been growing right along. On the Sunday that we were there the room was just about full. Everyone was enthused by the way the work was growing. The men were busy bringing folks to the services in their machines. On every side there was the spirit of desiring to do something to make the work grow. It was catching. You could not help but feel it once you got among them. They already have a young people's Christian Endeavor of over 20. The group has accumulated a nice sum of money for buying equipment. They have bought chairs and a piano. They are getting these things ahead of time so that when they have the building to care for they will

The Brethren at Fremont, Ohio

have these on hand. They have already pledged a splendid sum for purchasing their lots. We hope to help them buy them on our next trip through going west.

On the day we were there they were organized into a real Brethren church and chose for their name, "The Grace Brethren Church," of Fremont, Ohio. They elected all their officers, chose a constitution committee, and a building committee, and authorized purchase of certain equipment. Then they voted unanimously to come under the administration of The Brethren Home Missions Council. Finally, they elected Brother Jack Simmons, one of our most promising young ministers who has one more year to complete his work at Grace Seminary, as their pastor.

We are glad to have a couple of pictures to publish showing the group outside of their present meeting place and also one of the pastor, Brother Simmons. You will hear more of this work right along.

Revival At Waynesboro—

Though we have worked all around this city for the last ten years, yet we had never before held a meeting for this church. One thing sure, we are mighty glad that we came to Waynesboro this time. Brother Crees, the pastor, with his usual efficiency, had everything ready. Nothing escapes this man's eye. He has everything in mind every minute. He had a radio hour set for the meetings for three nights a week at the Hagerstown station. He had his advertising in every corner of the city and in the newspapers. He had his own people ready with Spirit-filled prayer meetings for weeks before the campaign opened. Needless to say, when we got there things were ready.

From the first night there was fine attendance at the meetings and the interest continued right up to the last. There were delegations many nights from the Brethren in Hagerstown. Brother Homer Kent and members of his group drove all the way from Washington, D. C. to the meetings. A ladies quartet from the local Church of the Brethren sang for us splendidly. The famous Jubilee Male Quartet from Washington, D. C. came over and sang for us on two Sundays. Orville Lorenz and his wife drove over from Meyersdale one Monday and we had a fine time together. In fact there was real fellowship at Waynesboro all around during these meetings.

Brother Robert Crees has done a wonderful work in this church. They are doing the biggest things for Christ in the history of the church. Their offerings are larger to missions. They have purchased a fine new parsonage and have it practically all paid for already. Their Sunday School packs practically every available space in the building. And best of all there is a fine spirit of unity throughout the entire congregation. Everybody works and helps along. There is a splendid group of capable laymen in this church who are standing by the pastor to a man. There is a real future ahead of this church if they continue in the will of the Lord. The influence and testimony of these people are already felt far and wide.

This was our fourth meeting with Brother Crees and it was the best of all. He is now in a field where God can use him at his best. It is a pleasure to work with a real workman for God. And our home was with the pastor and his wife once more. It is always a blessing to spend a while in their home. Everything is simply turned over to a guest and nothing more could be asked. The true spirit of Christ is there and what more could be asked? May God bless them all and all the precious ones who made their way to Calvary during the meetings. Amen.

Back In Wooster Again—

From Ellet we drove through Wooster to see how the building was progressing and found that it was about finished. The finishing touches were being put on then. They were sweeping out the main room for a meeting that night. They will use their own building from now on. Papering, painting, and the fire escape, and then they are done. It is going to make a fine meeting place. The pastor and his wife like it better the longer they stay there. That is a good sign. The people are standing by the work with their time and their money and are caring for their obligations promptly. Soon there will be more people to share the load with them. Now it is hard and means real sacrifice. But it is the sacrifices that we are happy to look back on when we think of serving our Lord. The easy times give us little comfort. A real witness for Christ is needed in Wooster and The Brethren Church is going to give it. That is our calling.

The Executive Committee Meeting—

The mid-year executive meeting was held on Washington's birthday. We didn't chop down any cherry trees or tell any lies, but we certainly did a lot of business during 12 hours of that day and night. A lot of business can be done if all the information is at hand and all things are ready. The committee was deeply moved at the way our Father God had blessed the work during the last four months. It was a cause for real rejoicing to see how God had already sent in $22,600.00 since our annual report. There was also rejoicing over the many new fields that had come to us just since conference. We closed our budget last August with 10 mission points. Our new budget for the rest of the year has seventeen points, with several more fine fields just waiting for approval by the Board of Directors. While such evidence was cause for comfort in the manifest favor of God upon us, yet it also meant that these added points called for more men and means, and we do not have them. We have enough for our first budget, but what shall be done for all the rest? Just one thing is left for us to do, and that is to tell the whole story to our people and leave it with them, and our Lord. It is likely that if we are to take care of the fields God is sending us, that we will have to ask for another offering about June. The directors are now deciding that matter. Later announcement will be made of this.

Our Newest Brethren Church—

Right after the close of our Executive Committee meeting we drove to Flora, Ind., on the following Sunday and met with the new Brethren group in that city. There are about 85 Brethren in this work and they are going forward for God. Their Sunday School attendance was 79 the day we were there. There was a fine attendance at the church service also. The spirit of these people is simply fine and they are stirred to make a real work for God in that city.

AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

Triumphs At Tracy

A. R. P. has become a trilogy of the alphabet more often spoken and seen in the British Isles than N. R. A. or W. P. A. have ever been used in America. No street, nor road, no bit of country is without an air-raid warden responsible to insure the perfect blackout as the main factor in Britain's air-raid precautions. The country was forced to go black or else the cities would have appeared from the air as pools of darkness in the midst of light.

A new industry has grown up in the furnishing of air-raid precaution shelters. Each of the family knows the one closest to his home and the shortest way to it. **This in a civilized world!**

God has long provided a fully furnished shelter for every need. David learned to say, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee" (Ps. 56:3). In the precious Word of God we have our refuge from every difficulty and every sorrow.

In Tracy we are experiencing today a blackout! It is the "blackout of sin." Jesus said long ago that men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. Do sinners seek the house of God? How many unsaved people attend your church which has been established for a decade or more? Tracy is no different from any other American small-town industrial city which is at the same time a center for an agricultural area of highly specialized farming? Everything is seasonal except the season for attending the spiritual services of the church! That season somehow doesn't have its autumn or spring.

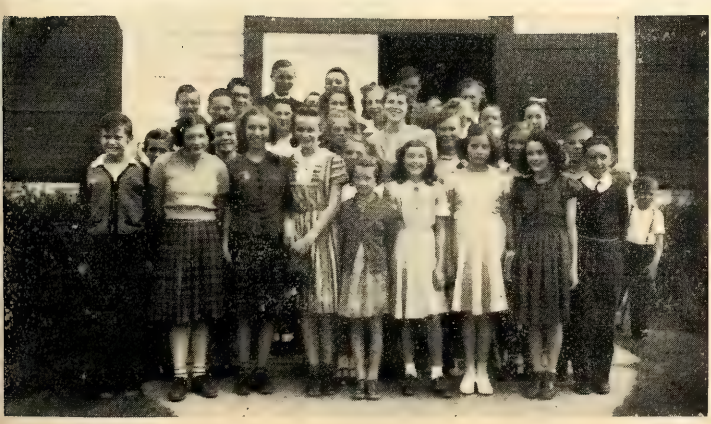
But God in Christ has triumphed in the midst of the blackout in Tracy. Let us be fair with God and count our many blessings. It has been well said, "No minister, however gifted, can build up a parish without the enthusiastic cooperation of the membership. Any minister, however limited, can do it if he has that cooperation." All that has been accomplished in the Lord's vineyard in Tracy is due to the blessing of God upon us in the cooperation of faithful members. "The faithful few" from this humble work will not be the last nor the least in the day of rewards.

Through persistent prayer that prevailed upon our God to prosper us in winning souls, the Lord Jesus has saved souls for His eternal glory. During our first year on the field a score of precious souls have been won for Him. Others have dedicated their lives in full time Christian service. Not all have been baptized in the case of young people because of parental opposition. Please pray for these parents. It would do your heart good to see two full rows of young people in the mid-week prayer service giving precious promises, testifying, and making prayer requests for the salvation of their parents. To the pastor's faithful and diligent companion goes the human credit for the very splendid "Grace Choir" numbering about 20 young people of junior and senior high school ages. God bless each one!

God triumphed in our special offerings during the year. Our goal last Easter was $200 and we went over the top with $260 for foreign missions in 1939. Believing in "dollar for dollar" we set the same goal for home missions and reached over $240.00!

We now look forward to an evangelistic Bible conference in April with our beloved Dr. J. C. Beal. God richly blessed his Spirit-filled ministry among us last year. In May we are praying and planning for a Jewish conference with Bro. Zimmerman of the Los Angeles branch of American Board of Missions to the Jews, which branch is now our own Brethren Jewish Mission project.

Robert E. Miller, Pastor.



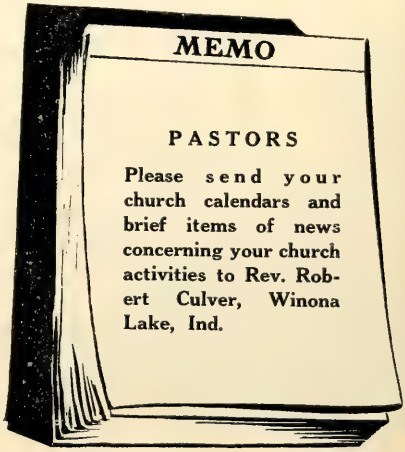
The Junior Choir at Tracy, Calif.

TEN LEADING CHURCHES IN THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING - 1939-1940

1.	Long Beach, Calif. (1st church)	$2,275.14
2.	Dayton, Ohio (1st church)	1,312.05
3.	Los Angeles, Calif. (2nd church)	1,063.79
4.	Whittier, Calif.	870.34
5.	Berne, Ind.	835.00
6.	Washington, D. C.	810.62
7.	Roanoke, Va.	628.37
8.	La Verne, Calif.	566.67
9.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	562.21
10.	Los Angeles, Calif. (1st church)	538.88

COMPARATIVE REPORT—1938-1939 and 1939-1940

Name of Church	1938-1939	1939-1940
Ohio District		
Ankenytown, Ohio	$ 74.00	$ 150.60
Ashland, Ohio, (West Tenth St.)	175.64	180.78
Canton, Ohio	426.18	370.81
Clayton, Ohio	81.28	84.76
Cleveland, Ohio	196.27	219.65
Dayton, Ohio	908.00	1,312.05
Danville, Ohio	48.77	156.63
Ellet, Ohio	523.52	314.23
West Salem, Ohio (Fair Haven)	93.00	25.00
Fremont, Ohio (Grace Brethren)	68.15	120.00
Gratis, Ohio	10.00	00.00
Louisville, Ohio	1.00	00.00
Middlebranch, Ohio	00.00	122.60
Rittman, Ohio	302.50	300.61
Sterling, Ohio	153.00	83.25
North Georgetown, Ohio	7.00	10.00
Homerville, Ohio	210.00	161.47
West Alexandria, Ohio	5.00	6.00
Wooster, Ohio	00.00	98.50
Isolated Members	7.00	48.00
Total	$3,290.31	$3,764.94
Indiana District	**1938-1939**	**1939-1940**
Berne, Ind.	$ 525.00	$ 835.00
Cambria, Ind.	5.56	00.00
Campbell (Lake Odessa, Mich.)	00.00	151.00
Center Chapel, Ind.	7.40	00.00
Clay City, Ind.	35.37	19.00
Flora, Ind.	219.83	295.53
Fort Wayne, Ind.	444.45	562.21
Grace Theological Seminary	00.00	34.00
Goshen, Ind.	22.00	5.00
Nappanee, Ind.	00.00	15.00
Huntington, Ind.	5.00	5.00
New Paris, Ind.	25.00	00.00
New Troy, Mich.	11.00	21.50
North Liberty, Ind.	10.00	00.00
Osceola, Ind.	5.00	00.00
Peru, Ind.	30.00	00.00
Roann, Ind.	5.00	38.00
River Park Mission (South Bend)	00.00	136.41
South Bend, Ind.	7.00	5.00
Isolated Members	47.00	38.00
Total	$1,404.61	$2,160.65
Pennsylvania District	**1938-1939**	**1939-1940**
Aleppo, Pa.	$ 64.13	$ 61.24
Allentown, Pa.	125.00	275.00
Altoona, Pa.	126.63	124.97
Calvary (Pittstown, N. J.)	10.50	10.00
Conemaugh, Pa.	376.66	472.10
Grafton, W. Va.	15.00	15.00
Highland, Pa.	00.00	32.50
Johnstown, Pa. (1st)	434.26	400.08
Juniata, Pa.	69.52	88.52
Listie, Pa.	63.47	176.43
Martinsburg, Pa.,	187.38	198.64
McKee, Pa.	44.39	47.10
Meyersdale, Pa.	177.41	223.40
Pike (Mundy's Corner)	321.79	277.30
Philadelphia, Pa. (1st)	261.83	471.83
Philadelphia, Pa. (3rd)	331.00	185.26
Summitt Mills, Pa.	33.00	46.71
Uniontown, Pa.	413.58	322.53
Waynesboro, Pa.	291.25	525.00
West Kittanning, Pa.	48.00	80.00
Yellow Creek, Pa.	00.00	2.00
Isolated Members	52.00	77.00
Total	$3,446.80	$4,112.61
Southeastern District	**1938-1939**	**1939-1940**
Baltimore, Md.	$ 25.00	$ 00.00
Buena Vista, Va.	50.00	93.50
Clayhole, Ky.	00.00	21.00
Hagerstown, Md. (1st)	15.00	17.50
Hagerstown, Md. (2nd)	00.00	27.00
Mt. View (Hollins, Va.)	146.00	226.00
Red. Hill	13.15	00.00
Roanoke, Va.	548.84	628.37
Limestone, Tenn.	95.00	119.67
Trinity Brethren (Seven Fountains)	00.00	7.00
Washington, D. C.	680.50	810.62
Winchester, Va.	203.00	241.00
Isolated Members	11.00	13.00
Total	$1,787.49	$2,204.66
Illiokota District	**1938-1939**	**1939-1940**
Dallas Center, Ia.	$ 80.12	$ 140.41
Des Moines, Ia.	45.00	00.00
Garwin, Ia.	64.60	98.51
Lanark, Ill.	22.00	56.00
Leon, Ia.	20.38	32.53
Milledgeville, Ill.	35.00	80.00
Waterloo, Ia. (Grace Brethren)	139.00	160.65
Williamsburg, Ia.	33.68	33.30
Isolated Members	18.00	22.50
Total	$ 457.78	$ 623.90
Midwest District	**1938-1939**	**1939-1940**
Beaver City, Nebr.	$ 55.00	$ 123.85
Falls City, Nebr.	10.00	16.00
McLouth, Kans.	5.00	5.66
Morrill, Kans.	5.00	12.00
Portis, Kans.	34.50	89.70
Isolated Members	7.00	20.00
Total	$ 116.50	$ 267.21
Southern California District	**1938-1939**	**1939-1940**
Bellflower, Calif.	$ 126.32	$ 88.05
Compton, Calif.	88.19	150.56
Fillmore, Calif.	72.21	60.00
Glendale, Calif.	272.76	337.15
La Verne, Calif.	351.06	566.67
Long Beach, Calif. (1st)	1,600.00	2,275.14
Long Beach, Calif. (2nd)	101.30	226.66
Los Angeles, Calif. (1st)	589.37	538.88
Los Angeles, Calif. (2nd)	917.21	1,063.79
East Los Angeles, Calif.	00.00	50.96
San Diego, Calif.	155.88	00.00
South Gate, Calif.	190.85	279.21
Whittier, Calif.	545.07	870.34
Isolated Members	5.00	17.00
Total	$5,015.22	$6,524.41
Northern Californian District	**1938-1939**	**1939-1940**
Modesto	$ 48.85	$ 103.10
Tracy, Calif.	160.40	240.79
Turlock	45.00	50.00
Isolated Members	65.00	180.00
Total	$ 319.25	$ 573.89
Northwest District	**1938-1939**	**1939-1940**
Harrah, Wash.	$ 27.24	$ 51.05
Spokane, Wash.	85.28	59.72
Sunnyside, Wash.	136.85	162.74
Isolated Members	00.00	10.00
Total	$ 249.37	$ 283.51
Miscellaneous Isolated Members	$ 26.00	$ 12.00
GRAND TOTAL	$16,113.33	$20,527.78



NEWS BRIEFS From Our Workers

By Robert D. Culver

THE GHENT BRETHREN CHURCH of Roanoke, Va., of which H. W. Koontz is pastor has scheduled a revival meeting March 19-31. R. Paul Miller will be the evangelist.

JUST A WORD OF GREETING FROM DANVILLE, (Ohio). We had a wonderful day yesterday with Bro. Curtis Morrill speaking at both services. Icy roads and sickness lowered our attendance, but nevertheless we had a great day. For Sunday School we had 100% Bibles—a card from Nellie Magers.

THE PIKE BRETHREN CHURCH, (Pa.), Kenneth Ashman, pastor, have just completed a new parsonage east of the church. The parsonage was constructed mostly by volunteer help from the members and paid for in the same way.—Bulletin, Conemaugh, Pa.

GOOD NEWS FROM RITTMAN, OHIO, L. L. Grubb, pastor, taken from bulletin of Feb. 25. Sunday School is increasing with a transportation committee doing good work. Christian Endeavor organization has grown from one small society to four and another is about to be organized. Nine have been taken into church membership recently. This about the Herald, "'**The Brethren Missionary Herald** in every home, is our motto.

THE WEST TENTH STREET BRETHREN CHURCH, Ashland, Ohio, of which C. W. Mayes is pastor, has cause for real rejoicing. The pastor reports 11 conversions in the morning service two weeks ago, and two baptisms the evening of the same day. 253 were in Sunday School last Sunday. The church has practically crowded out its quarters.

THE YEAR BOOK FOR 1940 OF THE LONG BEACH FIRST CHURCH recently published bears some interesting and happy information. A few items follow. Since the founding of the church 2,668 members have been received into membership, 2,438 of these by baptism. Present membership is 1415. Average Bible School attendance last year was 1,291.

BROTHER CURTIS MORRILL will be available for missionary message in some of the eastern churches for a few weeks. Those desiring to secure his services may write him at 713 Fairbanks St., Ashland, O.

DR. J. C. BEAL, field representative of The Brethren Missionary Herald Co., also has a little time available for Bible conference and evangelistic work. Fine results of his work in the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Ia., prior to the arrival of their pastor, Rev. F. G. Coleman, have been reported. Brother Beal may be contacted by writing him at 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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Brother are you looking for the best place to invest your money for God? . . . where it will do the most good?

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R. Paul Miller, Sec'y.

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OUR BOYS and GIRLS VERY OWN PAGE

The Price Mary Jane Paid

By Mrs. Ernest Pine

Do you boys and girls have to suffer to become a Christian? Do you have to keep it a secret that you are a Christian? Many boys and girls do keep it a secret when they shouldn't and they never tell anyone else about Jesus. Today I want to tell you about a little girl I know that really had to suffer to be a follower of Jesus.

Some children's meetings were being held in the community, and little printed announcements had been passed out in the school yard. One of these slipped into the hands of a little girl about ten years old, by the name of Mary Jane. She responded to the invitation and entered the little church where choruses were being lustily sung by the children. She couldn't sing the choruses or give any Bible verse when verses were called for, because it seemed all new to her and she didn't know any. But she paid attention and listened to all that was said and done.

At the close of the lesson the teacher asked if there were any boys and girls there that would like to know Jesus as their own Savior, and would let Him come into their hearts. While they were singing a chorus all you boys and girls probably know, "Into My Heart, Come Into My Heart, Lord Jesus," Mary Jane walked up to the front and said she wanted to know more about Jesus. Other boys and girls came, too, but the teacher noticed that Mary Jane seemed so sincere and wanted to know more about Jesus. The teacher explained the wonderful plan God has provided to save our lost souls through accepting His Son Jesus Christ, and Mary Jane whole-heartedly gave her life to Him. She also told the teacher she had no Bible, and that there was none from which she could read in her home so she could come to know more about her new-found Savior. So she was given a testament, and she went home apparently very happy.

Mary Jane was late the next week for Bible class, but she had brought a brother and sister with her. The teacher noticed that she was quite nervous, and that she kept looking back at the door as if she were frightened. When the teacher asked her to find a veres in her own Bible, she saw that it was dirty and abused, so after the class she asked Mary Jane to wait because she wanted to talk with her.

"Mary Jane, why is your Bible so dirty?" asked the teacher.

"Well," answered Mary Jane, "you see I have to bury it in the back yard when I go home, because I would receive a whipping if I should dare to bring a Bible home."

"Why, aren't your parents Christians?" asked the teacher.

"No," answered Mary Jane. "You see we are Catholics and I am not supposed to be coming to your church, but I just came over here while my mother thinks I am out playing on the street somewhere."

It was some weeks later that Mary Jane seemed to have dropped out of the Bible class, and also her brother and sister did not come. Finally on the street one day the teacher of the class happened to meet Mary Jane.

"Why, hello, Mary Jane. We have been missing you at Bible class. Have you been sick?"

Mary Jane looked around her like a frightened rabbit before answering, hardly knowing whether to talk to the teacher or not.

"Well," she began, "the priest came to our house and threatened to put my mother out of the church if she let us continue coming. He found it out somewhere, and then mother found my nice Bible and burned it up. She beat me and my brother and sister that had come with me. I was sick in bed from the beating. But I still love Jesus, and I'm going to remember what you told me about Him, and maybe some day I can come to Bible class again."

The teacher assured Mary Jane that they would pray for her, and maybe some day the Lord would make it possible for her to come to Bible class again.

Boys and girls, think what it cost Mary Jane to be a Christian, and to come to just a few Bible classes. She was beaten! Were you ever severely punished because you wanted to serve Jesus? This didn't happen in Africa, or any far away dark country, but right here in our own land. All around us are boys and girls that aren't allowed to have Bibles and to sing about Jesus like we can. Let's pray for them and strive to tell them about Jesus as we meet them at school and at

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Our Bible Character Alphabet

Answer to last week's character: Esau.

F was a governor to whom a prisoner preached the gospel. **F** trembled at the preaching, for he was a sinful man. But instead of getting right with God, **F** said he would have the prisoner preach to him again when it suited him better. If you do not know **F**'s name, find it in Acts 24:24-25.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

for March 31, 1940

MOSES, THE LAWGIVER

(Acts 7:17-36)

Suggestions for the Leader

Moses will always be an important figure in the three great religions that defend the idea of the unity of God. Some object to calling Christianity a religion and in a real sense it is more than a religion; it is life. The Jews and Mohammedans along with Christians recognize Moses as a wonderful man of his day.

We can hardly understand or appreciate the apparent impossible barriers that confronted Moses. He had to take a stand against a king. He had the task of securing a following among people who were ignorant and in slavery.

The life of Moses is associated with the ten commandments. Remember, Moses did not write them; but that God wrote them for him. Moses merely delivered them to the people.

Once the lawgiver was called the meekest man on the earth—the strongest yet meekest. Meekness is a trait of Christianity too. (Gal. 5:23). It takes real courage to control one's temper or to refrain from "getting even."

The one we study about tonight set an example for every young person desiring to do the will of God. Moses chose the reproach of Christ as greater riches than the treasures of Egypt. How searching this is for us? Would you be willing to sacrifice something for Christ?

1. Moses a Child Born Under Bondage. Ex. 2:14; Heb. 11:23.

1. The change of kings in Egypt brought up one that was not a friend of Joseph and therefore not a friend of the Israelites.

2. Before his time, Joseph had found favor in the court of Egypt.

3. The devil threatened to destroy the Jews many times.

a. The Jews were already slaves to the cruel Egyptians.
b. The male children were supposed to be killed at birth.

4. Moses was born under this threat.

2. Moses, a Youth in the Palace. Ex. 2:10; Acts 7:21-22.

1. God is able to over-come evil to make it work out for good.

2. Moses could not have escaped had he lived with his parents. However the daughter of the king took him to be her child. In this way the Lord provided a training for Moses in the royal court.

3. God showed His power in the face of obstacles too high and difficult for man.

3. The Great Decision of Moses. Ex. 2:11, 12; Heb. 11:24-26.

1. Moses was a man of faith and believed that God had greater things for him than merely the things of this life which pass away.

2. He surrendered every opportunity for fame in Egypt to be a servant of God.

3. Every person must make choices or decisions in life. The way you choose will determine your happiness.

4. Always think far enough into the future to see the end of things. Moses saw that in the end he would be far better off by standing with the children of God.

4. The Call of Moses. Ex. 3:10.

1. After conversion, God calls saved people into special service.

2. We can not tell for sure when God will call us; but we do know that Moses waited 40 years.

3. While waiting for a larger task, Moses was content to be busy about the ordinary things.

4. Doing God's will is a matter of taking a step at a time, and doing it in His way.

5. Moses at Sinai. Ex. 24:12-18.

1. All of the wisdom of Egypt could not be sufficient for the needs of God's people.

2. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

3. Moses had to put aside his own plans to listen to God's plans and teachings.

4. To make a profession now means we also come under a law. Ours is not the Old Testament law; but the law of the Spirit. (Rom. 8:2).

6. Moses at Pisgah. Deut. 34:1-6.

1. Moses could not go into the promised land because in his weakness he did not carry out God's will.

2. He looked into the promised land but did not get in. In this way many Christians look into the possibilities of a joyous Christian life but do not enter because of some besetting sin, unbelief, disobedience or weakness. The promised land is the victorious life.

QUESTIONS

1. Why did Moses turn away from Egypt and turn to His own people? Heb. 11:24-26.
2. How were the ten commandments written? Ex. 31:18.
3. How do we know that life consists of more than the abundance of things that a man possesses? Luke 12:15.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

God's estimate of Moses is suggested further by the following passages: Num. 12:5-8; Heb. 3:2-5; Psa. 103:7; Rev. 15:3.

The estimate of Israel after Moses' death: Deut. 34:10-12.

The reappearance of Moses: Matt. 17-3.

Junior-Intermediate Topic—

Since the first few issues of The Brethren Missionary Herald were mailed about the same time, and all of them carried Junior C. E. Topics, we suggest that this week you use one of those topics not heretofore studied.

THE MOVING WORLD

An Army in Palestine

(An Editorial by C. W. Mayes)

A recent newspaper article states that "contingents of the Second Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force arrived today in Palestine." It is further stated that the military force is to strengthen the Allied forces now "estimated at a million or more men."

There is a great revival in Palestine. It is not a revival of Christianity, but one of general activity. Only a few years ago men stated frequently that Palestine was dead. Men thought that country would never flourish again, as it seemed there was nothing of value in that barren and desolate land.

Recent years have revealed some most stubborn trends. The Dead Sea is now found to be worth billions. Many nations are discovering that the land of Palestine cannot be ignored. In fact, it is rapidly becoming a land greatly to be desired. Palestine is alive with activity, both commercial and military.

For those who know and believe God's Word, this is no surprise. Palestine, the navel of the earth, will yet be the world's greatest battleground. As the shadows of Armageddon fall across the world's path we can only expect that many other contingents of the armies of the earth will march into Palestine. And ultimately they will all march to their doom! The Lord Himself will yet reign from that land. "Out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (Isa. 2:3). All the armies of earth shall be crushed.

THEY shall say peace—

Some pronouns in God's Word are most revealing. In the epistles of Paul, **we** refers to believers. **They** often refers to those who are without—those who belong to the world and have never drunk of the water of life. Although **they** may be found in the professing body of believers, they are **they** nevertheless.

The apostle wrote, "When **they** shall say peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." It is perfectly clear that **they** and **them** refer to those outside the salvation of Christ. Certainly, the cries from the world of peace and safety are not without significance. Mighty power in the world from the pope to the befuddled modernist preacher are calling, "peace; peace," when there is no peace. We can sympathize with the millions who long for peace, but this is not God's day for world peace. A world which has rejected the one and only Prince of Peace must take the consequences. The believer who stands to declare the whole counsel of God on this subject is certain to be branded "narrow minded," "destructive to human progress," "out of harmony with modern trends," or just plain "pessimistic." Well, whatever we may be called, the believer must stand upon the proposition, "Let God be true, but every man a liar" (Rom. 3:4). After all, men are liars exept when they speak in harmony with God's truth.

We would not be surprised to see the immediate future bring forth more world pleas for peace than the world has ever known before. We would not be surprised to find peace movements among men in religious circles which will eclipse all such past pleas. Yes, we want peace, but **we** do not cry out what the world wants to hear—peace and safety. We must cry out according to God's Word that peace will never come to this troubled and sorrowing world until the Prince of Peace arrives with His feet on the Mount of Olives and takes His rightful place as King of kings and Lord of lords.

WORDS FROM LOVERS OF THE WORD

I. M. Haldeman, D. D.:—

"Those who know the Bible is the Word of God, who know it for themselves and not another, who find its verification every day in the foretold and fulfilling events that salute it as they pass, who know it in the deep consciousness of its power to move the soul, these dwell as in the ivory palaces of the King and behold His beauty in every turning. These drink of the Bible as of a spring of never failing spiritual life and strength; feed upon it as daily bread; look through it as through a telescope into the heaven of God, into that court where holiness is the fashion; yield themselves to it as to fingers that sweep a harp's strings into music; have that spiritual sense which unerringly discerns the truth; are unafraid of the demands it makes; and day by day as they read it on bended knee and with obedient spirit, find it to be the very breath of God breathing to them in its slightest terms and proving every word and the sum of it all to be in very truth the Living Word of the Living God."

OR PULPIT AND PEW

Compiled By Alan S. Pearce

IS WEEK'S POEM

Little While

A little while for patient vigil-keeping,
To face the stern—to wrestle with the strong,
. little while to sow the seed with weeping,
Then bind the sheaves and sing the harvest-song.

. little while to keep the oil from failing,
A little while faith's flickering lamp to trim,
nd then, the Bridegroom's coming footsteps hailing,
We'll haste to meet Him with the bridal hymn."

—*T. L. Cuyler.*

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rn An Interesting Thing ut God's Book

ee how many letters of the alphabet you can l in Ezra 7:21.

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ep the Men Busy"

r. F. A. Agar, secretary of the Northern Baptist vention, stated recently that 46% of the church bership is idle. He urged a mobilization of the nen to back up the church program. He believes without tasks to do the men will not maintain a thy relationship to the church. "Keep the men y" might be a good slogan.

ADY BIBLE OUTLINE

Bible

By T. F. Wentz

y Pocket Book that never fails. Heb. 13:5, R.V.
y Medicine Book full of healing. Mark 2:17.
y Deed Book that cannot be disputed. I Pet. 1:4.
y Record Book that cannot lie. I John 5:11.
y Account Book, always balanced. Eph. 2:8, 9.
y Law Book infallible. Matt. 22:37-40.
y Book of Rules not grievous. John 15:12.
y Guide Book always ready. Ps. 110:105.
y Book of Meditation. Heb. 4:12.
y Book of Promises. I John 2:25.
y Book of Armor. Eph. 6:10, 11.
y Book of Truth. John 17:17.
y Book of Grace. James 4:6.
y Book of Construction. I Cor. 3:9-17.
y Book of Salvation. Rom. 10:9,10.
y Book of Power. Jer. 23:29.
y Invincible Book. Eph. 6:17.
y Prayer Book. The Psalms.

ILLUSTRATIVE JOTTINGS

Not Afraid to Confess Christ

"Ye shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

In one of our meetings a little tow-headed Norwegian boy stood up. He could hardly speak a word of English, but he got up and came to the front. He trembled and the tears trickled down his cheeks as he said, "If I tell the world about Jesus, He will tell the Father about me." That was all he said, but I tell you in those few words he said more than all the rest of them, young and old together. They went straight down into the heart of every one present. "If I tell the world"—yes, that's what it means to confess Christ.—*D. L. Moody.*

PELLETS FOR PREACHERS

Jesus and Preaching

Jesus chose preaching as the method of extending the knowledge of Himself throughout the world. He taught His truth to a few men, and then He said, "Now go and tell that truth to other men."

—*Phillips Brooks.*

FOUND IN OUR MAIL

"I want you to know how thoroughly I have enjoyed the new magazine, THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD. The four copies received have been read from cover to cover."—E. L. B., Ohio.

"Enclosed find check for $5. We are glad to have a part in this publication offering and our prayer to God is that His faithful children will not fail to give so this obligation of $5,000 will be met. We marvel at the way God has been blessing and thank God for faithful men who dare to trust God. We surely enjoy THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD. It is food for our souls. May God richly bless you all as you work for Him in getting out this Christian literature."—M. C., Ill.

"We enjoy THE HERALD very much and wish you continued success in its weekly publication." —H. S., Ohio.

"THE HERALD certainly brings joy to the heart and soul."—C. H., Pennsylvania.

"I am **greatly** pleased with your magazine and surely do wish to enjoy it weekly."—W. D., Calif.

"I am enjoying the new paper a great deal."—L. R., Indiana.

"Thou Gavest Bread from Heaven for Their Hunger"
(Neh. 9:15)

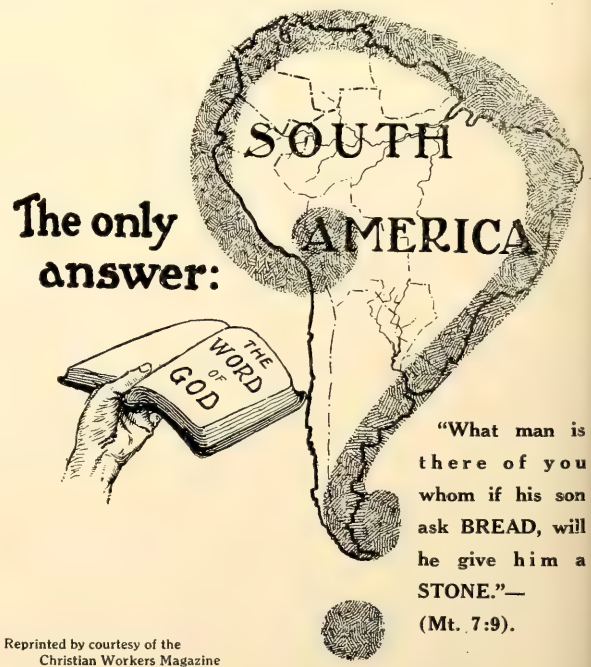
South America is cursed with a baptized paganism which has hung like a millstone round its neck for four centuries. Romanism, with its hatred and open hostility to the circulation of the Scriptures; with Mariolatry (the worship of Mary) of the most debased character; with its traffic in indulgences, and its exorbitant charges for baptisms and confessions, for the marriage of the living and the burial of the dead; with the gross and general immorality of its priesthood; has reached a depth of ignorance, a superstition, and filth which can find no parallel in any other continent."—Rev. Chas. Inwood, F. R. G. S.

A missionary in South America writes:

"I have had the privilege of working amongst the people here for twenty years. I have found, and still find, that those untouched by Protestant effort are as dark and needy as those in pagan lands,for the Church of Rome has withheld the light from them and given them **stones for bread.** These poor souls have no more idea of the way of salvation than pagans. **Can there be any question as to whether these should have the Word of God given to them?**

Could not sleep for joy:

And what wonderful terms is the offer made. Free! Free! Free! Free kindness we show; free salvation we proclaim; eternal life for absolutely nothing! "Why," said one of our Roman Catholic converts, "I have always been taught that salvation MEANS MONEY, and penance; but you say it is all free!" "And for three nights," she told the worker afterwards, "I could not sleep for the joy of that thought—that salvation is to be had FOR NOTHING!



"What man is there of you whom if his son ask BREAD, will he give him a STONE."—(Mt. 7:9).

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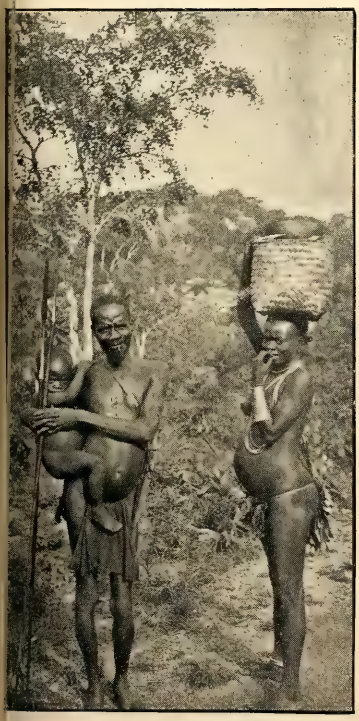

Karre Man and Family

GO YE TO ALL THE WORLD

By Martha S. Nicholson

"Go ye to all the world!" And have we gone?
Are we unruffled, knowing that the dawn
In heathen lands means but another day begun,
Another day without the blessed Sun
Of righteousness and peace, another day
When souls who have forever lost the way
Sink deeper in the dark morass of sin,
Hopeless and lost, at last to enter in
To an eternal night? . . . . . .

Ah, God of love
And tender pity, from Thy throne above
Beholding them, and willing not that one
Should ever perish, Thou didst send Thy Son,
Who bought them with His blood! . . . But unto us,
To US, Thou didst entrust the glorious
And wondrous news, and into our weak hands
Didst place the torch to lighten heathen lands!

Strengthen our arms, dear Lord, to hold it high!
O ransomed of the Lord, if you and I
Fail in this thing—"Their blood," I hear Him say,
"Will I require of you upon that day!"

"Go ye to all the world! Is it a TASK,
To do for Me this one last thing I ask?"

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EDITORIALS

By Louis S. Bauman

INTRODUCING GENE FARRELL

We are happy to introduce a new contributor to the Foreign Missionary Number of the Berthren Missionary Herald. Mr. Gene Farrell, a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, California, has written an article for us on the subject, "Into All The World." Brother Farrell is a young man who is truly devoted to his Lord. So far as we know, up until the writing of this brief article for the Herald his literary efforts have been confined to the writing of poetry. He has a talent along this line of no mean order. The editor is the possessor of a small volume of his poems and the lines he writes are not only mere poetry, but every line breathes a message. At the close of the article that we are presenting in this issue will be found one of Brother Farrell's poems, containing three stanzas, written especially for the article itself. It certainly bears a real message that all Brethren should heed at this Easter time.

THE TRUE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS—

One year ago the following item appeared in the calendar of the First Brethren Church of Whittier, California:

FOREIGN MISSIONS

> "It is the opinion of the official board that it will be unwise to begin operations on the proposed Bible School unit this year. Therefore the official board suggests that any who have contributed to the building fund who desire to make additional gifts to our foreign mission offering may apply to the financial officers of the church for release of the amount of their accumulated building fund gifts. The board feels that the Lord will bless those who thus increase their gifts to foreign missions to help to maintain our present missionary force on the field, and if possible, to send additional missionaries to the needy field now calling for the gospel. You may have your money upon asking for it."

Little wonder that the Lord hath abundantly blessed the church of Whittier during this last year. How many churches in the brotherhood are there that would actually give those who had contributed to a building fund the privilege of withdrawing the money from that fund and placing it in a foreign mission offering? How many churches are there that would suggest a thing like that? Indeed, we will have to say that such a church is rare. Nevertheless, here is a church that has put first things first. It is the absolute duty of every church, if we know the meaning of words within the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to make its first business the giving of the gospel to every creature. We cannot think of anything that will bring down greater condemnation in the day of judgment than for a church to eat its bread alone. The church that does that may well meditate upon the picture that Christ drew of a certain man by the name of Dives, who feasted sumptuously every day and left a beggar die upon his doorstep, desiring the crumbs that might fall from his table. It is infinitely worse to deny a man the necessary food for his soul than it is to deny him bread for his body. The soul is of infinitely greater worth than is the body. Christian, at this Easter time think it over.

A POPULAR ERROR—

"All God requires of us," we read in a current magazine, "is good works. **Therein is the entire law of God.**" All of which is all wrong! John, the revelator, was on Patmos. From heaven itself, the voice of God spake to him and said: "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: . . . I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou . . . for My sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because **thou hast left thy first love"!** And when the Master walked the earth, a lawyer asked Him this question, 'Master, which is the great commandment of the law?" Jesus said unto him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment." Verily, "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing." So wrote the greatest of the apostles. A wife may occupy her hands from morning to night with good works for her husband; but, if, at nightfall, he comes home and finds her lacking in love, what then? Good as "good works" may be, there is something that is better—something that comes first, and that is **love.** Mary, not Martha, won the Lord's

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highest approval. And, God doth know that where true love reigns, good works do follow. **Works may be without love. Love never is without works.**

THE POWER OF THE SIMPLE STORY—

The simple gospel story is still the world's great appeal. We wish to quote here a very interesting item from an editorial in the January-February (1940) number of the "World Dominion." It ought to interest us in The Brethren Church. We quote:

"Gospel preaching on the continent of Europe is now dominated by two Reformation thoughts: Luther's 'By grace alone,' and Calvin's 'The sovereignty of God.' Karl Barth, in Basle, discourages his students from developing their own brilliant thought from a text, urging them rather to stick to the text in reverence and obedience. Under such influences, continental preaching has become more Biblical and more dynamic, more orthodox and Christo-centric in its theology.

"In Eastern Europe, preaching does not so much grow out of theological thinking as a response to Bible reading. The Bible itself has been, and is, the great teacher of how to preach. The man who reads the Bible, preaches; and this lay-preaching is heard all over Eastern Europe.

"A new Bible-reading movement is spreading in the Roman Catholic Church, from Stuttgart; and the Orthodox Greek priests, at their famous conferences at Narva, not only kissed the Book as a part of their services, but studied it with the joy of a great discovery."

If these words mean anything, it means that the message of the modernist is not making an appeal in the dark days when the war clouds are hanging over Europe and when death is lurking in every corner. Modernism holds out little hope for a world that is sinking. The world begins to realize that the panaceas of modernism are furnishing no healing. After all, the only healing that this world knows and the only comfort that it can receive comes from the simple, old-fashioned gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, preached though it may be by some humble simple layman on a street corner.

What a day of opportunity for The Brethren Church as long at it remains utterly true to its slogan, "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible." Verily, if The Brethren Church will be true to herself and true to God, God has raised her up for just such a time as this. Of all the churches in the world we should be most missionary in spirit.

THE DEFEAT THAT WAS VICTORY—

There was a time, in the days before the radio, before telegraph, before telephone, that the fate of Europe, and especially the fate of England, hung on the battle of Waterloo. On that momentous day all of England was under a tremendous tension, awaiting news from that battlefield. It had been arranged to transmit news by the speediest method then known —semaphores flashing news from station to station. At one of these stations, late in the day came the words: "Wellington defeated"! Just then, a heavy fog suddenly drifted in, and no more news was possible for some time. The darkness of despair settled over London and over all of England. The general feeling was, **"All is lost"!**

Then suddenly the fog lifted, as quickly as it came. It was found that the message had ben cut off and was now completed thus "the enemy." **"Wellington defeated the enemy"!** Despair vanished. Groaning gave place to shouting, and sighing gave place to song.

Was there ever a day so dark as that terrible day when the Prince of glory hung apparently helpless upon the cross? The Lord of life had come to grips with man's greatest enemy—death! His head was dropping down upon His bosom. The blackness of starless midnight settled over Jerusalem at noonday. The hope of the kingdom of God was expiring on the cross with the King. "It is finished"—the host of wickedness was victorious! And, as that blackness of midnight fell ,the news went forth, "Jesus, the Christ, defeated"! The demon world made merry. All hell held jubilee. But things are not always what they seem. Early on the third day fog vanished before the rising of a glorious morning sun. Behold, the tomb was empty! The angel of God pointed toward an empty tomb and cried over the despairing world, "He is not here! He is risen!" And now the message was complete, "Jesus, the Christ, defeated the enemy"!

His "defeat" proved to be His most glorious victory! The cross—the weapon that seemed to be set for His utter destruction—suddenly became the instrument of His power. It is ever, and always has been, the symbol of victory.

God is never defeated. Truth is never utterly crushed. Righteousness is never utterly overthrown. The forces of hell may shout their majorities, the cunning demons may boast their prowess, Satan may mock at "the feebleness of the saints," darkness and despair may all but vanish hope from the hearts of the faithful; but **the future belongs to God!** The final triumph belongs to those who, led of His Spirit, march with Him! And the sun is never late! In the set time of God, "unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings" (Mal. 4:2). No matter how black the night, no matter how strong seem those that do evil, no matter how cruel are they that seem to triumph, no matter how unjust are they that have grasped the seats of power—"God reigneth!" and not one moment late, He will bring forth the triumph of His saints! **"Joy cometh in the morning!"**

THE ONLY LOSS ANY BRETHREN CHURCH NEED FEAR—

In the meshes of the present turmoil that is everywhere present in the world today—especially the turmoil in which the whole religious world seems to be plunged—Brethren churches have only one thing to fear—the fear that they may loose their own souls.

Stone, brick, mortar, every material possession—what are they? God pity us all if ever we barter our souls for crumbling clay! The Bard of Avon once truly wrote:

"Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something, nothing;

Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands;
But he that filches from me my good name
Robs me of that which not enriches him
And makes me poor indeed."

We repeat: The only thing any Brethren church has to fear is that it may set its affections upon things material and lose its real soul. Let others possess the crumbling stuff of time. Let us never yield our grasp on the things that alone can eternally abide—faith, hope, and love! Let us never grieve the Spirit of the living God, that keeps us and makes us like the Christ. Whatever else a man may have—"If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His"—and losing Christ, he has lost all!

On the other hand, the man who keeps the Spirit of the living God breathing within his breast—has all! He shall not, cannot want!

A HEATHEN WOMAN'S FACE

Mrs. W. M. Turnbull, in Alliance Weekly.

Have you ever read the sorrow in a heathen woman's face,
As you met her eye to eye amid the throng?
She who is by sex your sister, though of different race,
Have you ever wondered why she has no song?

It will take no occult power to fathom all her secrets deep,
And it needs no cruel probing just to know;
If you're filled with Christ's compassion and can weep with those who weep,
All her inmost soul will then to you outflow.

If you let Christ's love flow through you with a power she can feel,
She will follow close behind you as you go;
And if you but turn a moment, you will meet her mute appeal
For a blessing that your shadow might bestow.

Yes, she feels you bear the comfort she has sought for years to find,
In the temple, where her gods sit row on row.
And somehow your very presence breathes a balm for troubled mind,
For she feels that you must understand and know.

What I read is that her sorrow is a bondage cruel, strong,
And a burden stouter hearts would shun to bear,
And a bitter pang that follows in the wake of grossest wrong,
And a loneliness akin to dark despair.

She's a prisoner that beats against the very bars of life,
And she longs for death, yet dares not, must not die
She is cursed with cruel curses should she be a sonless wife,
And a baby daughter answer cry with cry.

She's the common drudge of yesterday and dreads the cruel morrow,
While today the weary hours drag like a chain.
And she prays to gods all deafened to her tale of sin and sorrow,
Or if they hear, are heedless of her pain.

Wife of a Karre chief near Bassai

She's the daughter of her mother, who before her trod the road.
She's the mother of a daughter who will know
All the depths of her own anguish, all the heavy, weary load,
All the bitterness a heathen woman's woe!

No, 'tis not a heathen woman—'tis a piteous captive throng,
In the deserts, jungles, paddy fields and marts,
In the lands that know not Jesus, lands of cruelty and wrong,
Where there is no balm for wounded, aching hearts.

Shall we let this stream flow downward in its widening, deathward way?
Shall we let this flood of misery hold its throng?
We can stem the deadly current if we go and give and pray—
They must join us in the glad redemption song!

"INTO ALL THE WORLD . . . "

By Gene Farrell, Long Beach, Calif.

"Now when they . . . were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia . . . they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not."

If only the Spirit of God were the prohibitor instead of the unyielded members of Christ's body, how swiftly and surely would He evangelize the entire world. Modern civilization has leveled the mountains and spanned the seas; every visible obstacle has been removed which would interfere with the world-wide dissemination of the gospel; and yet, because of the unsurrendered state of the church, the great purpose of God goes begging.

The mission fields scream for assistance. The 1,200,000,000 unevangelized cry aloud for the gospel. The 40,000,000 who will die in the year 1940 lift their voices in unison for the Savior. In answer to this unspeakable need, which is the heart-cry of a lost humanity, doomed for that "lake of fire" which is the only recourse of justice, what excuse can we possibly offer? What plea can we conscientiously make for our personal rights when such pleas as these are sounding in our ears from every side? God help us to mingle obedience with our vision that our cold, calculating hearts be quickened to hot, reckless abandon, whereby we may repeat with Paul: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Immediately we ask such a question of the Lord —granted that it has originated from an unconditional sell-out to Jesus Christ and His demands—we release into our lives the flood tide of His purpose. He is able then to make known unto us the mystery of His will. Whereas we formerly moved through torturous days of indecision and doubt, now we fare forth in certainty, having the witness of the indwelling Spirit. Completely yielded, the Spirit of God can claim His blessed prerogative, and can lead us, via a closed or opened door, in those paths of service which will count for eternity.

A Simple Test

We can generally tell how fully we are yielded to God's call when the probabilities of His demands are given a personal application. If we begin to hedge, and to search our minds for plausible excuses, then we may know how truly subservient we are to His, "Go ye . . . ." But if we can look each eventuality "straight in the eye," and flinch not as we say, 'Here am I, send me"— then we may know that our discipleship is real, and we can assure ourselves before God and men, "having a good conscience."

It is then, with all **personal** prohibitions out of the way, that the Spirit of God can enforce **His** prohibitions, and lead us, with much assurance, into our place of service. We all have our little niche and only God can find it for us. No amount of mental exercise can get us there. We cannot philosophize our way through. We cannot let go of a little and expect a lot; neither can we let go of much and expect all. The solution to a spiritual muddle calls for one thing, complete committal—then, of a sudden, the path looms ahead like a ray of sunlight. A little grief and then all is forgotten in the wonder of His "good, and acceptable, and perfect will." We realize then that the demands of God are not cruel, but are rather the means whereby fractious children are led into the paths of peace.

The Spirit of God could lead Paul and Silas into Macedonia because they had first faced the possibility of Asia and Mithynia. As each of these doors were tightly bolted and barred, they promptly fronted the next eventuality: Troas. Here the Spirit of God gave full justification to the previous thwartings, as a vision of the Mecedonian need appeared to Paul in the night. "Therefore," as reads the account in Acts, "Loosing from Troas, we came to . . . . Phillipi"; and we have but to open to the Phillipian epistle to determine the wisdom of the Spirit's leading and the great work for the Lord which was wrought there.

The Spirit of the living God has a place for us all in God's evangelican scheme; and He will as swiftly lead us to it as we will seek to be led. His guidance is conditional upon our surrender. "**If** any man will **do** . . . he shall **know** . . . " We must be careful, however, to surrender to an all-wise God rather than our mental conception of His wisdom or preconceived notion of His plan. This is the natural man's most subtle way of deceiving his conscience that his obedience cost him the least possible pain. "Where **He** leads me, I will follow," is the true prayer; not, "Where go, He will **sanction.**"

God Knows Our Field

We have to admit that only **He** knows our place, whether it is the heart of Africa, or the neighborhood in which we live. Only as He leads can we assure our hearts. The call is to the "uttermost part of the earth." "Go ye into **all** the world, and preach the gospel to **every** creature." It has been truthfully said that no one has a right to hear the gospel twice until everyone has heard it once. The unevangelized fields are, therefore, our first concern. If we are "forbidden of the Holy Ghost" to go to these fields in the body, let us not be discouraged. The Spirit wants us elsewhere. It may be His will that we "go" as intercessors—fervent, persevering prayer-warriors, swaying the world with our petitions in His name. It may be His will that we "go" with our substance, "Being enriched in everything to all liberality" (R. V.), As long as our **hearts** are there, that is the chief concern. We can "go" without going. We can remain without remaining.

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TRAGEDY OF UNEVANGELIZED MILLIONS

Oh the tragedy of the still unevangelized millions!

Three hundred millions still in the befogging maze of superstition-ridden Confucianism and demon-ridden Taoism.

210,000,000 still steeped in the grovelling idolatry of Hinduism.

130,000,000 still crowding the temples of Buddha.

220,000,000 still in the ugly grip of sensual, loveless, woman-degrading, heart-hardening Mohammedanism.

25,000,000 still debasing themselves in the shrines of Shintoism.

158,000,000 still groping in the unrelieved darkness and crass superstition of Animism.

270,000,000 shadowed beneath the sinister cloak of Rome, with its Mariolatry, its saint-worship, its magic ritual of the mass in which God is carried aloft as a piece of bread, its false doctrine of purgatory, its abominable confessionals and its many other deceiving teachings and ceremonials.

12,000,000 Jews still turning their back on Him who is indeed the "Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of God's people, Israel"!

Oh the tragedy of the still unevangelized millions!

Think of it; over 1,600,000,000 human beings on earth today; with moral accountability, intellectual activity, and immortal destiny—a mighty host marching to the grace and to a vast beyond. For their present and eternal happiness do we spare merely a passing or a passive thought? How amazingly unconcerned many of us are! Over 1,000,000,000 of the world's twentieth century population are non-Christians! Of the approximately 500,000,000 in so-called Christendom, including the millions of Roman Catholics and those of the Greek and Eastern churches, how many are merely nominal Christians, hypocrites, heretics, reprobates, unregenerate and spiritually unenlightened?

Missionaries are said to number in Africa, only one to every 80,000; in Korea, one to every 120,000; in Japan, one to every 170,000; in Indian, one to every 220,000; in China, one to every 470,000. It is said that, at the present rate of missionary progress, 80,000,000 negroes are beyond all prospect of hearing the gospel in their lifetime.

Look on the fields waiting to be reaped for Christ!

While the modern churches delay, unrelenting death—that other reaper with his wide unsparing scythe—lays millions low at a turn. 90,000 die each day and 60 every minute.

It is time for Christian action in Christian missions?

—From "Christian Action.

THE SOB OF A THOUSAND MILLION

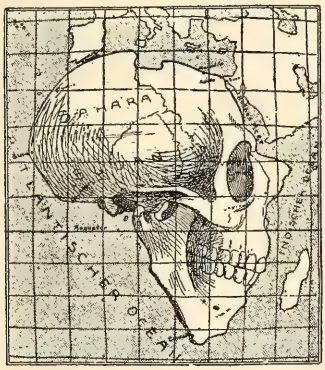
of poor heathen sounds in my ear, and moves my heart; and I try to measure, as God helps me, something of their blank misery, something of their despair. OH, THINK OF THESE NEEDS! I say again, they are ocean-depths; and beloved, in my Master's name, I want you to measure them, I want you to think earnestly about them, I want you to look at them, until they appall you, until you cannot sleep, until you cannot criticise.

—REV. CHAS. INWOOD.

An afflicted (Yawe) African mother and her children, waiting for "The Good News" for body and soul. (A common sight in Africa).

To the right—Miss Elizabeth Tyson, on duty.

THE "OPEN SORE" OF THE WORLD



The dismay expressed by Sir Robert Borden, a former Prime Minister of Canada, on his return from Geneva, at the apathy of the League of Nations regarding the slave traffic, will be echoed by every right-thinking person throughout the Dominion. Sir Robert was Chairman of the Sixth Committee, which took under consideration (among other matters), that of slavery. In an address at Ottawa he said:

> "I was astonished and dismayed to learn that at least 5,000,000 human beings are still in a condition of bondage, practically all of them in Africa," Sir Robert said. "It was disappointing to observe the apathetic indifference manifested by some of the States directly concerned. The plea was put forward, as in the past, that under tribal conditions in Africa the institution of slavery has prevailed for centuries, that the immediate liberation of slaves unaccustomed to individual effort would leave them destitute and utterly helpless, that their treatment is, on the whole, fairly humane, and that the creation of a commission to advance their liberation was inadvisable. This plea would point to almost indefinite postponement. To my regret, it so far prevailed as to postpone action until the next Assembly."

It is regrettable indeed that the League of Nations should further temporize with the hideous traffic of slavery. It may not be able to wipe it out at a stroke, but at least the League should set its face like a flint against this evil and do all in its power to hasten the day when no man may buy, sell or traffic in the bodies and souls of his fellow-men. Britain of all nations should be the last to countenance this trade. It was to help abolish the slave traffic that Livingstone gave thirty years of his life in Africa; and his last written words, that are now carved in stone in Westminster Abbey, were a prayer for the abolition of the desolating traffic:

"All I can add in my solitude is this: May Heaven's richest blessing come down on everyone—American, English or Turk—who will help to heal this open sore of the world."

While 5,000,000 slaves still exist, the "open sore" is yet far from being healed.—Ex.

THE SCRAMBLE FOR AFRICA

"H. A. B." in Gospel Messenger

In area the continent of Africa is about one and one-half times as large as North America. It contains 11,500,000 square miles of territory and has a population of approximately 160,000,000. The lower portions of the Nile valley were the seat of man's oldest advanced civilization. The upper reaches of the Congo basin shelter some of the last representatives of primitive men. Here is the Alpha and Omega against the continents.

Active interest in Africa in modern times dates from a little more than 60 years ago. It was around 1875, or 10 years after the close of the American Civil War, that the European powers began in earnest their scramble for some share in Africa. Britain, France and Portugal were first on the ground and today control the best of Africa, except the Belgian Congo. Germany and Italy came late and have been in the process of gaining or losing what was left.

The continent was won for white control through various forms of taking what was wanted. Here is a sample in the case of the Mediterranean littoral. "In 1881 a French army entered Tunisia, and compelled the bey to sign a treaty placing the country under French protection. The Sultan of Turkey formally protested against his invasion of Ottoman rights, but the great powers took no action, and France was left in the undisturbed possession of her newly acquired territory."

James S. Gribble, our Pioneer Missionary, telling "the Affair of God" to Chief Nakouine, Baya tribe, back in 1922.

TWO GOOD SUGGESTIONS

—from the African Field Treasurer

(Note.—A year ago, the African Field Council requested that no further appeals be made for The African Evangelists Fund, inasmuch as they felt that the native African church should be taught to support this work. Therefore, we published to the church at home this request, and gifts for that purpose have practically ceased. We are in full sympathy with the idea of the missionaries on this point. However, the missionaries have other great need for special funds—work that should greatly appeal to those in the homeland, whether individuals or auxillary organizations of the church—and those who so desire may make their offerings for these special purposes, if they desire. Doing so will give them direct contact with the field.

We are publishing in full a letter we have just received from J. P. Kliever, African Field Treasurer, representing the advice of the African Field Council, of course. We publish it in full below. We shall be glad to receive from individual or church organization, funds for either of the following purposes as set forth in the Kliever communication: **Chapel Visitation Fund,** and **African Bible Conference Fund.** For the former, any amount can be sent. For the latter, $25.00 should be sent. The reading of the letters from our missionaries cannot help but reveal the tremendous need of both. The sheep must be shepherded. When once they accept Christ as their Savior after an appeal of an itinerating missionary, they must not be left to perish for want of care.—L. S. B.)

Bekora, F.E. Africa, Dec. 25, 1939

Dear Brother Bauman:

Last year a letter was written with the purpose of diverting the funds coming in to support evangelists on the field, to another channel, which we as a group of missionaries thought would bring greater glory and a wider testimony to the gospel in this field.

As you no doubt know, we are aiming at a self-supporting, self-propogating native church. The arguments in favor of this, in my mind at least, stand, with hardly anything but weak and tottering words trying to shake them. Paul never asked the home church at Jerusalem to support the churches he founded. It was really the other way around—they helped support the Jerusalem church. I know circumstances were somewhat different than they were here formerly; but now things are changing, and we are glad to be able to solicit that which we believe for the best good of the native church in Africa.

This letter is to give information especially to those that were so faithfully supporting the evangelists' fund. Since "it is more blessed to give than to receive," we would be robbing the native church of a blessing by taking this right and privilege of supporting her own evangelists and pastors. But there is another channel into which funds placed there would do great things in training evangelists, in encouraging those already in service, and strengthening the church in general. And it is with this thought in mind that we make the following suggestions.

We do not desire that money which would ordinarily be given to the general fund, or any other special fund, should be diverted into this; but that this might first of all be seen as the means to give help, by those who were so faithful to the evangelists' fund and would rather give to some direct method of evangelization. Then also, we hope that others who are as yet not giving might be inspired to give to this work, the evengelizing of Africa.

Our program for this fund would be two-fold. The **first,** which is a minor expense, but at the same time brings great blessing and help to native and missionary alike, is what is generally called "chapel visitation." To get to many of these chapel points involves an automobile trip; and gas is much higher here than in U.S.A. Some hapels are so situated that on one trip care could be given to several chapels. On other roads, one could go a long way and take care of several chapels. Thus you see, the care of a chapel varies as to cost, when averaging up the number of chapels on a road, with the distance required to visit them. These averages would range somewhat from $2.50 to $10.00 per chapel and if some one is interested in a particular group or chapel, we could give the exact cost of visiting it, say about four times a year. Or if some one would like to give a certain sum to this "chapel visitation," we could tell him which chapels his gift is supplying with missionary visitations.

These visits woud be to teach the members there, to fellowship with the chapel worker, building him up in the Lord, and also to instruct, admonish and encourage the work there.

The **second** of these projects would be the supplying of necessary funds to hold Bible conferences at different station and chapel points. This is different from the former, in that, instead of one missionary and a native evangelist making the visit to a chapel or conference point, it would be several missionaries getting together, and with a group of several native workers, conducting a Bible conference, very much on the same order as we have them at home, the whole church, the workers and teachers profiting thereby.

Here again we would have to strike an average, as missionaries live on different stations at differing distances; and thus the cost of meeting together in conference at these points varies. It would seem that the sum of $25.00 would give a conference at a place, bringing in two missionaries for this purpose. Some may cost less, and others a little more. These conferences would prove to be a wonderful time of giving out the Word, and encouraging of the native to go out to witness to his fellows who as yet do not believe. **No one can reach the native as well as the native himself,** and thus this would be a first class piece of work in bringing about a witness for the gospel here.

If there are those who would be interested, and would want a definite conference or chapel to care for in this manner, a picture could be sent of the chapel, the group, the conference center, etc., and a report made as to meetings held, and work accomplished.

As I have said before, we have no interest in directing present incoming funds into these channels. We are concerned about those who might feel that they have no place to give, since there is no more encouragement to support native evengelists directly, and also those who as yet have not a keen desire to help in the work here, and would be inspired by such a project.

Trusting that the Lord will lay upon many hearts the burden of making known the gospel to the Africans, I remain as ever, your co-worker, but in this part of the Master's field.

J. P. Kliever
African Field Treasurer.

LIFE SKETCHES OF ELDER AND MRS. ROBERT S. WILLIAMS

By Robert S. Williams

Acording to the best authorities, I was born "in Appanoose County, Iowa, near Udel, in the little yellow house." According to same authority, it was a hot day in mid-July, 1907, and there was not a bit of fire in the house at the time. I was the third member in a family of four children. When the fourth member (now Rev. Russel Williams) was about five months old, we left Iowa and moved to Jefferson County, Kansas, near the town of McLouth. It was there that I spent most of the next twenty-three years.

My father was not privileged to enjoy the new home in Kansas very long. We had been there just about a year when he was taken by death. He left us a good name, a mortgage on the farm, and a Godly mother, which is really a rich heritage after all. In that hour, when the earthly support was taken away, mother looked to God for help, and the Heavenly Father was called upon to fill the vacancy left by the earthly father. He did not fail. She raised both the children and the mortgage by His help.

I started to school in a little one-room country scohol house, and from there went to the rural high school in town. It became necessary for me to stay out of school for a few years during and after high school, so that I was in my twenty-first year before my college career began. That career, if such it might be called, consisted in two years and a summer at Ashland College, with a year at Kansas State

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By Mrs. Robert Williams

It was on an Easter Sunday, April 15, 1906, that I came to live in the home of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Deisch, who lived on a farm in north central Indiana. There I grew up, having two sisters and four brothers for my playmates. We received our grammar school education in a one-room red brick schoolhouse. We took our high school work in the consolidated school at Bunker Hill. The year following my graduation I spent at home. The following spring, I secured work in a cream station, where I was able to make enough money to start to school in Ashland College in the fall. When September came, I turned my work over to my sister and started for Ashland, Ohio.

I spent four happy and profitable years at Ashland They were hard in the sense that I worked most of my way in addition to going to school; but, I am glad for the experience of those years.

In January, '32, I entered the nurses' training school at the Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated in June of '34. I was very fortunate to be able to take the state board examination, which entitled me to become a registered nurse, two weeks before my graduation. In July of that same year, I took upon myself the responsibilities of a preacher's wife. After we were married, we started at once for Harrah, Washington, where my husband had accepted a call to the pastorate of the Brethren Church.

We spent three years in Harrah and learned to

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OUR NEW MISSIONARIES

We are presenting here the life sketches of Brother and Sister Robert S. Williams who will be leaving for Africa as soon as transportation can be secured on or after the ninth of May. These two fine people are splendidly equipped for service in Africa, and we are sure they will make ideal missionaries.

They expect to be in the party in which some of our furloughed missionaries will be returning to the field. Miss Ruth Snyder of Conemaugh, Pennsylvania, will probably be going forth in this same party. We are sorry that we have not yet received the life sketch and picture of our Sister Snyder, but it will be published in a later issue.

It will be of interest to all those interested in our missionaries to know that Miss Grace Byron has made marvelous physical improvement during her winter in California, where she has had the best medical attention and care. She seems to be her own normal self again. All the missionaries will be glad to know this, for Miss Byron is a most valuable asset to our work on the African field.

It may not be amiss for us to say to the friends of Brother and Sister Williams that gifts at this time toward their outfit will be gifts that the Lord will abundantly bless. It is absolutely necessary for them to take many things with them to the field in the shape of clothing, bedding, furniture, dishes, etc., etc etc. An African missionary's **first** outfit, at a low estimate, runs in the neighborhood of $500; and, more than that could be handily used. At least, we ask those especially interested in the going forth of these two good people to pray that in some way the Lord will provide for this special outfit.

The Foreign Board always pays for the transportation of the outfit; but it has been a custom among our missionaries for them to look to the Lord Himself for the outfit itself. Brother Gribble, our pioneer missionary, always insisted that the provision of the outfit was an evidence that the Lord had called. The Board has not wholly accepted the idea of Brother Gribble. Nevertheless, if the Lord provides the outfit for these two good folks we shall rejoice and believe it to be an evidence of the Lord's favor upon them.

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University sandwiched in between. That did not complete my course, and various problems which arose about that time made it seem advisable for me to quit school for the time at least. I have never gotten back.

"Born Again" in 1917

I was born spiritually in the spring of 1917. I well remember being in church one evening during an evangelistic campaign in our church. When the invitation was given, I longed to get up and walk down the aisle and confess Christ as my Savior, but hesitated to do so without consulting with Mother. The next day, I asked her if she cared if I went forward; and, of course she assured me that she certainly did not care—that nothing would please her better than for me to become a Christian.

I went forward the next night; and, a few weeks later on a bright spring day, I went down into the baptismal waters. As I look back on this occasion, the question might arise as to whether I really was born again at this time. Certain it is that my knowledge was very scant. I did not begin to have the knowledge that I was capable of receiving at that age. But, praise God, salvation is by faith and not by knowledge. I became a new person in Christ that day, and through that new spiritual perception, the knowledge is constantly being added.

The birth of my interest in African mission work did not come until college days.

It seems that in the back of my mind, there was, almost from the hour of conversion, the idea that the Lord wanted me for a minister. This fact was manifest in our play. It was a favorite pastime of my younger brother and myself to imagine ourselves going into unchristian communities and preaching

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love the people and the work among them very much. Those of you who have been through your first pastorate, will realize what the people had to put up with. However, we believe the Lord called us there, and blessed our efforts for Him.

Attend Grace Seminary

In the fall of '37, we came back to Akron, Ohio, to enter Grace Theological Seminary. We were unable to attend the second semester of that term as we were called to Kansas on account of the serious illness of my husband's mother. We attended Grace Seminary the term of '38-'39. The summer of '39 we spent among the hills of West Virginia in the city of Grafton, and preached at our Brethren Church there. Again, last fall we entered Grace Seminary, only this time at Winona Lake, Indiana.

I surely want to praise the Lord for the privilege I have had in attending Grace Seminary. I have learned to know and to realize more fully the wonderful grace of God. I want to bear my testimony here to the marvelous leading and provision of our Lord in the past few years of our ministry for Him. He has never failed us; but we have failed Him so many times.

As a child I never had the privilege of attending Sunday School and church. I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my saviour, at the age of 15 years. It was on a New Year's morning (New Year's coming on a Sunday that year) during revival services at the Loree Brethren Church, under the ministry and preaching of Rev. C. A. Stewart. This New Year's morning was a happy occasion for our family, for my mother and father and one sister as well as myself came to the Lord that day. I spent the first five years of my Christian life under the ministry

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and leading many people to Christ. A little later I found an old application blank for admission into Ashland College. I filled it out and gave as my chosen vocation "the ministry." My fun-loving older brother teased me about that. He told me, if I ever expected to be a minister I would have to change a lot; that, I would have to be a lot better. I was rather shy and self-conscious in those days; and, perhaps his words went deeper than he ever realized. At least I was lead to do considerable meditation on my own unworthiness for such a high calling.

Active in C. E. Work

During my later teen years, I took quite an active part in Christian Endeavor. It was my privilege at that time to attend a number of Christian Endeavor Conventions. These were not especially educational, but they were inspirational and encouraged me in my chosen vocation. I taught a boy's Sunday School class for some time, and served as Sunday School Superintendent for a year or two just before I went to college.

The next definite step of importance was taken in the fall of 1928, when I left home to attend Ashland College. It was there that my interest in Africa was born. Up to that time, I had not been subject to any missionary influence. I had not been fed the truths that would encourage missionary zeal. Of course, I knew that the Scripture laid the responsibility of evangelizing the unsaved upon those of us who had heard; but, it never seemed to occur to me that God might be looking to me personally to give myself to Him for the foreign field. In Ashland, my association with consecrated young people who had volunteered for Africa, and were vitally in touch with our mission work; the evangelistic and missionary influence of the Gospel Team; the occasional meeting with missionaries on furlough, all worked together to turn my heart to Africa. With one possible exception, Africa has been my goal and aim ever since.

The "exception" was a period of about three years, which I spent at home on the farm. It became necessary for me to quit school; and the way did not seem to open for me to return. I began to question whether I had heard my call aright after all. Perhaps God aimed for me to plow corn instead of preach Christ. The Lord answered this question for me very definitely in the spring of 1934, by calling me to pastor His flock at Harrah, Washington.

Joy In Ministry

It was during my third year in college that the Lord lead me into the company of the one who has become my life partner. We had known each other before, but perhaps we began to see each other differently about that time. She also was a volunter for Africa as a missionary nurse. During the years that I was at home on the farm, she was in Cincinnati, Ohio, taking her nurse's training. Somehow it happened (?) that the call to the Harrah Church came in the spring, just when she was due to take her state board examination and graduate. We were married the tenth of July, and began our ministry in Harrah the last of that month. We spent three happy years there. Sometimes we wonder who profited the most from the ministry—the people or the pastor. But though we were insufficient, the Lord was sufficient. He called us there and He prospered our ministry.

But the Lord had called us to Africa. And although we were enjoying our work there, that call seemed to sound constantly louder in our ears. Along with that call came a growing desire for better preparation for the Lord's work. With a view to doing our part to fulfill both of these purposes, we closed our pastorate and came east to attend Grace Seminary. We have now enjoyed for two years and a half, the rich spiritual blessing and inspiration of that institution, for which we praise the Lord.

It is with joy and thanksgiving to the Lord that we are seeing our prayers and hopes and dreams about to be fulfilled.

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of Brother and Sister Stewart. I praise the Lord for that period of Christian training in my life.

Seeks Lord's Will

The only motive I have in seeking missionary appointment is that I know that God has called me to work for Him in Africa. At one time there might have been some appeal from romance; but, not so now. I am made to realize more and more what it is going to mean to give up home and loved ones here, perhaps never to see some of them again in this life. God's grace is sufficient. I want to do my Lord's will, and I feel that His will is that I should preach and teach the Lord Jesus Christ to the black people in Africa.

I believe that God was calling me when I was yet but a small child. One time, before I knew what it even meant to be a Christian, I heard Dr. Gribble speak. I cannot remember anything that she said, only that I remember that she gave a call for volunteers who would go to Africa as missionaries. No one would answer that call. I well remember how I wanted to answer that call; but, I reasoned with myself: "I am too small. I cannot do anything."

This one thing has remained clearer in my memory than anything that happened in my childhood. It was not until after I finished high school that the possibility of actually giving my life for missionary service came to my mind. I wanted to be a nurse. How could I be a nurse and a missionary at the same time? It was some little time before I realized that the two went together; and, then I knew what God wanted me to do. All along the way He has lead and made it possible for me to go through college, nurse's training, and to Grace Seminary; and, has given me a husband whose mind and heart is fixed on Africa.

My heart is filled with joy to know that at last the way is being opened for us to go to the African Mission Field. It is because of nothing that we have done but **all** is of the marvelous grace of our Heavenly Father. To Him be all praise and glory!

BOUCA NEWS FLASHES

(Note:—Two installments of "Bouca News Flashes" are being presented in this issue. War conditions have made the mails from Africa very uncertain, and sometimes letters mailed from two to four weeks apart arrive at the editorial office on the same day.—L. S. B.)

By Mrs. Joseph H. Foster, Boura, par Bangui

After two months of silence, we believe we can resume our "Bouca News Flashes" again and that they will reach the homeland safely.

We praise the Lord for the blessings that have been ours during these two months. It is true that trials always bring blessings; and this has been more than true in our native church, as well as among the unbelieving. It would seem that the uncertainty of the times in which we live, and through which we are passing, is causing some to think more seriously upon eternal realities than they had hitherto. On the other hand, many are living the same careless lives that they have been accustomed to.

We met with new experiences every week, and we wonder sometimes where the people get all their ideas.

NEW NAME CHRISTIANS—

One of the working men who had two wives recently accepted the gospel of our Lord and Saviour. He gave up one of his wives, but wants his brother, who is in prison in Bangui, to have her. She, too, is a Christian. Therefore my husband asked him if his brother is a Christian. He replied, "Why of course he is a Christian. Isn't his name Gabriel?" This was a new one. We have heard of many ways that people have devised to be saved, but, to have their Christianity based on any name other than that of our Lord is a new trick of the enemy. We wonder whether anyone in America might be living under the same delusions.

A GIFT IN ANSWER TO PRAYER—

Last Sunday one of the Christians and his wife arose during the church service to give a testimony for God's faithfulness in answering prayer. The wife carried a wee babe in her arms. The husband, addressing the church said: "You all know me. You know that I was a big sinner before I accepted the Lord as my Savior. I took this woman as my wife three years ago. After two years had passed and she had no children, my brother insisted that I should send her away and get some one else. But she, too, had become a Christian and was baptized a year ago. Therefore I could not send her away. We both prayed that God would give us children, because we were told that God would hear us and answer us, if we prayed and believed. I want you to know that God heard us, and has answered us, and have given us this gift that you see in my wife's arms. We want to tell you that the God of heaven is real and has power to do for His children whatsoever they ask."

We were asked to name the little fellow. Remembering that long ago there was a woman who prayed for a child, and that God heard and answered her, we named him Samuel, even as Hannah named her wee one. We pray God will make him as great a servant of His, of our Lord tarry, as Samuel was of old. It pays to pray.

ANSWERING THE UPWARD CALL—

Not many months ago we told you of two "big medicine" women, who accepted the Lord as their Savior. Perhaps you will remember that we spoke of the one having difficulty in giving up her pipe. Last week when we visited one of the bush chapels, we saw this very same child of God; but oh, how changed! From mastoiditis which was uncared for, the infection went through her whole body. She is a mass of putrifying sores from her head to her feet. She is passing through a regular Job's experience. Her frail body is so wasted that she is nothing more than a skeleton with wrinkled skin drawn over it. She is very, very near the end of this life. Then she will have a glorious entrance into the presence of her Lord. She answered the "inward call" about a year ago. She will soon answer the "up-call." All during her great affliction she has been faithful to her Lord and Savior.

A NEW COUNTING SYSTEM

Some time ago one of our native workers returned from the preaching tour and said, "In one village I preached to one sack of people." In order to understand this system of counting it is necessary to know something of the French method used in the colonies to designate the amount of taxes that a chief is expected to pay for his people, or more correctly, to gather from his people. The government uses burlap sacks which hold 1,001 franc pieces or its equality. When they have counted the people in a certain village the official tells the chief that he will be expected to pay one or two sacks of money as the case may be. Our worker evidently reasoned that if this method works for money, why not for people. You will readily see that we do not yet have a highly educated ministry; at least not as far as the things of this life are concerned.

PRAYER REQUESTS—

1. Pray that we may have great wisdom in teaching the Christians the Word of God, and that God will guide us in the New Year in selecting some of our leaders to send them to Bible School.
2. Pray that all who have confessed the Lord as their Savior will be true to Him, and that they will live separated lives.
3. Pray that the many, many who are confessing Him may be sincere. We fear for those who are only professors, and once they think they are saved, whether they were sincere or not. Many do not yet distinguish between the **mouth** and the **heart** confession.
4. We pray God's richest blessings upon all of you in the homeland. May you all be greatly used of Him while it is day. The night is near at hand!

ADDITIONAL BOUCA NEWS

By Mrs. Joseph H. Foster, Bouca.

This morning everything about us seems so quiet and peaceful, that we are reminded of the words of that great and wise king of old, when he wrote the following by the direction of the Holy Spirit: "The flowers appear on the earth: the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away!" What a beautiful picture and resurrection is shown to us in those heavenly words!

We hear the birds chirping and fluttering about in the trees. Mate seems to be be calling to mate. They seem to be hunting about for the best branch upon which to build their nest; in which they will raise their young feathery family. "The fig tree is putting forth her green figs," and the birds are eating them before they have time to ripen. Of course they are wild, but the birds don't seem to know the difference. (We have often wondered what would happen if we ever tried to grow tame ones!) We are reminded in every way that spring is drawing nigh. Oh, that we might hear the voice of our Beloved say; "Arise, My love, My fair one, and come away." Springtime seems such an opportune time for the resurrection of the believing dead, and the translation of the living saints. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

VACATION TIME—

We left Bouca early the morning of Nov. 27 for Bellevue; and arrived there about 4:00 p. m. Then we all left Bellvue Nov. 29 to wend our way to Bassai for our annual Field Council meeting. All went well and by noon we were "steaming" up the Bozoum mountain to the mission site. Our friends there had prepared hot coffee and tea; so with what they had prepared and we had brought, we were soon in the process of satisfying that empty feeling that we had acquired on the way. After a few hours rest, and the heat of the day had passed; we and the Bozoum folks continued our journey to Bassai. How good it was to be able to think and talk "white" for two whole weeks! How good to hear the experiences of our fellow-workers as each related some incident or other that had occurred during the long interval; for a whole year had passed since we had seen some of them. Perhaps some of you wonder why we do not visit each other occasionally. Answer: the high cost of gas, and the abundance of work that rests upon each of us, forbids any unnecessary traveling.

Our conference was a feast of good things throughout, and we enjoyed wonderful fellowship with each other the entire two weeks. We had wonderful messages from the Word, and great blessings during the hours of prayer. We all felt greatly strengthened and encouraged to face the many difficulties that confront all of us in our service for the Lord.

After conference we spent two more precious weeks with Brother and Sister Jobson at Bozoum. We had planned on an enjoyable Christmas Day together with Misses Meyers and Crawford; but a few days befor Christmas I had to get sick, so that day and a few more were spent in bed. However, the blessings of the Lord rested upon us, so that we were able to leave for home a few days after Christmas. We spent one day with the Bellevue folks, and arrived home safely about noon of Dec. 30.

CLASSES

During our absence all the catechist children had vacation. It seems they enjoy classes far more than vacation. They are greatly interested in their books, paper and pencils; but perhaps the most attractive thing about classes are the recess minutes, when they kick about the old, scarred, pock marked, heavy rubber ball. It has given them almost two years of daily joy such as village children never have the privilege of indulging in. Play is one of the normal occupations of every child; but oh, how few African children ever really play.

EVANGELIZATION—

If the Lord wills, we hope to place several workers in villages this year to teach the people to read, and hold services for them. Pray that the Lord will lead us, and that He will call out those whom He would have to do this important work. We would like to answer the call of at least four chiefs, who are asking for workers to be sent to them. We praise the Lord for those who have already volunteered to answer these calls. They are wiling to go without the promise of any regular income, but to make their gardens and trust the Lord for their support. We are praying for an indigenous church, and our people are pleased with the idea.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray that more adults will be interested to learn to read the Word.
2. Pray for the children who attend classes that they will want to prepare to serve the Lord when they have the proper training.
3. Pray that we may soon be able to be permanently located here at Bouca.

Faithfulness In The Will of God

Adoniram Judson once said, "I do not know that I shall live to see a single convert, but I will not leave my present field of labor to be made king of the greatest empire on earth."

The Cross At Cut Price

"There are some who would have Christ cheap. They would have Him without the cross. But the price will not come down."—*Rutherford.*

A Great Economist's Testimony

Roger W. Babson says, "I believe in Christian missions—both foreign and home missions. Every sensible layman must believe in the great importance of the world mission of Christianity."

Gleaned From a Letter From Florence M. Bickel

Bellevue, par Bossangoa, French Equatorial Africa

The days roll by in our busy routine, and soon days are months and months, years before we realize it.

I think of you and pray for you, even though I do not write; for I can't forget any of you, as everywhere I look in my home I am reminded of you by your most generous gifts. I do not forget that my daily food and every comfort comes through your loving hands. For all I receive in a material way I thank God and you all. I know you constantly uphold me in prayer. I feel the power of these prayers in my life. I Thess. 1:2-4.

It seems that the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of these people in a greater way than ever in these last few months. Numbers are not always the most important item, but when one sees large numbers coming it shows that people as a whole are becoming more interested in the Word of God.

They also want to learn to read. Even the women are becoming more interested in learning to read.

A woman's class in Africa is extremely interesting, especially to the one that teaches! I wish you could visit us some day. Nearly every woman has a baby. Some have two or three small children they bring with them. One woman comes with twins. Of course, she has both hands full, and there is no possible way for her to hold a book, so she reads parrot fashion. A few have not learned whether their book is upside down or not, so they have to be told **once more** which way to hold it. Others hold their gospels on a terrible angle, and we can't understand how they can see it at all when they are not cross-eyed. The mother naturally has to hold her book far enough away so the baby doesn't grab it. About one-fourth of the babies cry at a time, and to enable the mothers to learn anything at all we permit all the children who are able to walk to play together in the back of the room. They run and play and scream and laugh; but usually, with all their noise, no one seems to mind unless one falls down and gets hurt or if they start a battle among themselves. Then, three or four mothers have to take their minds off their books to settle the quarrel, and there is so much talking and crying that we all have to take time out until all is peace and quiet again. Most African mothers let their children do most anything they want to do, and consequently no one can discipline them.

The medical work is still almost more than we can handle properly. However, I have three good helpers; one who cares for the less serious ulcers and wounds; another cares for the serious cases, oversees the hospital gardens, and looks after the food for the patients; the third helps me dispense the medicines and keeps the records.

Our work is ever the same, yet ever changing. But, all praise to Him, our Guide, our Head—He never changes. He has promised always to be with us. So, no matter what the circumstances are about us, He is always the same, rules and over-rules, and works out His perfect plan through us.

May His hand be upon each one of you to bless you, keep you, and guide you throughout the coming year.

Bozoum Prayer and Praise Notes

By Charlotte Jobson

Happy New Year to all! May 1940 be a most blessed year for all the Prayer Band Societies and intercessors who so faithfully remember us daily in prayer. We do praise the Lord for the many blessings bestowed upon His servants the past year, and pray that much may be accomplished in His dear name this year, if He tarries.

Bozoum watch night service was well attended, and the hours were spent in singing, reading God's Word, testifying and praying the New Year in. We took for our motto, "Jesus First." May this be the prayer of each Christian that in all things Jesus may be first.

For several years we have been praying that Missionaries be sent to Baiboukoum, a government post about 150 miles from Bozoum, and the last post in our territory that has not been reached with the gospel. Well, the Lord answered prayer when Noel, our faithful evangelist who for some years has been the native pastor at Bozoum, volunteered to be their missionary for the present. Already a group of believers have started services there, but they are asking that some one be sent to teach them the Word. Please remember **Noel** and this new work in prayer.

Pray for the small body of believers at the village Yahoueme in the Baya tribe. Just recently 12 believers were baptised; and when Mr. Jobson held communion, some told of the persecution they have suffered for Christ's name.

Also **pray** for another group of believers in the same tribe at a village called N'Nolo. 20 were present at the communion service, and the believers are anxious to learn to read the Word. They are buying gospels, and the teacher reports fine progress.

Pray for the work with the women and girls in the different villages and for the reading classes here at the chapel. We need women leaders to help in this great work.

NOTICE TO PASTORS

Have you sent in a news item lately? Other churches are interested in the way the Lord is blessing you.

MINUTES

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH

Special Meeting at 141 North Orchard Street, Dayton, Ohio February 20th and 21st, 1940

1. Approval of the minutes.

The minutes of the last annual board meeting (Aug. 1939) were read and approved.

2. Officers of board in charge of business relations with Brethren Missionary Herald.

The motion prevailed that all of our business relations with The Brethren Missionary Herald be placed for control and decision in the hands of the officers of our board until the next regular annual meeting of the board.

3. Letter from DeLozier.

A letter was received from Prof. A. L. DeLozier, expressing his regret that he will be unable to attend the board meeting, due to serious ill health. The sec.-treas., was instructed to write a letter on behalf of the board, to Prof. DeLozier, expressing our deep sympathy.

4. Concerning the Hathaways' return to Africa.

It was moved that the board renew to Eld. and Mrs. John W. Hathaway, the offer to return them to the African field under the same contract and conditions as pertaining to all other missionaries. The motion was unanimously carried.

5 Appropriation for French language study.

Due to the absolute inability of our missionaries to enter France for the purpose of language study at the present time, a motion prevailed that the board appropriate an allowance of $5.00 per week, throughout the present year, to meet the expense of French language instruction for our foreign missionaires, who are under appointment for Africa. This motion was carried.

6. Mrs. Gribble advised to take early furlough.

A motion prevailed that the board urge Mrs. Florence Gribble, M. D., to take her furlough at the earliest possible opportunity, especially for health reasons, and that the board express its feeling that it would be well for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunning to await her return before themselves departing to the field.

7. Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Williams, and Miss Ruth Snyder to proceed to Africa after May 9th.

A motion prevailed that with approved medical examinations, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Williams, and Miss Ruth Snyder, shall leave for the African field and report to the African Field Council for service as soon as they can possibly arrange for passage after May 9th.

8. Tyson, Byron, and Mr. and Mrs. Morrill to return to field.

The motion prevailed that with approved medical examinations, Miss Elizabeth Tyson, Miss Grace Byron, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis G. Morrill, be returned to the field immediately at the close of their furlough, and shall report to the African Field Council for services.

9. Securing transportation for missionaries.

A motion prevailed that the deputation director shall act in conjunction with the out-going missionaries in the matter of securing proper transportation.

10. Power of attorney to Jobson.

A motion prevailed, authorizing the officers of the Society to give to Orville D. Jobson, superintendent of our African field, the power of attorney, in order that he may officially act for the board in all its business afairs in Africa.

11. Vote of appreciation to DeLozier.

A motion prevailed that this board express to our Brother Arthur L. DeLozier, the thanks of the Society for his faithful care of Bethany Home, the custodianship of which he feels he must release because of serious ill health.

12. Mayes chosen as custodian for Bethany Home.

A motion prevailed that Eld. Chas. W. Mayes be requested to assume the duties as custodian of the Bethany Home in Ashland, Ohio.

13. The Committee to govern the time, place, etc., of the annual board meeting for 1940.

A motion prevailed that the officers of the Society, together with member Russell D. Barnard, shall constitute the committee to govern the matter of the annual board meeting for 1940.

14. South American work thoroughly discussed.

Extended correspondence between Dr. Bauman, the South American home director, and our South American missionaries was read, and the work was thoroughly discussed throughout the entire forenoon.

15. South American evangelization approved and urged.

The following resolutions were unanimously approved:

(1) Since this board has always felt that direct evangelization is the first duty of our missionary forces, we therefore recommend heartily the goal of our Argentine missionaries toward this end; and we stand ready to work out definite plans with them for the purpose of doing evangelistic work more effectively in our S. A. field.

(2) That we encourage an immediate move on the part of our present force to evangelize unreached towns, and will provide in some way the necessary means of transportation, with the understanding that this work shall be done in unreached territory.

16. Appreciation of Barnards.

A motion prevailed that the board express appreciation to Brother and Sister Barnard for the gracious hospitality enjoyed in their home during this special meeting.

17. Adjournment.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to the call of the president.

A. V. Kimmell, Pres.

Louis S. Bauman, Sec.-Treas.

THE BRETHREN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

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The above directory is for the information of our new Councils in particular. For your membership cards and sample constitution write to Mrs. Kent; for missionary literature to Mrs. Monroe. Send your president's name and address to Mrs. Kidder for devotional topics. All Council funds are to be forwarded to Mrs. Koontz.

By Mrs. A. B. Kidder, Editor.

Showing Initiative

The hurried set-up of our W. M. C. this year has left room for our women to use their own ideas in a way that is not so easy when an organization has been fully rounded out and plans made to fit most problems, or at least to take up the full time of the women.

One thing which was regretted by our officers so much was the lack of time to plan something for the girls. They are not overlooking this matter, however, but are endeavoring to work out plans for these younger groups, and expect to have something to report in the near future; in fact, we watched the mail till the last minute expecting something might come through in time.

But not all of our women waited for the officers to move. We have heard that in several cases they have organized the girls into Junior Councils. One busy pastor's wife wrote us that she was doing that and would use the devotion topics after the women were through with them. Of course we are sending her two sets.

This plan of Junior Councils appeals to us as a good one for several reasons. It will hold the girls together until a permanent organization can be perfected, and then they will be ready to reorganize. It will give them a clear insight into the women's work and create a sympathetic understanding between the two groups. It should also give our women a deeper sense of their responsibility to the girls.

Let us pray much these days for our girls, who are the future members of our councils; and let us each in our local work make an attempt to solve this problem temporarily.

Not only in this direction, but in other lines there is much room to use our initiative in the new W. M. C. We named it the **Women's** Missionary Council in order that it might belong equally to every woman who is a member. Every member should thus have its interests at heart, should be willing to study the needs, to help solve the problems, and then to enjoy the fruit of her labor.

When you have worked some new plan in your local council, will you not write about it for the benefit of the rest of our councils?

Response and Co-operation

We have received so many, many fine letters of appreciation of our W. M. C. devotional programs and other features of our work that we are going to take this editorial way to say, "Thank you."

And then we are going to add our words of appreciation to those who have so kindly responded to our requests for written topics and other matter. The work of the editor is made easier when such co-operation is granted. There has been a record made, no doubt, in this matter; because **no one** has refused our request for an article up to date, and only one article arrived too late to be used. We feel encouraged to go forward, knowing the spirit of our sisters is so loyal and true.

This working together is the secret of our success from the human end. Of course we always desire to give all the glory to our blessed Lord. It is all in Him; He alone supplies the strength and power for the task. But we do rejoice that our women are so willing to yield themselves to be used of Him.

We can but thank you—He will reward you for faithful service at His judgment seat.

New Department

It has recently been called to our attention that in some of our councils the membership is made up of women who have had practically no previous experience in women's missionary work. Some because they are young have just graduated from the Sisterhood; some are in mission churches where the work is entirely new, and then age does not make any difference; some of the older women have never been given any responsible work to do, and therefore lack knowledge of how to go about it.

Now we have lacked the vision to see this need, and we have been proceeding as if all our readers were seasoned veterans who need only to be told what they are to do, and behold, it is done. We have been ignoring these new recruits, ready, willing, yea, eager to do something; but to whom perhaps some of our instructions might as well be issued in a foreign language.

Let us tell you a little secret, but please don't tell on us—this is our first try at an editor's job, and we are feeling our way around, too. But we are willing to learn and to rectify mistakes if possible. So we are going to start a new department; a Questions and Answers Department. You write to the editor about anything in connection with W. M. C. that you do not understand, and we will put the question and the answer in the next W. M. C. Number of The Brethren Missionary Herald.

You need not hesitate to ask your question; no one but the editor and yourself will know who sent it in. For that matter it is easily possible that several may ask the same question. No names will be published, and when your question is answered, your letter will be destroyed. You see, we teach several Bible classes and we know how some people hesitate to ask questions in class, but prefer to come quietly to the teacher afterward; so we will make it like that, only in

this case perhaps some one too timid to ask will get the answer because you had the courage.

Note this: if you have a question in mind now, write it at once, because right after you receive this paper your editor must begin the make-up of the next, for copy must be in three weeks ahead. So unless you want to wait two months for your answer—begin to write. Send in as many questions as you please. We will publish the answers as soon as possible.

Objectives Suggested For the Year 1939-40

1. Regular monthly devotional meetings.
2. Missionary prayer circle.
3. Bible reading—entire New Testament, or a chapter a day of your own selection.
4. Missionary project—Support of Bouca Station, with dime calendars turned in not later than Feb. 25.
5. Special offering lifted in January and July (for administrative purposes).
6. Thank offering received at National Conference for Home Missions Council.
7. Public service held and offering lifted for Grace Seminary not later than May 1st.
8. Mission Study Class using "Biographies of Brethren Missionaries"—Study II.

May we call your attention right now to objective 7? Grace Seminary is a missionary objective—to this school we are looking for the training of our future missionaries and pastors. The work done there is of such a high order that the school is already recognized as among the best in the country. The Lord has signally led and blessed every step of the way in the progress made. The W. M. C. is wholeheartedly behind it. Let's prove it with a large offering forwarded by the first of May.

DEVOTIONAL MEETINGS

Program for April

Topic: Christ Our Sufficiency for Growth.
Opening Hymn.
Scripture Reading—Eph. 4:11-32.
Season of prayer (especially for the faculty and student body at Grace Seminary).
Topic: As Bread of Life Christ Nurtures Our Growth.
Hymn.
Topic: Christ is our Example for Growth.
Special Number.
Topic: We Are to Grow Like Christ.
Business Session.
Closing Prayer.

An Informal Report From Our Financial Secretary.

Dear Sisters in Christ Jesus:

Six months have passed since The Brethren Women's Missionary Council was born, and it is thought that you might like to hear a general report concerning our progress up to this time in a financial way. We feel that the following few figures will be greatly encouraging to all councils for they show the unity that we possess and how well we are working together, though the time of our co-operation is still short.

Our home mission offering, $131.71, was sent to Brother R. Paul Miller in the fall. Since then $25.56 has come in, making a total of thank offering gifts of $157.27.

Our Jan. offering for general expenses and publishing needs has not been concluded as yet. So far 39 councils have responded with $262.24 and more have signified their intention to give in the near future.

Councils are already beginning to send their Grace Seminary and foreign mission offerings, which will be reported in full at the proper time. Also some councils and districts, knowing our great need of money in the first days of organization, sent contributions to be used at once. These amounts, together with the two offerings reported above, bring the total recived to $523.68, a really gratifying figure.

That the Lord has prospered us thus should be a reason for real gratitude to Him. He has promised to supply when we go out in faith in Him, and again He has vindicated Himself. As He leads you to give, will have a part in a greater accomplishment for channels of greater usefulness, and so each council in the National Council will be able to move into Him.

We thank you for your response, and we pray God's choicest blessings upon you as you serve Him, each in your appointed place.

Till He comes,

Mrs. H. W. KOONTZ, Roanoke, Va.

From the Editor's Mailbag

The south has scored a point. We asked for news letters and we received two, both from the Southland; perhaps this unusual brisk winter weather has stirred them up. You recall that last month California anticipated us with one letter. Next month's mail should be heavy from all the other districts. We'll be expecting it.

Limestone, Tenn., Reports

The Limestone W.M.C. held an all day meeting Thurs., Feb. 15th, combining the monthly program and the mission study. After much overly cold weather for this section the Lord granted us a beautiful day for our meeting. Some of our women were hindered from coming but we had a good representative group and all having parts were present.

Our president, Miss Leila Arnold, conducted the meeting in a well thought out and pleasing manner, interspersing the service with prayers and songs. Each part was performed in a most gracious manner. One thing which enhanced interest was that after the biographical sketch of each missionary the privilege was given the members to mention the most striking characteristic. The monthly devotional articles were also commented upon in a way to impress us with their truths.

At the brief noon hour we enjoyed a good dinner to strengthen the physical man, and a social time together, and then scurried back to that better feast of good things spread before us for the afternoon. There was not a dull moment and only the lateness

of the hour sent us to our homes with so many good things to think about, so good in fact our sleep was most taken from us for the joys the day had brought. One conclusion we could readily arrive at is that the Lord has raised up a grand group of missionaries to represent The Brethren Church on the foreign field. What will we do about it? The Lord help us to give them ample support by prayer and gifts.

Our group of women here is not large but since the Lord can work by many or by few we dedicate ourselves to be used of Him until He comes or calls.

MARY PENCE, Corr. Secy.

Roanoke, Va., Reviews the Year

In response to the request of our editor, I shall give a short resume of some of our activities during the past year.

We have experienced real spiritual fellowship in all of our meetings, and have been so pleased with the harmony that has existed regarding the many problems that have arisen in our denomination.

In May, the mother-daughter banquet was held in the basement of the church, with the W.M.S. seated on one side of the beautifully decorated table and the S.M.M. on the other. An address of welcome was given by the W.M.S. president, Mrs. J. Lewis Lloyd, and responses were given by the Senior S.M.M. president, Mrs. Estelle Coffery, and the Junior S.M.M. president, Miss Ruth Richardson. A vocal duet was sung by a mother and daughter, and a piano duet played by a mother and daughter, and two topics were given by a mother and daughter. This is just a part of the program which might be helpful to other groups in preparing for such a service.

On July 20, a number of our members met at the summer cabin of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Perdue, and made 88 African baby dresses out of silk stocking tops, and a splendid time of fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended this sewing party. Since that time a great many more African baby dresses have been made.

At our Sept. meeting, the matter of affiliating ourselves with The Women's Missionary Council was thoroughly discussed. A unanimous vote prevailed in favor of doing so, and henceforth we will be known as The Women's Missionary Council.

Our public service program was given on the night of Nov. 29, and we were privileged to have Miss Elizabeth Tyson as our guest speaker. Her subject was, 'Women's Work in Africa." At the close of her message she gave about 10 minutes for asking questions about her work and much valuable information was secured. At this service an offering was taken for Grace Theological Seminary.

In Dec. we had a fellowship supper with the S.M.M. girls and a time of real Christian fellowship was experienced at the table. Again it was our pleasure to have Miss Elizabeth Tyson with us and she told us about her maternity work in Africa, and also about a very interesting trip she had to Nigeria.

The W.M.C. sponsored the filling of Christmas baskets for the poor, and 14 families were made happy by this service.

Another very helpful service our women have been able to render was the making of surgical dressings for the war sufferers of Finland through the Red Cross. 76 hours were spent doing this work.

We spent Sat. afternoon,, Jan. 20, at the home of Mrs. E. B. Murphy enjoying our mission study on the biographies of our present missionaires, after which we were served Japanese tea and cakes.

We pledge our hearty co-operation and support to our new national officers, and we pray that we may accomplish more in our Master's service this year than ever before.

Mrs. J. HAROLD PUTT, Corr. Secy.
Ghent Brethren Church,
Roanoke, Va.

Sterling, Ohio Heard From Indirectly

From our national president, Mrs. Kent, we are in receipt of this excerpt from a letter:

We want you to know we have a fine council here at Sterling. Although we have only 10 members so far we have been having some wonderful meetings. The Lord has been blessing us and wonderfully answering our prayers, for which we thank Him.

We are looking to entertaining our district rally in April. This is also a new experience for us, but I feel it will be a joyous one.

Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.
Mrs. NELSON E. HALL, Pres., Rittman, Ohio.

Our Superintendent in Africa Writes:

I have just received the Oct. number of The Brethren Herald and observe for the first time that you have organized a Brethren Women's Missionary Council for the women of the church who are sympathetic with Grace Theological Seminary.

This is to inform you that as Supt. of teh African field I am ready to cooperate with you and your group in any way possible, that will cause you to feel that you have a living contact with this work which you have had such a great share in supporting.

I observe from your suggested program that your missionary prayer circle is to include definite prayer for each missionary. I am sure that this intercession will greatly strengthen us in our work for the Lord. May I ask that you remember me especially in my new responsibilities.

We also observe that you have taken the support of the Bouca station as your missionary project. Of course you have been in contact with Brother Bauman about this, and he has given you a figure. At the present time we apportion the 400 dollar allowance that comes to the field among the six points. This year we are dividing it equally, giving each point $66.66 per month.

Brother and Sister Foster are at present with us for a short vacation over Christmas, and they are very happy for your personal interest in the Bouca field. It is a wonderful field. I was over there for 15 days last year and had a week of meetings at both Bouca and Batangafo. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way as the people drank in the Word of God.

Yours in Christ,
O. D. JOBSON.

BIBLE STUDY

CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND ITS REWARD

—1 Cor. 3:9-15

In the forefront of this passage we are brought face to face with the dignity of labor in the Lord, "For we are laborers together with God." It is rendered in the margin, "God's fellow-workers." What a labor union that is to have membership in!

Paul had been working with those Corinthians as God's fellow-worker and now he tells them they are God's husbandry, or farm. He is no doubt thinking back to his figure in v. 6, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." He also tells them they are God's building. When our blessed Lord was upon earth He said, "I will build my church." And then after Pentecost we read, "The Lord added to the church daily such as were being saved." So it is the great building of the Christian faith which is here in view.

But in vs. 10-11 we are led to view another great building, that of Christian service, the erection of which parallels the other, but there are differences. It is with the latter structure that our present study will have to do. How carefully Paul makes this important statement: he as the gerat master builder, wise with true wisdom, which is given from above, laid the only foundation which has ever been laid, or can be laid, for Christian service; and Paul used the Rock Christ Jesus for the foundation. What would you think of workmen who, after the master builder had laid the foundation deep and strong, should persist in erecting their structural work upon the nearest vacant lot, where no foundation has been laid, or upon a foundation only suitable for a temporary building? Yet much that is called Christian service today is builded upon the shifting sands of time, or upon the flimsy foundation of man's impulses, and in spite of costly material and painstaking labor, is bound to come to nought. Paul, the master builder, not only laid the foundation but he has furnished the specifications for the building; the epistles are his blue-prints.

V. 12 points out the various materials which may be used, they cover a wide scope both as to value and beauty. We shall consider them in detail a bit later. V. 13 makes it clear that a test of workmanship is coming—the day will bring a test by fire. Fire symbolizes judgment and there is only one judgment bar before which the Christian must stand— the Bema seat—the referee's seat at the end of the course, where he sits to give out the rewards.

Two Classes of Work

According to v. 14-15 all work will fall into two classes in that day: "that which abides" and "that which is burned. "We need to be very careful to note here that it is the work that is burned; the Holy Spirit through Paul makes it very clear that the believer is not here on trial with regard to his salvation, "but he himself shall be saved." Praise God, our salvation is guaranteed by the precious blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, slain before the foundation of the world. But the fact of our security in Him should make us want to make a showing at that judgment bar, to have works to produce that shall abide when tested.

The kind of material will determine the ability to meet the test. Of the six materials in v. 12, three will abide the fire: gold, silver and precious stones; while three will be burned: wood, hay, and stubble.

May we know what these materials mean? They are symbolic, of course, and we think that we shall be able to see some of the meaning of these symbolic materials before we are through.

Gold is everywhere in Scripture a symbol of the glory of God; is not that significant? That which is done with an eye single to His glory will abide the fire. You see we may check up on ourselves. Is that which I do for His glory or for man's? My reward or loss in that day depends upon it.

Silver is the second material, another well known symbol throughout the Scripture. It speaks of redemption; the redemption price of the slave was paid in silver. Again we may put our work to the test: is it for man's redemption? Do I have that passion for souls that should be mine. That which is done for God's glory and man's redemption will abide the fire. Thus far it is the motive behind the deed which is in view.

Precious stones, of what do they speak? In the O. T. economy we find the precious stones displayed on the breatsplate worn by the high priest—the Urim and Thummin. And to the student of Scripture they show forth the graces of character of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Under the law the high priest displayed them in symbol; under grace all believer priests are expected to display them in their lives. Paul thus states it in Phil. 1:21, "For me to live is Christ," and again in Gal. 2:20, "Christ liveth in me." Do our lives show forth His light, truth, wisdom, righteousness, mercy, justice, love, or do they just display self?

Wood is in the category of "that which burns." Wood, however, is from a tree, and a tree is noble and venerable, but it symbolizes the merely human virtues, such as generosity, honesty, morality, respectability, fine in themselves, but many unsaved men display such virtues. They are good in themselves, but do no indicate separation from the world. If we are depending upon such for reward, we shall see it go up in smoke in that day and we shall suffer loss.

"Foresees Church Suppers?"

Hay has its value, too; but there is nothing noble here, it is mere food for beasts. Such work must be the catering to natural appetites. I never read this passage without feeling that the Holy Spirit gave Paul a prophetic foreview of modern church suppers to raise money. It is a fitting symbol, and it does not seem far fetched to suppose that a warning against a thing which has been so detrimental in church life should be issued thus. Our God knew the end from the beginning. How many sincere Chris-

tian women have been led into the fallacy of this church supper movement and have been sidetracked from doing any real service for the Lord!

In stubble we have the symbol of absolute worthlessness—good for nothing but to burn. Can it be possible that any born again one can be content to go before that judgment seat empty handed, to be "ashamed before Him at His coming." (1 Jn. 2:28)?

Some would have us think it is wrong to look forward to these rewards; they say we should serve for the love we bear our Lord. That is true, and I will go even further: we will never serve at all unless that motive of love sways us. But when our heavenly Father holds out to us the opportunity for rewards, have we not the right, nay the bounden duty, to work for them? In various Scriptures the rewards are spoken of as crowns. There is a dear old hymn which I love, but one line of which I can never sing, "I will stand with the glittering crown on my brow." I do desire those crowns, but the place for my crowns, if any, will be at the feet of my blessed Lord and Savior, Who alone is worthy (Rev. 4:10, 11). And some day He shall wear them, for to me that is what it means in Rev. 19:12, when He comes in power and glory to rule with the rod of iron, "On His head were many crowns." Now is the time to see that yours and mine will be among them. May we all prove faithful.

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

HARRAH, WASHINGTON

We thought the readers of the Herald might be interested to hear a little bit about our work at Harrah.

We arrived here Nov. 23. The people of the church have treated us royally. We have a furnished parsonage, and they have given us so much canned goods and meat and milk and eggs, as well as other provisions, that we have had to buy compartively little so far.

The Lord graciously worked things so we could buy a car. We consider it the "Lord's car," as He has answered so many prayers concerning it, and we got it so we could get around to do His work. Our people live scattered over a number of miles, and visiting is forming a very important part of our work. We feel that the hope of our work lies in getting new people coming to the services. If this is to take place, we must go out and get them.

We were much encouraged by a three weeks' meeting Dr. Beal held for us in January. He gave us the Word in no uncertain tones. About 25 calls were made during the time (in spite of icy, slippery roads). and Brother Beal was as courageous at personal work as he was in the pulpit. We are so happy because we can see the Lord working in the community. The last Saturday night of the meetings we had communion. During the meeting nine confessions were made, and since then, six have been baptized and have joined the church. Others will come.

The whole community was made glad over what we believe was a confession on the part of a well known man here, just before he died. He had been sick for quite a while, and had not confessed Christ as Savior. But just before his death, the Lord revealed to him the reality of the life to come, and he called on God to save him. There was a large funeral. Our pastor on this occasion had the privilege of giving the gospel to many hard men who would not go to church, but did attend the funeral out of respect for their friend.

We will close by again thanking the Lord for His goodness to a lost world.

Lyda Walter, church correspondent.

FLORA, IND.

Last Sunday marked an epochal day for the group of Brethren who since the new year have been meeting every Lord's Day in the Flora public library auditorium for Christian worship. A record attendance of 79 was tallied in the Sunday school. This number was increased by several in the morning worship hour. Rev. R. Paul Miller, of Berne, Ind., General Secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, was the guest speaker and delivered a very inspiring message on the subject, "Paul, the Pharisee." At the noon hour a splendid meal was served by the ladies of the group.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the group assembled for a business session. Lester Fife acted as temporary chairman, and Mrs. Esther Hanna recorded the transactions. After a period of general discussion the group, by unanimous vote, decided to organize a permanent church to be known as "The Grace Brethren Church of Flora, Indiana." The following officers were elected and installed: Church moderator, Lester Fife; church clerk, Mrs. Esther Hanna; church treasurer. Frank Rice; Sunday School superintendent, Wilbur Dyson; Sunday School secretary, Miss Angeline Hanna. These officers will officiate until the church has formulated and adopted a constitution.

Mr. Henry G. Rempel, a Senior at the Grace Theological Seminary of Winona Lake, Ind., has been called to the pastorate of the new Church. Mr. Rempel studied at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, and the University of California before entering Grace Seminary. He is an accomplished and experienced director of music.

The members of this new organization and their pastor stand ready to co-operate fully with all other Christian believers in this city and community in every sincere and Biblical testimony to the truth as revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ and in every effort to win the lost to salvation in Him.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

A little girl in India was in a small village school just long enough to learn that Jesus loved her. She was taken sick, and before she died her mother heard her say, "Satan, don't you touch me. I am Jesus' little girl."

Then she said, "For God so loved"—This was all her mother could remember to tell the missionary. But up in heaven they were glad to see "Jesus' little girl."

—Children's Missionary Friend.

EASTER CROSS WORD PUZZLE

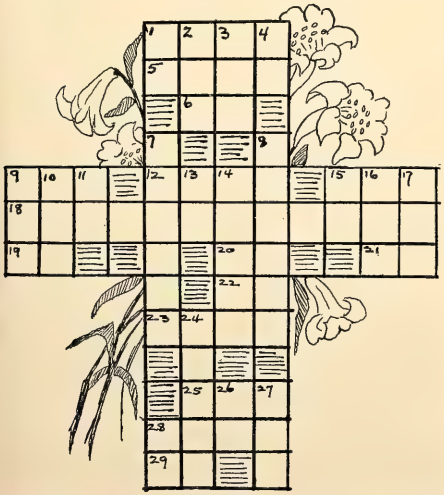
By Mrs. Alan S. Pearce

HORIZONTAL

1. What we have in John 20:31.
5. An artificial butter.
6. Pound (abbreviation).
9. A lentil.
12. That which is laid up in heaven for us. (Col. 1:5).
15. Any great or distinct period of time in the history of man.
18. What Jesus is. (John 11:25).
19. Half a printer's measure.
20. Abbreviation for Augustus.
21. Doctor of Divinity.
22. Credit (abbr.)
23. That upon which Christ was crucified.
25. A word found in John 6:1.
28. A mountain in the land where Esau dwelt. (Gen. 36:8).
29. A son of Peleth. Num. 16:1).

VERTICAL

1. A word found in Matt. 28:20.
2. A word found only once in the New Testament. (Rom. 13:10).



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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC FOR APR. 7.

JUDAISM: Gal. 2:1-21.

Suggestions for the Leader:

Judaism, the Jews' religion, and Christianity, both regard O. T. as sacred Scripture. Use in different ways, though both defend its teaching.

Christianity respects Lord Jesus Christ; Judaism refuses to see in Him anything more than great teacher or wonder worker.

Though accepting O. T., Judaism must be classed with false religions. At proper time Jewish world failed to honor Christ as God's Messiah. Instead began opposition to Him.

Present trend to bring Jew, Catholic and Christian together is dangerous. Motives may be commendable, but dare not surrender any distinctive defences of Lord Jesus.

Scripture reading informed us that Jew changed manner of living after becoming Christian. Did not turn back on all former teaching, but accepted fuller statement of faith in Christ.

1. Judaism and the O. T. Mk. 7:1-13.

O. T. is Jews' Scripture. Throughout years have accepted rabbi's writings as equal to Scripture.

3. A month (abbr.).
7. The divine title of Jesus.
8. What we are made through believing in the shed of blood of Christ.
9. Prefix meaning before.
10. Even.
11. So.
13. Conjunction.
14. What we have through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom. 5:1).
15. A famous Old Testament battle that was won by strategy (Josh. 8:18).
16. The first person of the Trinity.
17. A word meaning an inevitable or natural consequence, found in Rom. 14:9.
24. What Christ is in 1 Cor. 15:20.
26. East Indies (abbr.).
27. What God commanded Noah to build.
28. Provided that.

Answer in the next issue.

Changed some of God's commandments to suit convenience. Judaism became most pronounced enemy of Christianity.

2. Judaism and the early church. Acts 15:1-11.

First members of church were Jews. Some thought Gentiles could not come in church without submitting to Jews' religious ceremonies. Council of Jerusalem decided against Judaizers, declaring church to be new body, not merely part of old Jewish system.

First trouble betwen Jews and Christians resulted in Jews' persecution of Christians. Jews became chief enemies and informers against church.

3. Judaism and Christianity. Rom. 11:30-32.

As church grew in strength, heartless persecution of Jews came from Christians in name but not in heart. Jews suspicious of Christians even today because of persecution received from them at one time.

Real Christians regard Jews as needing help; take gospel to them. Today many Jews show sympathetic attitude toward Christianity, some even embracing the new faith.

4. Judaism and Christ. Mt. 27:22-25.

Christ became storm center between Jews and Christians.

His own people received Him not (Jn. 1:11). Jews responsible for death of Christ (Mt. 27:20, 25).

Judaism has not changed attitude toward Christ of Bible. Have no disposition to honor Him as God's Messiah though some leaders acclaim Him as great teacher and artist of parable. No doubt these selfish leaders would oppose Him on same grounds.

5. Judaism and Salvation.

O. T. saints saved by looking forward to Christ. Believed God—was counted to them as righteousness. (Rom. 4:3).

What must Israel do now? Acts 2:37-38. After coming of Christ, Jews compelled to accept Him and all His claims to be saved (Acts 4:11). Honest believer in O. T. really should be willing to accept Chirst (Jn. 5:46).

Questions:

1. What makes greatest difference between Judaism and Christianity? Acts 9:5, 20.

2. Why is Jew-hate wrong way to deal with Jews? Gen. 12:3.

3. What is our duty toward Jew today? Mt. 25:40.

4. Will the Jews eventually be saved? If so, how? Rom. 11:23-26.

5. How has Judaism failed? Rom. 3:17-19.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC FOR APR. 14

JOSHUA, THE OPTIMIST: Josh. 1:1-9.

Suggestions for the Leader:

Character studies always interesting: deal with experiences true to life. Always helpful: learn good traits to follow, bad traits to avoid.

Joshua has marvelous record—no serious lapse of sin like Noah, Abraham, David. Stands with Enoch, Daniel, Joseph, Stephen.

Joshua always associated with minority group that brought favorable report from Canaan; Caleb the only other who stood with him against the 10—an example where minority was right and majority wrong.

Joshua was man of faith. Believed God when outcome looked impossible from human viewpoint. Did what looked ridiculous to men but was God's way of working.

1. Joshua, Moses' Minister. Ex. 24:13; 32:17.

Pathway to leadership often that of service. Joshua learned to obey Moses, thus became better leader of others. Waited for Moses' return while many fell into sin of idolatry. Most likely was among company of Ex. 24:14. God can use in special way those who wait for Him and witness His salvation.

2. Joshua, a Faithful Witness. Num. 14:6-9.

Was favored by Moses in being selected one of spies to survey new land. Caleb was dependent upon God in same manner while other 10 were afraid. Every one saw dangers and difficulties, but Joshua and Caleb remembered God could fight for them.

A blind optimism would ignore difficulties. This not what Joshua had. He included God in possession of land.

Christian cannot please God and be pessimist. Entire living should be joyous. In Christ we have everything.

3. Joshua, the Lord's Warrior. Josh. 1:5-9; 5:13-15.

Had promise that Lord would be with him. Israel's real leader was unseen Captain of Hosts, Whom we believe was Lord Jesus. Joshua's confidence in Lord was rewarded—led children of Israel into promised land. We must have such confidence in Lord to have victory in Christian living. Our enemies and problems in spiritual realm as great and real as Joshua's.

4. The Victory of Faith. Josh. 6:20.

Fall of Jericho was most remarkable victory for Joshua. He used strange methods of warfare. World could not understand God's methods of work. But worldly methods are foolishness with God. God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.

5. The Defeat of Sin. Josh.. 7:11-13.

Optimism is not enough to assure us of victory. Joshua's intentions good, but sin in camp brought Israel defeat. Secret sins make us weak, easily defeated. Joshua did proper thing: went to Lord to determine what was wrong.

6. Joshua's Dying Testimony. Josh. 23:14.

Joshua's experiences show he lived life of victory for God. His last words were an encouragement to trust God—gave God credit for the victory. Challenged the people to choose this day to serve God (Josh. 24:15). Was firm in stand against idols and for true worship of God.

NEWS BRIEFS From Our Workers

By Robert Culver

REVIVAL WITH A CAPITAL "R" is the name for what the Brethren Church at Waynesboro, Pa., has been experiencing these last few weeks. A revival meeting, with R. Paul Miller as evangelist was begun there Jan. 30 and continued till Feb. 18. Pastor Robert Crees reports that "the visibile results for the three weeks were 96 public decisions, of which 55 were reconsecrations and 41 confessions of Christ." On the Sun following the meetings 31 converts were baptized and there were 7 more decisions. It is also interesting to note that the prayer meeting attendance for the two weeks following was 106 and 120. God's faithfulness was revealed also in the giving of awards to 58 for perfect attendance during 1939, on Feb. 25.

ANOTHER GREAT REVIVAL is mentioned in indirect reports from Dayton, Ohio, where Dr. Bauman closed a meeting Mar. 3. During a part of the meeting Dr. Bauman was ill and Bro. Leo Polman did the preaching. Eighty-four decisions were made publicly —besides some 50 or 60 dedications in a unique candle-light service which was conducted by Brother Polman. Rev. Barnard reports that already 70 have been baptized and added to the church. Sunday School attendance keeps between 500 and 600, 555 reported for March 3rd. The Lord continues to bless!

EVANGELIST R. PAUL MILLER is holding a revival in our church at Martinsburg, Pa., of which Rev. Stanley Hauser is pastor.—Waynesboro, Pa., Bulletin, March 3, 1940.

AN EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN is to be begun in the Fort Wayne Church, March 31, with Bob Munro, the Scotch musical evangelist, leading in these meetings. Rev. Leo Polman, pastor, invites all brethren in and around Ft. Wayne to come in and fellowship with them, especially during these meetings.

A DEDICATION SERVICE of the new building for the new church in Wooster, Ohio, John Squires, pastor, was held Sunday afternoon, Mar. 3. A very impressive dedication ceremony was conducted. Chas. W. Mayes gave the dedicatory address and those assisting in the service were John M. Aeby and Wayne Baker.

R. E. GINGRICH, pastor of the church at Ellet (Akron), Ohio, recently served as evangelist in the Zwingli Reformed Church at Wadsworth, Ohio and is now in the process of two weeks meeting in the Graham Rd. Baptist near Stow, Ohio.

ALVA J. McCLAIN, President of Grace Theological Seminary, is the speaker at the 23d annual City Wide Bible Conference in Waterloo, Ia., Mar. 10-17. The conference is being held in our new Grace Brethren Church in the city. This is the eighth consecutive year in which Bro. McClain has been in Waterloo as a Bible conference speaker.

HERMAN A. HOYT, professor at Grace Theological Seminary, is speaking in four of our Pennsylvania churches Mar. 3-17. On the nights of Mar. 8-10, in the Uniontown church; 11-12 at Martinsburg; 13-14 at Juniata, and 15-17 at Listie.

DR. V. C. KELFORD, Bible Conference leader, reputed to be America's greatest Bible teacher on the subject of "God's Grace," is conducting a two weeks' conference in our Whittier, Calif. church, Rev. Chas. Ashman is pastor. By the way—Dr. Kelford was recently baptized by Rev. Polman at Fort Wayne, and is now a member of that congregation.

God Not Silent

One day I had just finished my 15 miles march in Central Africa. I must have been very jaded, for I threw myself down on a log of wood in the grass. I did not see a native at my left elbow, for as I told you, you never do see anything in Africa. Well, I did not see this native, and he growled at me, "You are angry, sir."

"Oh," I said, turning and dissolving into smiles, "Tell me all about it! You seem to know sir." (In Africa we are all very polite to another.)

"You are silent," he said, "and that means you are angry."

"What do you mean?" I asked, scenting philosophy.

"Well," he said, "That is the reason why we know that God is angry, because God is silent."

That is the tragedy of those dying millions in Central Africa. They think God is a malignant demon, cold and callous. Stars rise and set, rise and set; up go a million moans from the merciless marshes, and no answer, no answer. God is silent; God is angry. I whipped out my little Bible, and I said to him:

"You think God is silent? Listen." And I turned to Heb. 1:1: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." And when I read, "God . . . hath in these last days spoken," the man stopped me to ask a question. Can you not guess what it was? "In these last days?" he said. "Last week, sir?" Then I was obliged to admit it was nearly two thousand years since God had emptied heaven of His heart's darling, and that all that long, long time America and England had allowed the poor despised negro to go without knowledge that God had been revealed in the world, that England and America had apparently forgotten the command, "Go ye into all the world." And I was ashamed.

—Excerpt from THINKING BLACK by Dan Crawford.

Through the Eyes of an African Boy

From Mission Dayspring

The following story is told by a young Kaffir boy:

When I was a boy in Africa, my father sent me to keep sheep. In Africa, men don't work at all. Women work, but men dress their hair and fight and talk. Boys keep cattle, not in little fields, but in wide open places, where a lion or a leopard may come to catch them. The boys watch, and if lion come they make noises nobody could understand. This makes us think we must go and see these white animals and and these wonderful things, and we ask our father to please let us go to Natal for three months. That's three or four years ago now, and we never go back yet; but we want to go and tell our father and mother that man works and woman stays at home That is proper, because man is strong and woman is weaker, and got babies to mind. But Kaffir woman very strong; must put baby on her back and work just the same; make crops grow and grind corn, and dig and build house. And when she get old and weak and no use Kaffir man say, "This one no use now, must push her over," and then he takes her to steep place on top of hill and push her down, because she is no use, and can't do anything. Now I know that's very wicked, and I want to go back and tell my people that they shan't push my old grandmother over, I hope. She loves me and my brother, and we want to go soon to save her from being pushed over and tell her about Jesus.

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TRY "HONEY OUT OF THE ROCK," BROTHER!

On Jan. 10th, an Associated Press dispatch from Lawrence, Mass. told of a pastor there who placed an ad in the *Lawrence Tribune* as follows:

> *"WANTED: Men and women who are and were of the Salem Street P. M. Church to occupy some of the empty seats and to take positions of trust and responsibility in the church. Reward in heaven. Signed, Board of Trustees."*

The pastor declared that out of 179 members the attendance on Sunday was only 50 in the morning, and 30 at night. Now something evidently is the matter.

It might be pertinent to say that you never have to beat the brush and drive the bees to any place where there is honey. Recently there was in Los Angeles, a barefooted "Elijah" with long hair, who stood in front of the mission on Main St., with his pockets full of silver quarters. He began handing them out to passers by. He had a quarter for each individual who reached out his hand. It wasn't very long until he had a mob about him and it took the police to disperse them. The street was completely blocked.

You see, *he gave them something!* Might we suggest to the pastor of the church back in Massachusetts that perhaps he ought to be *giving them something.* Anyhow here is a good text in a very, very old book: *"He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock he should have satisfied them"* (See Ps. 81:16). It just can't be helped Folks will naturally flock to where they find "the finest of the wheat" and "honey out of the rock." Give them *wheat,* brother, and not chaff! Give them *honey,* not sawdust.

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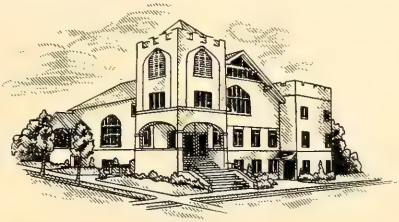

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I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord.
—Ps. 122:1.

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EDITORIALS

By C. W. Mayes, Editor

CLEANSING THE CHURCHES

When Jesus went up to Jerusalem at the time of the Passover, He found oxen, sheep and doves being sold in the temple. These animals were used in the sacrifices, and since it took thousands of these at the Passover season a commercialism had been built up at the temple. Christ used tactics which would probably be severely criticised today. He showed His indignation by making a whip of small cords, and drove the whole commercial system out. Imagine the sheep and oxen and men running out, overturning the tables and scattering the money. He emphatically revealed that the house of God is not to be used for merchandise purposes even though the merchandising is for the benefit of worship. This certainly makes it clear that God is displeased today with the commercialism which goes on in many of the churches of our land. Even though bake sales, ice cream suppers, rummage sales, etc., may be held in the name of the church for the purpose of raising money for the work of the church, this method is wrong and our Lord was displeased with it. God has a better financial program (Mal. 3:10; I Cor. 16:2; II Cor. 9:6-8).

Sometimes it is necessary to be firm and uncompromising. Christ was just that in his acts of cleansing the temple. Perhaps it was not easy to stand against the multitude and demand that the things displeasing to God must be removed, but our Lord knew that right needs to make no apology. When our churches show some of our Lord's firmness in dealing with sin and wrong no matter where it strikes, we will see greater blessings than ever before.

THE NEW BIRTH

Nicodemus, a wise teacher among the Jews, came by night to investigate for himself the things about Jesus. Jesus immediately began to talk about being born again. Nicodemus could not see that, thinking only of the first birth in the flesh and not understanding the things of the Spirit. Jesus showed him that the new birth is supernatural and cannot be understood in detail by man any more than the wind can be understood. Nocodemus must have been baffled and humiliated to think that he was a teacher in Israel and yet knew nothing about these things.

The new birth is the work of God in the human heart by which God makes us new creatures in Christ so that our salvation life is His very life in us (II Cor. 5:17). We are born of the Spirit and born of the Word (I Pet. 1:23). The new birth is God's work unto salvation in answer to our faith. Jesus illustrated this truth by the incident of Num. 21:6-9. The brass serpent on a pole in the wilderness was a picture of Christ on the cross. Brass is a symbol of judgment, so Christ was judged on the cross. As those in the wilderness were saved from the bites of serpents by looking to the serpent on the pole, so we are saved by looking in faith to Christ on the cross. Jn. 3:16-18 explains that our look is an act of faith. We believe it would be a fine thing if some of the religious leaders in 1940 would learn as Nicodemus did what it means to be born again.

WHEN LOSS IS GAIN

The Jews came to John the Baptist with the news that Jesus was making more disciples than he. One might think this would make John jealous, but it did not. Instead, John made it an occasion to exait Christ. When someone else brings more souls to God than we do, we should rejoice and praise God instead of becoming jealous. John's explanation of all this was that we are only what God makes us after all, and we have only what He gives us from heaven. John readily admitted that he was not the Christ, desiring that Christ alone should have the preeminence. He alluded to the fact that Christ is the heavenly bridegroom and His believers the bride. John was content to be called the friend of the bridegroom, and as such he rejoiced at the greatness of the bridegroom. John made it clear that Christ had come down from heaven and therefore was above all; that He speaks the words of God; that all things are in His hands; and that to believe on Him is to have life and to reject Him is to abide under the wrath of God (John 3:30-36).

NOW

"Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold NOW is the day of salvation."—2 Corinthians 6:2.

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THE PROPHECY OF OBADIAH

By Albert Flory Pastor of First Brethren Church, San Diego, Calif.

If we could play Rip Van Winkle backwards and nd ourselves 2800 years ago along the sides of Mt. eir on that rocky ridge overlooking a fertile plain nown as Edom, we would see a land teeming with ommercial activity as merchants passed through ne land to India. But today, should we find ourelves on that same spot overlooking the same valley, e would see nothing but a barren rocky plain reecting intense heat under an oriental sun. Why the hange? Why the barreness and desolation where nce the land was alive with commerce? A simple ord gives the answer, "God." God's prophecy makes l the difference. We shall find in this small book Obadiah the answer to a question which would herwise puzzle us no little.

The hatred and antagonism which existed between dom and the people of Israel goes back as far as e controversy between Jacob and Esau with all the rgery and deceit that was involved. The descendnts of Esau settled in the land of Edom. According the prophecy of God at the birth of Jacob and au, the elder did serve the younger, but not willgly. It was in the reign of Jehoram, king of Judah, at the Edomites staged a revolt and at this time od pronounced judgment upon them through Obaah, the prophet.

Edom will be brought low (vs. 1-9).

As I read the first nine verses of this prophecy, I n reminded of a group of little boys with balloons. e boy has his balloon blown up just a little bigger an those of his companions. How proud he is of s big balloon as he goes from one to another, chest own out as big as the balloon, displaying the thing his pride! Then another little fellow, feeling that ide has gone too far, sticks the balloon with a pin. multaneous with the passing of air from the balon is the passing of air from the proud little felw's chest, and all the pride is gone.

Her pride will be brought low (vs. 1-4).

Edom is just like the little boy with the balloon. e is proud of her achievements and accomplishents. But God sticks a pin in Edom's pride. Note e different pricks. "I have made thee small among e heathen" (vs. 2). Here this nation which has seen much in the way of commercial activity is told at she is to be small among the heathen and to be eatly despised. But that isn't all: she will be ought clear down to the ground. If we could look the city today, no ruins would be more imposing an those of Edom. Within a short distance thirty ined towns, absolutely deserted, are to be seen. The y of Petra, hewn out of solid rock, is still pointed t as the relic of a metropolis of immense strength d one of the wonders of the ancient world. "The ide of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in thine heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?" (v. 3).

We will leave my own figure of the boy with the balloon now and take the figure that Obadiah uses. In v. 4, God through Obadiah is saying that He doesn't care how high Edom lets her pride run, He will bring it low. Even if Edom would become like an eagle and fly up so high in her pride that she would build her nest up in the stars, even so, God says, "Thence I will bring thee down." How wonderful to know that no matter how high a Hitler's or a Mussolini's pride might go for himself or his nation, God is able to reach up high enough to bring him down! How wonderful we can be that this same Lord who spoke to Edom in the days of Obadiah rules among the kingdoms of men today!

2. Her destruction will be complete (v. 5).

The prophet changes the figure here again to that of thieves going through a grape vineyard at night stealing grapes. Naturally in their haste, and in the darkness, they will miss some and leave them behind. But the implication here is clear. When God goes through Edom in judgment, there will be nothing left behind. The cities and the land will be utterly distroyed so that nothing shall be left. Travelers today testify to the truth of the complete destruction.

3. Her destruction had started within (v. 6-7).

Babylon would never have been conquered by the Persians had not the seeds of decay been at work within the nation. Rome would never have been conquered by the barbaric hordes and not corruption of life undermined the foundation of the empire. The United States would never be in danger of outside foes were it not for the fact that the American home is being broken by the divorce court. The desire for pleasure and leisure time is taking the place of hard work, and the beer parlors and dance halls are being filled rather than the church of Jesus Christ. Inward corruption always lays a nation open for outward destruction. So it was in Edom. Sec. II analizes the inward corruption, but here we have a taste. "The men that were at peace with, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee" (v. 7). The very men that were trusted were jabbing a knife in the national life. Ever was it so and even is it so today; the things in which men trust, when wrong, will bring destruction.

4. Her wise and mighty men will be destroyed (vs. 8-9).

If we were looking for an Einstein or a Robert Millikan, we would not be apt to hunt for him on the barren wastes of Edom. No, because God says, I will "destroy the wise men out of Edom and understand-

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JEWISH DEPARTMENT

By Arthur Carey

John 10:16; Matthew 18:12-14 and 10:6; Romans 1:16 and Acts 15:26

The Neglected Race for Whom Christ Died

ISRAEL AND THE GLORY AGE

Leader

Moses, who refused the pleasures of sin for a season to suffer affliction with the people of God, became a leader of renown. Had he remained at Pharaoh's court, the world doubtless would never have heard of him. But now, emblazoned on the pages of history is his name, the greatest lawgiver of any nation. The rule of Moses single-handed over a previously unorganized, undisciplined, and persecuted group of perhaps two million people of all ages will be eclipsed only by the rule of the Lord Jesus Christ, when all nations will come up to Jerusalem to worship before Him and give allegiance to His banner. He shall be for an ensign to all nations. Of Him Moses wrote that God would raise up unto Israel a Prophet like unto himself. Jesus said to the Jews, "Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father; there is one that accuseth you, **even Moses,** whom ye trust, for had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me, **for he wrote of Me.** But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?"

Exodus

To accomplish the removal of such a large company, in the face of serious difficulties as mountainous terrain in one direction, a sea in another, and a pursuing army in still another, calls for not merely a capable leader, but the divine intervention of God. At Israel's next exodus, the Lord Himself will be the rallying point for all Jewry. He shall deliver them out of the hands of all the nations. In that final tribulation battle, Armageddon, when the greedy, gory maws of the beast powers shall all but snuff out the flickering light of the witnesses of Jehovah God, He shall descend and repel the armies by the word of His mouth. Then in the reconstruction of the new age shall the great exodus be accomplished.

Theocratic Precepts

At Mt. Sinai, Moses delivered to Israel the decalogue. It was written with the finger of God (Ex. 31: 18). There were over 600 other statutes, ordinances and judgments. When asked if Israel would obey the voice of the Lord God and keep His covenant, the people answered as one man, "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." But 40 days had hardly elapsed before Israel had succumbed to the enticing, sensual gods of Egypt. The remaining history of Israel unto the cross is checkered with idolatrous worship. Thus the nation of priests (Ex. 19:6) lost their mission to the world and before Jehovah, side-tracking the theocratic rule and precepts of the true God in favor of the religious trinketry of the heathen.

But this will not always be so. There comes a time, relates Ezekiel, when Israel will keep the true precepts, because of a change of heart. In this golden age, says Jehovah, "I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments and do them" (Ezek. 36:25-28).

Invasion

Under Joshua the Israelites invaded the new land and settled it. The defeat of Jericho symbolizes to us the collapse of Gentile opposition in the great millennial period. The millennial Gentiles, for the most part, will become as Rahab who believed and was saved. For in that great future day, ten men will take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, "We will go with you for we have heard that God is with you" (Zech. 8:23). Finally after thousands of years of bitter experience, Gentiles will learn that the nation that curses the Jew will be cursed, and that through the Jew all families of the earth will be blessed (Gen. 12:3).

Inertia

Contrary to Jehovah's warnings, Israel settled in the land amongst its heathen population. Amalgamation of social customs, disintegration of governmental organization, deformation of the true worship, and suicide of power, became the result. And just so, the Christian who meddles with the world finds himself faced with the same result. This was called the period of the judges. This period was divided into cycles. These cycles started with **disobedience.** Then followed **oppression** by neighboring nations. The **repentant cry** of a lost people never failed to reach the ears of Jehovah. **Deliverance** was then forthcoming. In short compass, this has been and will be the history of Israel — disobedience until Christ, dispersion and oppression since Christ's advent, the cry of repentance still future (Zech. 12:10-14) and even now the earnest is in evidence, and then the Great Deliverer in personal power and majesty.

Kingship and the Golden Age

Against the advice of Samuel, Israel demanded a king. It was popular to have a king, but the popular thing may not always be the right thing. It was a virtual rejection of the theocracy of God in favor of the monarchical rule of man. But God is able to overrule the mistakes of men and turn them to His glory. That God did exactly this is seen in the subsequent history. After the rule of Saul which ended in disaster, David appeared and embodied the true kingly qualities which God desired—intense zeal and love for the Lord, humility, meekness, strength, and leadership. David drew and held together the people of the kingdom, making a united nation. The glory of the nation reached its height in the earlier years of Solomon's reign This has sometimes been referred to as the golden age of Hebrew history. But the Bible reveals the golden age to be yet future, when the true Son of David, Christ, shall reign from Jerusalem and extend sway over the whole earth. Of His kingdom there shall be no end. Hallelujah!

The Growing Christian

"Grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—2 Peter 3:18

LETTERS TO A COUSIN ..... **By Art**

Dear Cousin Bert:

I wondered who in the world could be writing me a letter postmarked Springboro. Imagine my surprise when I found that it was another message from you. It was fortunate that I put that letter in the mail when I did or it would not have reached you on the day you left for your new position to which you were transferred. It seems just too bad that you had to leave the little mission church in your home town so soon after your conversion. I can tell by the tone and contents of your letter that you still need the fellowship and spiritual encouragement that you were getting there.

You are perfectly welcome if you received any value and blessing from the letter I wrote to you. Writing is usually so unsatisfactory and I do wish I could be with you a couple of hours right now. We could sit down with our Bibles and go over a number of things that would help you in the light of your new experiences. Until we can do that, we will have to be content with the next best thing and continue using the mails.

Now I want to warn you that there are multitudes of people who have what we term as "churchianity" like the young chap you met up with at your rooming house. But when it comes to "Christianity," they do not know what it is all about. They are not to be blamed, but pitied and helped. And the tragedy is that they do not get the help they should have in the type of church to which you say he took you. Besides, they are not taught to "search the Scriptures" for themselves, and by the time many of these high-minded liberal preachers get through toning down and reasoning away the real meaning of the Word of God, they have nothing of value in their ministry. So it is not surprising to me that you were exposed to the low-type of spiritual standards you experienced with your new friend.

It was interesting to me the surprise this lad seemed to manifest at your refusal to go with him on Saturday night to those places of worldly amusements. His mild-mannered method of belittling your convictions goes right along with his surprise; only his true estimation of you is expressed when he speaks of you to those of his kind. You can appreciate his attitude better in the light of the passage of Scripture as recorded in I Pet. 4:1-5; "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind; for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you; who shall give an account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead." Every phrase in this passage is a rebuke to your friend. And the way you say he tried to justify himself as a church member was also quite typical. Yes, too many think that they can do everything in the devil's program except steal and kill and still maintain their Christian integrity.

As you know, Bert, true conversion is a right about face. It is a hatred of the things we once loved and a love for the things we once hated. It is a "crucifixion of the flesh with its affections and lusts." It is a "setting of your affections on things above, not on the things of the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." It is "a new creation: old things have passed away; behold all things are become new." When conversion takes place "the old man is crucified with Christ that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." There is even a positive "abstaining from all appearance of evil." (Quotations from Gal. 5:24; Col. 3:2-3; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:6; I Thess. 5:22). So you were absolutely consistent in your negative response to his appeals, and I feel that you will always abide faithful. It will be your responsibility to saturate your mind with the Word of God and in "the spirit of meekness" be able to "give an answer to every man" who challenges your manner of life.

Never identify yourself with the enemies of God, for "friendship with the world is enmity with God" (James 4:4). Memorize this passage, Bert, and remember where it is located. You will have many occasions to use it in the future. I Jn. 2:15 is one that goes right along with it; "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Everyone is giving a spiritual rating of himself to the one who is acquainted with the Word of God. Our rating with God may also be improved upon by this same knowledge; "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

While working the Bible business in Springboro last summer, I discovered one outstanding group that really preaches the unadulterated gospel and emphasizes genuine New Testament spiritual living. They worship in that white tabernacle-like building on Selmar Road. Since we have no Brethren church there, let me encourage you to go out there next Sunday. I was in many homes of this congregation and they surely have a fine group of Bible loving people. I particularly want you to meet Jasper Shannon. He works at the Meig's Sporting Goods Store. What a

blessed time he and I had together one day. He was very much impressed with what we Brethren believe and why. He promised to read Dr. Bauman's book, "The Faith Once and for All Delivered to the Saints" which deals with our doctrines. He has a Bible class in an unchurched section and dreams of an established church, if the Lord tarries. Perhaps we can influence him to make it a Brethren church. We have been wanting a new work there for some time.

A barber asked the strange customer in his chair if he expected to go to the Bible lecture that night in the high school auditorium. The man answered in the affirmative. The barber advised that he should not go beause it was sure to be boresome. To which the stranger replied, "I'm afraid I can't get out of it. You see, I am the lecturer." I am afraid this letter has just about taken on the aspects of a lecture hill. I hope it has not been too boresome. Before it does. I had better bring it to a close.

Be assured that I am praying for you and that God will use your transfer to Springboro to His glory. I will be expecting to hear from you regularly. In best bonds, I am,

Your cousin,

ART.

THE PROPHECY OF OBADIAH

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ing out of the Mt. of Esau." Edom in its day must have been a center of learning. They had contact with both the eastern and western world through the caravans that passed through to India. Not only does God purpose in this prophecy to lay waste their land and destroy their nation, but also will He bring to naught their schools and places of learning.

The phrase "mighty men" (v. 9) in the Bible practically in every case refers to men of war. It is significant to note that the men of war who have disobeyed the voice of the Lord in Edom are going to meet a doom deserving of their sin. "Every one..... may be cut off by slaughter." Many places in the Bible this principle holds. In the book of Revelation where people are worshipping demons, God turns hell loose and gives them demons to worship. Of course the demons bring great destruction and torment men. In Edom, where mighty men are asking for war, God gives them so much of what they ask for that there is a time of slaughter when they themselves are destroyed.

(To be continued)

"We ask for toys when we should ask for continents and be claiming the world for Christ."

I do not ask that He must prove
His Word is true to me,
And that before I can believe
He first must let me see.

—Selected.

JESUS CHRIST

The One Key to Scripture

STUDIES IN THE HEBREW EPISTLE

"Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have Eternal Life; and they are they which testify of me"—John 5:39.

STUDY NO. 2 By ORD GEHMAN

Chapter I.

In one bold thrust the writer begins this epistle. No words are lost in address or salutation. It serves as a harbinger of the urgency of the message which follows. We are immediately aware at the very outset of this first chapter of the gravity of the burden of the message which lay upon the writer's heart. He not only has a message to deliver, but he has a Christ to present to those who need His comfort. Trials sore were theirs and they needed the sustaining power of our Omnipotent Christ. The world may seek religious philosophy, but give us Christ! They may seek men's ideals, but give us the Christ of Calvary! None other satisfies.

We are at once confronted with the grandeur of the revelations of God. Formerly He had spoken by His prophets and His angels. Turning to the Old Testament we discover the marvels of those revelations. There is no attempt here to detract from the former method of revelation; the supremacy of the **final** revelation of God is to be considered.

Let us notice the reference made to the Mediator of God's final revelation. It is a presentation of the Son, for through Him the Father has spoken unto us. God's final answer to the needs of mankind is Jesus Christ. To seek an answer any less than Christ, however great, is to fall far short. We need Christ; for the Father "appointed Him heir of all things." There is little use to talk about an inheritance aside from Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. If we expect to inherit anything in God, it must come through Jesus Christ the Son. Paul says, "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified with Him" (Rom. 8:16-17). That heirship with Christ may entail suffering, heart-ache, misunderstanding, and much that will rend the human heart, but "if we suffer with Him, we may also be glorified with Him."

Not only is the Son made the heir, but He was chosen of the Father that through Him the ages (worlds) should be made (formed). Oh child of God, do you realize the fulness of our position with Jesus Christ? He through Whom the ages were started on their way to final consummation; through Whom the

earth was beautifully garnished for His glory; He it is Who sustains His children by the Word of His grace. If God could, through this incarnate Christ, clothe the grass of the field and array the beauties of nature to sing His praises, how much more can He show forth His Majesty through His children who are really yielded to Him? "We are His workmanship," says Paul, "created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).

The transcendency of the Lord of glory becomes apparent to every one of His children who study this epistle. The whole Word of God pulsates with that fact so wonderfully expressed here. He is the effulgence of the Father's glory, and bears the express image of His substance. No man can view the Son of God aright in all His eternal glory without seeing God the Father. Philip confronted Christ with this request, "Show us the Father, and it sufficeth us" (Jn. 14:8). There must have been pathos for Philip's slowness of heart in the reply of the Master, "Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou, 'Show us the Father'?". We will never know any more about the Father than is revealed in the face of His blessed Son, our Savior.

Not only do we discover that Christ Jesus is God's fullest expression of Himself, but He is the upholder of all things by the Word of His power. Men may deny the Word of God; they may trample under foot the precious blood of the new covenant; they may seek to obliterate from their thinking the facts of God. It reminds one of the first Psalm, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh." Finally, without God, they shall be as "_____wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness hath been reserved for ever" (Jude 13). Whether men recognize this fundamental fact or not does not invalidate its truth: the living Word of God, the incarnate Son, still reigns as our sovereign God, and before Him "every knee shall bow." We not only patiently await Him Who shall be our "King of kings" and "Lord of lords" and establish His kingdom of righteousness upon this earth, but as His children recognize Him as the upholder and sustainer of all today. Friend, is your heart thrilled today as you think of our saving and sustaining Christ?

Now we notice a change in the tense in this verse. Being and upholding signify present action. Next we see that "when He **had made** purification of sins, **sat** down on the right hand of the Majesty on high." On the basis of God's Word here and elsewhere we discover that Christ's work of the purification of sins is forever settled in heaven and He now sits on the right hand of His Father's majesty to minister as the Advocate of His children. There is none other way given among men whereby men may be saved. There is only one way to the Father's house (Jn. 14:6). If you dislike the blood-sprinkled way through Jesus' precious blood, we can offer no other hope. And even if it were possible for you to get to heaven some other way, eternity with Christ and His saints would be disagreeable for you, for His Word states that John saw "in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures: and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, **as though it had been slain,**_____" (Rev. 5: 6). Friend, without the atoning blood of the Lamb of God applied to your heart and life you need not expect to enter a blood-washed kingdom. A fountain for cleansing flows near by; 'tis none other than the riven side of the Son of the living God. Have you accepted His grace?

Christ supercedes angels. They are ministering spirits sent forth to do service for the sake of those who shall inherit eternal salvation. O child of God, yield yourself wholly to the Son of God that He may do greater things, for you and through you. (Rom. 12:1-2).

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Heads don't get together till hearts do.

Said an elderly minister, "I'd rather people would wonder why I don't have a degree than why I do."

The Bible contains much we cannot explain; **nothing** we cannot believe.

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A DOCTRINE OF CHRIST DEPARTMENT

By Frank G. Coleman, Jr.

"GOD WITH US"

When the prophet Isaiah uttered the startling words which prophesied the supernatural birth of Israel's Messiah, he closed his brief prophecy with the words, "and shall call his name Immanuel." More than seven hundred years later the Spirit of God used Matthew to set forth to us the fact that the name of the One Who came in fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy means "God with us." No true believer in Christ doubts that in the person of Christ God was truly with us; but many have yet to discover the identity of His person as He existed in the eternity before His advent into the world as God manifest in the flesh. The Word teaches that the Christ Who was the "God with us" of the New Testament was the Jehovah of the Old Testament.

LORD—JEHOVAH

The student of God's Word, if he uses the Authorized Version, should bear one simple fact in mind as he undertakes to discover something of the majesty and glory of the pre-incarnate Christ. It is this: LORD, spelled with capitals, indicates that the name JEHOVAH appears in the original Hebrew text. This is the key to identifying Christ and Jehovah, if you do not have access, either to a marginal reference Bible, or the Revised Version.

THE COMING ONE—JEHOVAH

The Testimony of Zechariah

In the second chapter of Zechariah's prophecy, v. 10-11, the announcement of the Coming One is made in these words, "Lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD (Jehovah). And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee." Two things should be noted in these verses. First, JEHOVAH announces His own coming. Second, JEHOVAH announces that JEHOVAH of hosts will send Him. Looking down the centuries, then, we see Christ, the One Who came!

A second testimony of Zechariah is to be found in 14:9. "And the LORD (Jehovah) shall be king over all the earth; in that day shall there be one LORD, and His name one." The context reveals that this is spoken of the coming kingdom. One need only to mark the multiplied instances in the New Testament in which the coming King of kings is shown to be Christ in His glorious second coming, in order to establish the identity of Christ as Jehovah.

CHRIST—JEHOVAH

The Testimony of John The Baptist

Prior to the public appearance of Christ, John the Baptist announed himself as the forerunner of the coming Lord. He came, he said, in fulfilment of the words of the prophet Isaiah, whom he quotes as saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord" (Matt. 3:3). Turning to the prophet himself and noting that in the prophecy as originally given he uses the name JEHOVAH, we are confronted with the fact that John the Baptist announced himself as the herald of Jehovah. Little wonder, then, that he was so reluctant to baptize the One Whose coming he had announced!

"THOU SHALT NOT TEMPT JEHOVAH"

The Testimony of Christ Himself

Weighty as is the testimony of Zechariah and John the Baptist, it is nothing in the light of the authority of Christ Himself. As the record stands in the fourth chapter of Matthew, three times our Lord parried the thrusts of the tempter with quotations from the Old Testament. In all three, as they appear in the Old Testament Sriptures, the name Jehovah is used. The second of these quotations is a direct identification of Himself with the Jehovah of old. When Satan said, "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone" (Mt. 4:6), our Lord rebukes him with the words of Deut. 6:16, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (Mt. 4:7). Turning to the Old Testament passage, in the Revised Version the name Jehovah stands, and in the Authoried Version the name LORD, a silent witness to the real identity of the One Whom Satan was tempting.

"I AM"

How significant, then, become His words in Jn. 8: 58, when in controversy with the Pharisees, He said, "Before Abraham was, **I am.**" These striking words glow with import when seen in the light of the third chapter of Exodus. There, in v. 14, God said to Moses, "I AM THAT I AM." And again, in the same verse He says, "Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you." From v. 7 we learn that the LORD (Jehovah) is speaking. This is Jehovah's name, "I AM." In the Hebrew language this is a verb in the future tense, "I will be," and it has the force of a continuous present. In the remarkable expression of our Lord referred to above, there is such a striking parallel that it is impossible to resist the conclusion that a very real identity exists in the essential nature of the two speakers. Whatever was meant by Jehovah when He spoke to Moses, the same surely was meant by the saying of Christ.

And the Jews who heard Him must have understood it so, for they immediately took up stones to cast at Him, as if counting Him worthy of death in appropriating to Himself the incommunicable name of Jehovah.

THE ANGEL OF JEHOVAH

Nor does our study of the pre-existent Christ end when we find in Him the Jehovah of the Old Testament. The Angel of Jehovah, with hardly more than a single exception, was the pre-incarnate Word Whose manifestation in angelic form, or at times, in human form, foreshadowed His final coming in the flesh. This we know from two facts. First, the identity of Jehovah and Christ; and second, the identity of Jehovah and the angel of Jehovah. Things equal to the same thing being equal to each other, it naturally follows that Christ and the Angel of Jehovah are identical in person. The proof abounds in the Word. Only one of the many instances which establishes the identity of Jehovah and the Angel of Jehovah need be considered. It is the case of Hagar's meeting with the angel of the LORD (Jehovah) in Gen. 16. V. 7 records the meeting. In vs. 9 and 11 the Angel of the LORD speaks. Then in v. 13, the inspired writer speaks, saying, "And she called the name of the LORD (Jehovah) that spake unto her, Thou God seest me."

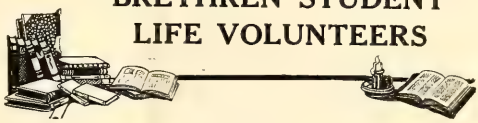
"NO MAN HATH SEEN GOD"

In the light of the teaching of the Word on this theme, one of the many apparent contradictions so often pointed out by the skeptic fades away. "No man hath seen God at any time" (Jn. 1:18), is a statement that is true, despite the skeptic's citation of the Old Testament theophanies as evidence to the contrary. But God has revealed Himself time and again, in the person of the pre-inarnate Word, the Jehovah of old. God is spirit, we are flesh. No man has seen Him in His triune essence; but in the theophanies with which the Old Testament abounds, we see Jesus, God the Son, even then revealing God to men. In fact this is what John's words teach: "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared him (lit., 'led him forth')."

This, then, is our Savior, Jehovah of old. Jehovah's might has been exercised in our salvation. Jehovah's holiness has been made available to balance our account with God. Jehovah's immutability confirms our salvation, that we may never perish. What need we more than simple faith to believe?

The LORD, Who alone did lead Israel like a flock (Deut. 32:12; Ps. 77:20), and Who led them forth by the right way (Ps. 107:7), is none other than our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, Who calls His own sheep by name, and leads them out (Heb. 13:20; Jn. 10: 3-4).

BRETHREN STUDENT LIFE VOLUNTEERS



By Kenneth Ashman

The following letter was sent to the superintendent by a new member of the BSLV.

Dear Brother Ashman:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I have been following your B.S.L.V. work and I am ashamed of myself for neglecting to write. I would like to become a member of the B.S.L.V. It's a fine thing to know that so many of our Brethren young people have dedicated their lives to Christ, and I will be glad to be one of their number. I hope that many more will see the need of witnessing for Christ and of standing true to Him so that their lives will be living testimonies to the many lost souls in this war-torn and cursed world.

Two years ago Brother McClain held a Bible conference at the Dallas Center Brethren Church. On the last Sunday morning he delivered a missionary message from the book of Jonah. At the close of the service he called for lives to be dedicated for service wherever the Lord led. I truly was led of the blessed Holy Spirit that morning and before I fully realized it, I had gone down from the choir loft to the front of the church. Since that time I have known the joy of fully living for Christ. He means more to me than anything else and my prayer is that my life will tell for Him Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

It has just been recently that I have felt so deeply the desire to witness for Christ in Africa. I know if that is His will for me, He will lead me and he will provide a way for me. If it isn't His will, I shall be satisfied wherever He leads, because I will be in His will. I believe, however, that our blessed Savior will soon "descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God," and call all those who are saved, dead and living, to be with Him eternally. Until that time I want to live so God can use me any time and anywhere.

I am enclosing words for the B.S.L.V. song contest. It is a pleasure to tell of Christ through a song (used or not!), and I'm sure many other young people are feeling the same joy that I am. I would like to send something to help in the "Sharing for Service" but right now

I can't. Perhaps I will be able to do so later. If there is typing to be done, or anything else that I can help with, I would be glad to do as much as I can. I don't know whether you want the ages of the B.S.L.V. members, but if you do, I am 19. May God's richest blessings be on this work of His all for His honor and glory.

Yours in Christ

MADGE WINELAND,
Dallas Center, Iowa.

P.S.—A good motto for the B.S.L.V. would be, "Saved to Tell Others."

Thank you, Madge Wineland, for such a splendid letter. It is just like many that come to the desk of the national superintendent every week. Those words for the B.S.L.V. song are very fine. Not many others have written but we are going to tarry a few weeks longer before we do any judging. You other "Volunteers" ought to get busy at once. It makes our cup of blessing full to running over to know that there are young men and women anxious to get to Africa. Here is one young lady who expects one of three things, (1) to serve the Lord in Africa soon; (2) to see Him face to face before she can go to Africa, or (3) to faithfully serve Him "any time and anywhere" until He comes should the doors of darkened Africa be opened unto her. Praise the Lord for such consecration. Every member of the B.S.L.V. should be as submissive to the directive will of the heavenly Father. When we empty our hearts of all self, He fills our hearts with Himself. Then we become channels of salvation and blessing to a world that needs Christ badly. Are you such a channel?

LIFE AT 112

Due to an item in a national medical journal, reporters have learned that the oldest living man in the United States is Henry Walker, colored, of Greenwich, Conn.

Walker is an ex-slave. He has lived a clean, active life, and denies that he is old, even at the age of 112 years. He feels just as good, he says, as he did at 75.

112 years is a long time, and Walker has seen the transformation of a pioneer country into a new and modern civilization.

But what is 112 years of life compared to **eternal life** which all the exslaves of sin and Satan may receive as the free gift of God through our Lord Jesus Christ? (Rom. 6:23).

Think of it—

"When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We'll have no less to sing His praise
Than when we first begun!"

—Tom Olson.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

COME UNTO ME

By Miss Mildred Flatten

Dear Aunt Susan,

Mother said I could write a letter to you all by myself. You see I am in third grade now.

I am glad you are coming to see me this summer. So many things have happened since you were here the other time. I'll tell you the happy things when you come.

With love,
SHERYL

Yes, it was a happy time of which Sheryl wrote. It began in the summer of 1938 when a sweet lady, who lived near, invited some children in for a Bible story hour. Sheryl went with her friend May. Such a jolly time of singing choruses and hearing true stories of the Bible.

Many times the two girls went together to the weekly story hour. One day May did not come skipping when Sheryl called. The house seemed still, then May's mother called from the door that May was very ill and couldn't go with her friend. Sheryl felt so lonesome, but she went on alone. During the class the story-lady had every child bow his head and pray for the sick friend. The leader closed the prayer saying Jesus would care for May because she had listened to His call to "come" and be a child of His.

The story-time used the verse "Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 19:14). Sheryl wanted the care of this great One too, so she said to the good lady, "Does that mean even me?"

"Yes," said the helping one, "would you like to come?"

"I believe He would be a real Friend," said Sheryl, "I do believe in Jesus."

Sheryl went home with a light heart that day. Her songs told mother that she was happy.

"Why are you so gay, Sheryl?" asked mother.

"O, mumsy, the bestest thing happened. The Bible story lady told me how I could come to Jesus and I'd be a child of His. I told her I believed in Jesus and now I just feel like singing," bubbled Sheryl.

Aunt Susan smiled as she read the letter from Sheryl. She knew how prayer had been answered, and not only Sheryl, but mother and daddy had all come to Jesus now. Such a happy family in the Lord!

When summer came and Aunt Sue made her long

awaited visit, she found a place of joy and peace. It was restful to be in such a home.

One day, after going over the story once more, Sheryl said to Aunt Sue, "Now we're all saved but Buddy. He's only four and I know he's going to come to Jesus soon 'cause he already likes the Bible stories I read to him."

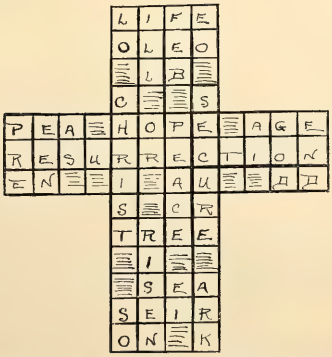
WHAT OTHER BOYS AND GIRLS ARE DOING

Several months ago a boys' and girls prayer group was started at the West Tenth St. Brethren Church at Ashland, O. At first there were only three who were present every week. Others came occasionally. The three faithfuls were Mary Louise Garber, Eldred Risser, and Vivian Mayes.

One week Eldred planned to go on a hike, and Mary Louise and Vivian wanted to get an early start passing church announcements around the neighborhood. They all went to prayer meeting first. They didn't try to see how quickly they could get through, either. For over half an hour they mentioned the things for which they wanted to be sure to pray. On Sunday, three of their prayers were answered, and they were glad they had put God first.

The group has now grown so large it has had to be divided. Recently there were 16 in the Junior High group alone, and the Juniors and Primaries will soon have to be divided. Every week there are between 50 and 100 prayer requests, and over 60 have already been answered. When no one accepted Christ in the church services for several weeks, they prayed about it. The following Sunday three accepted Christ The Bible School attendance dropped for several Sundays during the cold weather. When they prayed about that, the attendance was much better. They prayed that a boy who had not been to Bible School for some time would return, and he was back the next Sunday. Many boys and girls have been saved in answer to their prayers.

What are the boys and girls in your church doing for the Lord? Tell us about it. Write the Children's Editor, 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.



Answer to the Easter crossword puzzle.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC FOR APRIL 21, 1940

GIDEON, THE MAN WHO OBEYED AND WON
Judges 7:9-21.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LEADER

The experiences of Gideon remind us of Joshua. These two men won unusual battles as they were used of the Lord. They proved that God can use anything and anyone who is surrendered to Him and that best weapons and people fail when they are used in self will.

God begins to work with people by giving them some task or commission. Obedience to the small things leads to greater positions of responsibility. Gideon was willing to destroy idols in his father's house and eventually was selected as the one to lead Israel against the invading enemy.

Gideon was humble in his living and he recognized the Lord as the One who gave him victory. Of the many things said about him, we find he was highly favored by having the Lord with him. The Angel of Jehovah spoke directly to give him instruction as to the future.

It may appear that Gideon questioned the wisdom of the Lord, yet we must remember that he obeyed Him when He spoke.

1 Gideon, the Mighty Man of Valor, Jud. 6:11-16.

Gideon was called a mighty man of valor before he had proven himself in battle. God knew he would. The reason he was mighty was that the Lord was with him.

The need of a great leader came when the Midianites plundered Israel of all its grain. The cause for battle was just and the Lord fought for Gideon. Our main battle is in the spirit and we have the promise that God will stand for us. If God be for us who can be against us?

2. The Anxious and Cautious Soldier, Jud. 6:33-40.

The task of leading Israel was so great that Gideon asked for proof that the Lord wanted him. During the alarm of war or trouble one is apt to act unwisely. But Gideon was cautious. (Tell of the test of the fleece and dew). God will surely give assurance to all of His children when and where it is needed. It is better to wait on the Lord until His time for action. Running ahead of God will bring disappointments.

3. The Unneeded Thousands. Jud. 7:2-7.

Weak things can be used of the Lord to demonstrate His great power. Great numbers may not be able to accomplish as much as a few. The secret is not in numbers but in the unity of the Spirit. Unsympathetic and fault-finding members demoralize the group. Indifference and harsh criticism will scatter a defeatest attitude. No doubt many of the "hangers-on" were unconverted and even guilty of worshipping other gods.

Think of the unneeded thousands in the church today. The Lord can't use them because of reasons of their own.

4. Gideon, Refusing the Crown, Jud. 8:22-23.

Gideon gave God the glory for the victory in his life. His accomplishments were humanly impossible. The people tried to make him king but he refused. They did not honor God but were ready to accept the rule of a man.

When God is denied, man is usually deified. Our humble position should be one of submission to the will of God and to give Him the credit for our successful living.

5. Something worse than a King, Jud. 8:24-27.

Gideon made an "ephod." Although it was a garment made for priests he transgressed and sinned. The thing became a snare to him. The people were ready to worship anything which would remind them of victory. They worshipped the ephod. The ephod was a sad ending to a brilliant life. The rapidity with which the nation of Israel returned into sin ought to be a lesson to every Chritsian. Take heed while we think we stand, lest we fall.

QUESTIONS

1. What was the secret of success for Gideon? Jud. 6:15-16.
2. Do you think a few people devoted to a cause can accomplish more than a multitude of indifferent people? (What was the mixed multitude of Israel?)
3. How does obedience become the first step of our Christian experience?
4. Do you think God tries us for faithfulness by giving us a small task to do?
5. How will worldliness keep our society in poverty?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE MATERIAL

Here are a few of the things God has used to do great things:

A rod (Ex. 4:2; 14:15,16), an ox goad (Judg. 3:31), a jawbone (Judg. 15:15), stones (I Sam. 17:40), clay (John 9:6), handkerchiefs and aprons (Acts 19:12), nothing (I Cor. 1:28).

JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE C. E.

Topic for April 21, 1940

NOTE: We desire to know whether enough societies are using these Junior-Intermediate topics to make it worth while to continue them. If you are using them, please mail your executive secretary a card to that effect **at once.** (See head of this department for address). Do the topics meet your need? What suggestions can you make?

UNDER GOD'S MICROSCOPE

Preparation for the lesson:

If possible, secure a microscope; also a flower or other object which is more beautiful under a microscope, and a piece of coarse cloth or other object which looks worse when magnified.

Approach to the lesson:

Little do we realize how beautiful or ugly many things really are which we see daily. Look at this flower under the microscope. You couldn't see those delicate colors in the center with your naked eye. Now look at this piece of colth. See how jagged those threads are. That would spoil the looks of the garment if we really saw it as it is; yet it doesn't look bad away from the microscope. That is just the way with our lives. They look pretty good until we get them under God's microscope. Let's see what they look like then, if we are not saved.

Lesson:

Whole body—full of running sores of sin (Isa. 1:6).

Whole head—sick (Isa. 1:5). Ever have a severe headache or a mastoid? Couldn't think right, could you? Unsaved cannot think pure thoughts (Tit. 1:15; Gen. 6:5).

Eyes—blind (II Cor. 4:3-4).

Ears—turned from the truth (II Tim. 4:4).

Mouth—full of cursing, bitterness (Rom. 3:14).

Lips—unclean (Isa. 6:5); deadliest poison under them (Rom. 3:13).

Tongue—full of deadly poison; is like a prairie fire or forest fire out of control though started with just a match (James 3:5-8).

Throat—an open grave, letting out the stink from that which is dead within (Rom. 3:13).

Spirit—dead (Eph. 2:1).

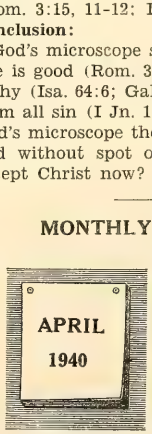
Heart—deceitful, desperately wicked, full of uncleanness (Jer. 17:9; Mk. 7:21-22).

Feet—swift to shed blood, walking away from God (Rom. 3:15, 11-12; Isa. 53:6).

Conclusion:

God's microscope shows why we need salvation. Not one is good (Rom. 3:10, 12). Even our best works are filthy (Isa. 64:6; Gal. 5:19-21). But Christ can cleanse from all sin (I Jn. 1:7; Ps. 51:7), and some day under God's microscope the saved will be faultless (Jude 24) and without spot or wrinkle (Eph. 5:27). Will you accept Christ now?

MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR



On their respective birthdays, the names, favorite Scripture verses, and prayer requests of pastors, missionaries, and others in the brotherhood who are prominent in Christian work, will appear under this head. Please see that each member in your society is assigned one of the following names for daily prayer. Assign a different name to each member weekly. If you know of others whose names should have appeared this month, please notify your News Editor at once.

Apr. 3—Rev. Frank G. Coleman, Jr., pastor of Grace Bible Church, Waterloo, Ia. Phil. 4:19. No requests submitted, but pray for this new church.

Apr. 11—Pres. Alva J. McClain, president of Grace Theological Seminary. Rom. 8:28. Requests prayer for present students, especially those soon to sail for Africa; also that the Lord will guide very definitely those thinking of entering Grace Seminary next fall.

Apr. 14 — Rev. Elias Zimmerman, missionary in charge of the Los Angeles (Brethren) Jewish Mission. Jn. 14:1-2. Requests prayer for continued guidance and blessings upon their ministry among the Jews, and for wisdom and grace in dealing with the many Jewish young men who come to the mission daily.

Apr. 15—Mrs Geo. Kinzie, wife of pastor at Kittanning, Pa. Phil 4:19, 13. Requests prayer that the nominal church members may be aroused to their responsibilities and privileges, and that the young people will find joy in serving our Lord.

Apr. 18—Rev. Curtis Morrill, missionary to Africa, now on furlough. II Cor. 8:9. Requests prayer for a real heaven-sent revival upon the whole body of believers; for the way to be reopened for older missionaries to return and new recruits to go out to Africa; for God to lay hold of native Christians in each tribe and raise up a native ministry and group of teachers.

Apr. 25—Rev. Kenneth Ashman, pastor at Mundy's Corner, Pa., and national superintendent of B.S.L.V. I Cor. 6:19-20. Requests prayer that Brethren young people will be awakened and will emerge from the fog of the world to the clear saving light of the Gospel; that the Lord will hastily raise up good ministers to answer the many calls and needs of Brethren churches; that the Lord will prepare a rich spiritual feast for Brethren young people at Bethany Camp next August; praise for the best year in the history of Grace Seminary and prayer that God will continue to lead her and supply every need.

Apr. 26—Rev. Conard Sandy, professor of Old Testament at Grace Theological Seminary. I Jn. 2:6. Requests prayer for the peace of Jerusalem, and for missionary work among the Jews.

Apr. 27—Rev. Sewell Landrum, home mission pastor at Clayhole, Ky. Ps. 32:8. Requests prayer for work on their new church building, and that group of young people in their Bible School will take a definite stand for Christ.

DISCOURAGED? NEVER!

By Mary Catherine Zuck

Discouraged—I must never be;
I have a Lord who cares for me.
The trials that come my faith to test
I count as precious. He knows best!

Tempted—I can ever stand
Upheld by the clasp of a mighty hand.
My strength is but weakness; His help I take,
And find a sure, safe way of escape.

Tried as by fire—I rest in His Word.
Hast thou not known—hast thou not heard
That He giveth power and increaseth strength?
His love is past measure in breadth, depth, and length.

Found in Our Mail

"We sincerely appreciate the improved spiritual helpfulness and uplift in magnifying the Word of God and obedience thereto, over other church papers; making it worthy to be in every family."—W. C. T., Ohio.

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"We enjoy the paper very, very much."—M. W., Ia.

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"I read it from cover to cover and find many helps in it for my Jr. C. E. May God richly bless all those who have part in making this magazine what it is. An appreciative reader."—R. S. K., Pa.

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"We have received several copies of the paper and like it very much. Let us congratulate you on the fine work."—A. B. J., Arkansas.

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"We like the new paper."—T. E. T., California.

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"We are delighted with the HERALD and know it's going to have a great future. We especially enjoy the missionaries' letters."—A. R. B., California.

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"I am pleased with the new paper."—S. O. L., Calif.

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"I enjoy reading the Missionary Herald tremendously."—E. M., California.

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"I cannot begin to tell you how much I enjoy **The Brethren Missionary Herald.** It is a wonderful paper and surely few homes will be without it."—D. L. F., California.

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"We enjoy **The Brethren Missionary Herald** more than we can express in words and it is a pleasure to pass it to our friends to read."—E. H., Ohio.

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"The publication is wonderful. I enjoy it so much. The spiritual tone is something talked about but seldom seen in a magazine."—W. A. S., Pennsylvania.

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"I am sure pleased, yes, more than pleased with the Herald. A fine denominational paper and one worth reading."—H. E. S., California.

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"The Brethren Missionary Herald is a dandy. I am glad to receive it."—R. R. B., California.

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"We certainly are enjoying the Herald."—N. M., O.

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"I have enjoyed your **Brethren Missionary Herald** so much I am enclosing a dollar bill for which please send this paper to my mother for one year."—R. H., Pennsylvania.

"Talk about a bargain! I don't believe we have ever gotten so much good and blessing for such a small amount of money before, and that is something. When the Herald comes, all work stops, and we never lay it down until it is read from cover to cover. We are grateful for a magazine that builds up and renews our faith, and gives us courage to 'keep on keeping on.' May God bless and direct every writer. We are very anxious for every home to receive the Herald."—A. L., Washington.

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"Enclosed please find $5.00 for publication offering and $1.00 for subscription to **The Brethren Missionary Herald for one year.** It's a wonderful magazine!"—W. E. D., Pennsylvania.

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"I very much approve of the new paper and find it so well adapted to the needs of the whole family. With best wishes for its success."—R. J. S., Indiana.

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"I enjoy our new paper so much and pray God will multiply my small gift ($25) that you may go forward to better and higher ground."—W. L. P., Ill.

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"It is with real pleasure I am writing you about **The Brethren Missionary Herald.** We enjoy the paper from cover to cover and anxiously await the next number."—G. C., Ohio.

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"We think this paper is a very fine one full of needed information."—H. F., Pennsylvania.

TO GAIN FAITH

I suppose that if all the time I have prayed for faith were put together, it would amount to months. I used to say, "What we want is faith." But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the 10th chapter of Romans, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since.

THINK IT OVER

"NO ONE CAN DO YOUR WORK"

"No one of my fellows can do that special work for me which I have come into the world to do! He may do a higher work, a greater work, but he cannot do my work. I cannot hand my work over to him, any more than I can hand over my responsibilities or my gifts. Nor can I delegate my work to any association of men, however well ordered and powerful. They have their own work to do, and it may be a very noble one. But they cannot do my work for me. I must do it with these hands or with these lips which God has given me."

—John Ruskin.

NEWS BRIEFS From Our Workers

By Robert Culver

IMMEDIATE PRAYER REQUEST: Mrs. Grant McDonald, wife of the pastor of the Compton, Calif. Church, is bedfast with heart disease. Pray for her.

DID YOU SEE THE C. E. PRAYER CALENDAR in the March 9, issue of the Herald? Names of Christian workers whose birthdays are in April will appear in this issue of the month preceding. Look for the column and pray for those whose names appear there at the designated time!

ASK THEM HOW THEY DO IT!! From Washington D. C., "Thirteen years ago this past week, Jan. 30, 1927, we dedicated the basement of this completed building. Since then the Lord has enabled us to finish the church and also to acquire additional property for the expansion of our work.....The church has given close to $75,000.00 for the building since 1926. That is a lot of money, but it shows what can be done when a people is willing to **give in the Biblical way.**" In the same bulletin a goal for $5,500 for the building fund for the year 1940 was announced. On the same day cash and pledges were taken, and the next Sunday this was announced, "The total received in pledges and cash was $4,842.30." The goal was almost reached in one week!

A PRETTY LUSTY BABY!! The West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, O., of which Bro Chas. Mayes is pastor, was organized scarcely two and a half years ago. But look how they've grown. Their record on March 3 was 269 present at the Bible School, 238 for the morning worship service, and 151 in the evening service—and that on a day of very bad weather!

FROM THE CARLTON BRETHREN CHURCH, Ia., H. S. Parks, pastor, we read the following note, "Just closed a three day Bible conference with Dr. J. C. Beal. Had a real feast with the Lord. We have prayed that God would open tne way to teach in five rural schools. That meant approaching 13 school supervisors, some of Catholic belief. God answered this prayer. We are serving five rural schools each morning from Monday through Friday." Bro. Parks also reports the organization of two C. E. societies in the church.

AN IDEA WORTH PASSING ON: This item appeared in the Tracy, Calif. bulletin, from the pastor, Robert E. Miller, "At the evening service special awards will be given to the oldest Bible, the newest style Bible, the most worn one, the most unusual Bible as to history, and the person having the largest collection of personally owned Bibles." That ought to bring out some Bibles and people as well! Pastor Miller announces that Dr. J. C. Beal will be in the church for a two weeks evangelistic Bible conference in the month of April.

EASTER OFFERING REPORTS certainly are encouraging. In the very near future we will list these early reports.

FOR PULPIT AND PEW

Compiled by Alan S. Pearce

THIS WEEK'S POEM

The Power of Words

Solomon said, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Prov. 18:21).

" 'Twas only a word, a careless word,
But it smote the heart of one who heard
Like a fierce, relentless blow;
The day seemed overcast with gloom,
The sweetest songs seemed out of tune;
The fires of hope burned low.

" 'Twas only a word, a loving word,
But a weary, sorrowing heart was stirred,
And life took brighter hue;
And faith, triumphant, pruned her wing;
Discouraged souls began to sing,
And hope revived anew!

"Only a word, and yet what power
It holds to better or to mar,
The lives of those who hear,
What power for good—for evil too!
Oh, may our words be good and true,
And spoken in God's fear!"

PELLETS FOR PREACHERS

I would like to put the brand of heresy upon the common practice of calling a company of Christians met for worship "an audience," instead of "a congregation."

One real defect of too many preachers is that they look upon their assembled people as an "audience," gathered to hear them speak. Thence comes the undue emphasis upon the preacher's oratory, rather than upon God's presence.

Whereas a worshiping company of Christians is a "congregation," met for the worship of God; and to which worship the preacher is not indispensable. Quakers do without him; and nobody ever calls their congregation an "audience."

Politicians and medicine men and professors have audiences; but the preacher has a congregation.

—Unknown.

READY BIBLE OUTLINES

Perfection of the Lord Jesus

In Him was no sin.

And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin (1 Jn. 3:5).

He knew no sin.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (2 Cor. 5:21).

He did no sin.

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth (1 Pet. 2:22).

He was without sin.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin (Heb. 4:15).

And yet He His own self bare our sins.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed (1 Pet. 2:24).

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The Suffering Messiah In Isaiah 53

1. The **Victim** of the cross—v.1-4.
2. The **Purpose** of the cross—v.4-6.
3. The **Death** of the cross—v. 7-9.
4. The **Triumph** of the cross—v. 10-12.

—Geo. Hall.

ILLUSTRATIVE JOTTING

Led Her Father To Christ

A little girl asked her father, "Do you ever pray?"

He asked her, "Is it your mother or your aunt who has put you up to this?"

"No father," said the little child; "the preacher said all good men pray."

He answered, "Well, you and your mother and your aunt may go your way, and I will go mine."

"Father," said the little creature with simplicity, "which way are you going?" It flashed upon him that he was in the way of death. He burst into tears, and began to pray for mercy. Which way are **you** going?—"Light and Life Evangel."

THE CHURCH'S CONSTITUTION—Matt. 18:20.

"Where"—A divine location.
"Two or three"—A divine testimony.
"Are gathered"—A divine drawing.
"Together"—A divine unity.
"In My Name"—A divine authority.
"There I am"—The divine presence.
"In the midst of them"—The divine Center.

—From "The Voice"

What's wrong with the church? Too much religion, and too little regeneration!! "Ye must be born again." Are you?

Have you prayed for your enemies today?

Jenks the janitor says, "The thing that is making trouble in our church is the fact that our people want the preacher to be a chaplain of a hospital for sick saints, and he wants to be a captain, with troops out on the field."

Have you the Master's permission to stay home from church?

"There are 168 hours in a week. How many of these are you devoting to spiritual things?"

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TWO BROTHERHOODS

By Chas. W. Mayes

Many of our churches have organized brotherhoods through which the men are enlisted to do definite work for Christ. These brotherhoods may be most helpful provided they do the work of the Lord. In past years we recall observing two different brotherhoods at work. There was considerable difference.

On entering the first place of meeting, a number of men standing around in groups talking about various subjects: ball games, new model cars, and a nearby street being paved. About 20 minutes after time to begin, one of the leaders looked around to see if any man present could play the piano. Since none could, he decided to sing, "My country 'Tis of Thee," saying, "I think we all know that all right."

Next there was a prayer, and then it was time for business. Everyone was asked to try to think of some business to transact, but since there seemed to be none, it was agreed to take a collection. Another song was sung—this time a religious one. Then a man from several miles away was introduced to play on a new type of musical instrument of his own designing and manufacture. He showed some skill and originality in the music presented as well as in the instrument.

A visiting speaker was then introduced, who spoke about the value of the men of the church getting busy in winning souls to Christ. He gave only a short message as he could see plainly that there was little interest. Several men had to leave during the talk to get the refreshments ready. In due time the meeting was dismissed, and there was a friendly rush to the dining room where the men enjoyed coffee, sandwiches and pie. The monthly brotherhood meeting was over, and the entire program required only 67 minutes.

The second brotherhood was held in a great city in a small church which had a reputation for standing for the faith. About a half hour before time for the meeting, two men walked into the church. They were discussing a certain Jew who had recently come to Christ and who promised to exert a profound influence among his people. Soon others came. Every man had his Bible. They stood in groups, most of them with Bible or Testament open, talking about what was found there.

At the very second for which the meeting was announced, the pastor, who was the leader of the brotherhood, stood up. "Well boys, let's sing a few choruses." Did they sing! Those 50 men were certainly heard for five blocks, for the windows and doors were wide open. A few short prayers followed.

The pastor continued the meeting by saying, "Now tell us what Christ means to you. Unless He means something to you, you can never lead any one else to Him. Besides, if you cannot speak a word for Chirst here among His friends, you can never speak for Him out in the world among His enemies." A score or more of men stood up one by one, and in a few sentences told how Christ had lifted them from sin to salvation.

Finally we recall one man who stood up to say something like this, "I certainly want to thank God for my salvation. I was completely defeated by sin. I could not let booze alone. My wife was just ready to get a divorce. My children were afraid when they saw me coming. One day I sold my wife's sewing machine to get some money to buy booze. Conditions were unbearable. Then _____ invited me to come to this church. I heard the gospel, was saved, joined the church, and now I want to give my whole life to bringing others to Christ."

After the period of testimony was over, the pastor said, "It is now time to tell us what you have been doing this past week." Accordingly men stood up and one after another told how they had held street meetings at various places and services in a number of shops, and how thousands of tracts had been passed out. A number of men had been brought to christ, and some had promised to come to church on the next Sunday to confess Christ openly and join the church. That brotherhood of 50 men had done more in one week than some churches do in 50 years.

The editor who visited that day wondered about the meeting, and inquired if this was some **special** report meeting. "Oh," said one, "This is a regular weekly meeting." Two hours had slipped by which seemed like only a few minutes. The meeting was dismissed, but the men went home to eat their coffee, sandwiches, and pie.

Yes, brotherhoods in a church are mighty fine. Be sure yours actually does something for God in bringing souls to Christ. A brotherhood without this great purpose may prove to be worthless, or even damaging to a church.

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"Besides, There Is A God"

Dictator Adolph Hitler, in one of his recent speeches, reviewed the accomplishments of Germany thus far in the European war. The picture that he painted was rosy, intended for the encouragement of the suffering people who are bearing the heavy burdens of the day. He pointed to the destruction wrought by German submarines, to the rain of bombing death from the air, to the economic aid expected from the Russian communists, to the industrial capacities of the German factories, and other factors which would all help to guarantee an eventual victory for Germany. And then, as if he felt that still something more was needed, the German dictator added, **"And besides, there is a God."**

Yes, there is a God. And He always has the last word in human affairs, as Mr. Hitler will find out one of these days to his eternal woe. But He is not the kind of a god that Mr. Hitler supposes, a convenient monster of cruelty who can be called to the help of madmen who believe they have a divine mission to crush the weak and the helpless. When Mr. Hitler meets the true God, as he will one of these days, he will be surprised to find that He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Yes, it is true that beyond "the noise and shoutings of the captains" there is a God. But that fact should bring no consolation to such as Hitler.

"Cut Down For Thyself"

When under the direction of Joshua the land of Palestine was being divided among the various tribes of Israel, the tribe of Joseph complained rather bitterly at the size of their allotment. They argued before Joshua as follows: "Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people?"

The answer of Joshua to this complaint is full of practical instruction: "If thou be a great people," said he, "Then get thee up to the wood country and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perrizites and of the giants, if Mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee."

It sometimes happens that the minister becomes dissatisfied with the place of service which has fallen to him in the providence of God. Perhaps he feels that his talents are too great for the church where God has called, and therefore he should have something bigger. If so, there is a solution—let him, in the words of Joshua, go out and "cut down for himself," if the place of his service seems to be "too narrow" for his ability. There is a very sound principle laid down in all this: If a man gets too big for his church, then he is big enough to go out and build a bigger one.

"A Double Portion of Grace"

Not long ago I received a postal card from one of the Lord's faithful pastors in reply to a letter I had written to him. This pastor at the time was passing through a most trying experience. In spite of the fact that he had been true to the Word of God, that he had constantly exalted Christ in his preaching, that he was a real soul-winner, that he had a genuine love for the souls of the lost, that his life had been a credit to his church, and that he was making a real success of his ministry, some members of his church under the leadership of ungodly men had mistreated this pastor in a way that shocked even unbelievers in the community. Hearing of the situation, I had written a letter of sympathy, and his reply was so gracious and so filled with the Spirit of Christ, that without asking his permission I am reproducing it below. There was not a word of denunciation for his enemies, no bitterness of feeling, no complaint against God's providence. This is what he wrote:

"The Lord has been very gracious unto us in the hour of trial. We are praying that He will continue to lead, and to Him be all the praise and glory. Praise His dear name! We feel that the hand of the Lord is moving here, and we want to remain true to Him in a mighty way. We feel that the battle is His, not ours. We are only His instruments and our prayer is that we shall be true to Him and to His Word at any cost. The burning passion of our hearts is to win men for Him. O, for a double portion of grace to do His bidding. No price will be too much to pay to serve Him for He has done so much for us, and we are so unworthy of His love. Please continue to pray for us that we may stay in the perfect center of His will, to His glory."

Now, I think that the Lord has already answered the prayer of this pastor, for no one in such a situation could possibly write as he did without "a double portion of grace." When the truth of God's sovereign grace really enters our hearts, it always makes us more gracious.

You Need Not "Solemnly Swear"

Members of The Brethren Church, who beileve in obeying the Bible and desire to follow the time-honored principles of their own church, have sometimes been disturbed by the "Oath of Allegiance" which is required of those who wish to secure governmental passport for the purpose of travel or residence in foreign countries. This problem has been especially acute in the case of those who enter into foreign missionary service.

In the regular form for the application for a passport, the oath reads as follows: 'Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same: and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion. So help me God."

Now in this obligation there are two things which are wholly objectionable to the Brethren and other

Christians of like faith. First, it is an **oath.** And second, it pledges the signer to personal combative service in the institution of **carnal warfare,** for that is undoubtedly the intent of the word "defend."

On account of the protest of many missionaries, this problem was referred to the National State Department by the Executive Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America several years ago, and a favorable ruling was secured from the Department of State. The modified form reads as follows:

"Further, I do solemly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and will, as far as my conscience as a Christian will allow, defend it against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same: and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion. So help me God."

More recently I have learned that through the request of the Society of Friends the State Department is accepting the above obligation without the words, **"So help me God,"** and therefore these may be dropped.

All our missionaries and any others who may be interested should make a copy of the above form and request its use when making an application for a passport. At the State Department in Washington, D. C., and at the Passport Bureau in New York this form will be accepted without question, we have been informed. The applicant should not be disturbed if local officers in some cities refuse to accept the form, as they may not be familiar with it. In such cases the applicant should request that the matter be referred to the State Department at Washington.

We Should Be Grateful

As Christians we should thank God every day that He has permitted us to live under the laws of a government which is so considerate of our faith. There are very few place stoday on the face of the earth where such consideration is shown. But in this country you need not take an "oath" for any purpose. And if you are a Christian, you **should not.** "Above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by **any other oath"** (Jas. 5:12).

The Lord's command is perfectly clear for all who have ears to hear. Yet it is no uncommon thing today to find those who call themselves "Brethren" to ignore altogether this command. Even though the United States government itself has made a remarkable exception to its own laws in deference of this command of the Lord, we actually behold the spectacle of such men deliberately entering the doors of certain organizations where they are compelled to "swear" as the first requirement of membership.

At Waterloo, Iowa

This is being written at Waterloo, Iowa, where I am teaching under the auspices of the Waterloo Bible Conference Association, a city wide and undenominational organization which has been ministering here for 23 years. This is the eighth consecutive year for me in Bible Conference work at Waterloo, and it has become a very pleasant ministry and fellowship, since there are some believers here who have been in our audiences during the whole period. The new Grace Brethren Church has been specially honored in being chosen by the local committee as the conference church this year. Knowing something about the faith and purpose of the folks who founded this church, I expected that they would accomplish great things for the Lord in their new organization. But their accomplishments have far surpassed what I expected. Those who are planning to build churches should make a special trip here and see the beautiful and comfortable building erected by the Waterloo Brethren. There is not sufficient space here to describe it adequately, but I hope a complete description will be written for the Herald when the building is dedicated.

ADMIRATION

When Henry Ward Beecher expressed his admiration for a horse he was hiring, the liveryman responded enthusiastically, "He'll work any place you put him and will do all that any horse can do."

Beecher regarded the horse with greater admiration than before and said wistfully, "I wish he were a member of my church!"

How we need some like him!

WASTED TIME reminds us of the calendars on our desk: Time tears off a new day, but the other side is a blank. Dear friend, how much time have you wasted that should have been in the Lord's service?

"Stand not in fear, thy adversaries counting,
  Dare every peril, save to disobey;
Thou shalt march on, all obstacle surmounting,
  For I, the Strong, will open up the way.

Wherefore go gladly to the task assigned thee,
  Having My promise, needing nothing more,
Than just to know, where'er the future find thee,
  In all thy journeying **I go before.**

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In rendering this supplementary financial report, the Seminary desires again to express gratitude to the Lord for all who have prayed and given so generously in order that the ministry of the school might continue. Both Faculty and students have had their lives enriched by this walk of faith.

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Once the writer knew a young man who was studying for the Methodist ministry and he broke into the college museum and stole part of one of the Egyptian mummies. What would an embryo minister want of a mummy? Now it is plain. He wanted to get acquainted with an average Official Board member.

—Dean Taylor in "The Aldersgate Call and the New Day."

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will.
When the road you're traveling seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high
And you want to smile but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out.
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man,
Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup,
And learned too late, when the night slipped down
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt.
And you can never tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

—Selected

IS FRANCE A HEATHEN NATION?

By Garner Hoyt
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(Editorial Note: This is the second article in a series by Garner Hoyt relating to his observations and experiences while in France studying the language in preparation for service in French Equatorial Africa.)

Having considered the educational side of France in my last article, I wish to present briefly in this number of the Herald some of the most prominent conditions of the religious side of France.

Little does the rest of the world know about the spiritual condition of France. Most people know that it is a country filled with churches, but beyond that the world is ignorant. Some readers will doubtless remember the articles written on this subject by Dr. Taber while he was in France, but it is very seldom that one contacts such information. At the close of my study in France when I was able to have a general idea of its religious side I realized more than ever that what France needs is the gospel Although France received the true gospel long before America was discovered, it is far from being a Christian nation today. France needs missionaries.

Protestants are Few

The most outstanding cause for such a condition in France is the dominance of the Roman Catholic Church. We who live in America do not realize just how fortunate we are, from the Christian standpoint. We have Catholic churches but they are decidedly in the minority. In France it is decidedly the contrary. Protestant churches are few, and have practically no influence among the French people, except for a few small departments in Southern France located along the Mediterranean Sea and the Pyrenees Mountains. In that extremely small territory the Protestants are in the majority, but in all the rest of France the Protestant church is scarcely noticed, and sometimes is utterly unknown to the average perosn. The country is literally filled with Catholic churches, schools and cathedrals. France is unique for its large number of small towns and villages which dot the country side. There is scarcely a single village where one cannot find a Catholic church. All the large cities are noted especially for their beautiful cathedrals. These massive works of architecture some of which were erected six and seven centuries ago, well represent the strength of the Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church is the richest organized body in France. Its chief aim is to keep the people in darkness and thus gain their wealth. It doesn't concern itself with the spreading of the gospel of Christ, but busies itself in the politics of the nation. It doesn't exhort its people to put away sin and live a separated life unto the Lord, but it teaches them to confess their sins to the priests and buy their forgiveness. It forbids its people the reading of the Bible. By all these means it hides the truth from the people and prevents them from finding the truth. The Catholic Church does not lead people to life; it leads them to death.

Drifting to Modernism

France needs the gospel because of the conditions existing in the Protestant church. The Protestant church is represented by various denominations just as in America. Perhaps the most prominent are the Baptist, the Lutheran, the Methodist, and the Presbyterian churches. A great number of these are rapidly drifting into modernism and have carried over formality and ritualism from the Catholic Church. They have even kept some of its ordinances and practices.

Just now I think of the practice that they call "la premiere communion" (the first communion). Each year, usually at Easter time, a group of young folks between the ages of 15 and 20, who had expressed their desire of joining the church, met at the church to observe their first communion. The young men were dressed in dark suits and the young ladies in long flowing robes with veils. The procedure in this service is quite the same as our ordination service for the ministry.

These Protestant churches believe that if too much difference exists between the Catholic Church and their own that they will lose their followers. That is true with those who have just come from the Catholic faith. An ordinary song service such as we have in America would be considered sacreligious. Most gospel songs, played as we play them here, are considered as jazz in France among the good evangelistic groups. In the light of that I was extremely surprised, when looking through one of their most popular church song books, to see words set to the music of such American airs as "In the Gloaming" and "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight."

Last year at Easter time I was forced to wait several days for my boat at LeHavre, France on returning to America. I became rather lonely, and hungered for some Christian fellowship. On Easter morning I attended the Easter morning service. The church was full of people hungry for the Word. The pastor read from the Bible and spoke, but we all left the service realizing that we had heard empty words. The Protestant church needs the gospel.

Multitudes in Darkness

Finally, France needs the gospel because of its multitudes in darkness. The average person today has the idea that to find spiritual darkness you must go to China or India or Africa or the islands of the sea. I found that this is not so, for France can be classed along with the darkest continents of the earth. Multitudes are there who have yet to hear the gospel even for the first time.

The most striking example of the darkness in France is the condition that exists in the slums of Paris. While I was studying at the Bible Institute just outside of Paris, I went with several of the other students into the slums of Paris each Sunday afternoon, to hold open air meetings in the market places. Sunday was always one of their big market days and

thus many people were present. We sought out one of the busy corners and there placed our little table on which were arranged our Gospels and tracts and New Testaments. We began by singing a gospel song together and at once we had a crowd of a hundred people of all walks of life. There were hungry children, dirty beggers, and well dressed merchants in the constantly moving crowd.

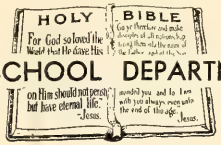
Between each song or two we took turns in giving our testimony or a short message about God's love for sinners and His gift of eternal life to all who will take it. I experienced something there that I had never seen before. Those people stood there with their eyes wide open and expressions on their faces which seemed to say, "That is the first time I've ever heard anything like that." They listened with eager ears never missing a word until we were finished. Before leaving each one would come near to the table and thank us for the good news that we had given to them. Nearly all of them bought New Testaments or portions of the New Testament. If they desired a Gospel we always handed them the Gospel of John first, and time and time again our hearts were thrilled as they looked at us and asked if they might have a different one for they had read that one the week before. We knew then that those people were not taking those gospels merely because of curiosity, for they were reading them and were eager for more. There in the slums of Paris lived thousands who had never heard the name of the Lord, but the same conditions exist all over France. How few are the true Christians that could tell them the way of Life. Yes, France too needs missionaries who will bring to them the gospel of Christ.

Lest I should discredit the good work that is being carried on in France, I want to add just one word about it in closing. Although they are very few in proportion to the size of France, there are never-theless a number of real Christian, evangelistic, soul-winning institutions. For the most part they are independent churches. The pastors of these churches to a great extent come from the Bible Institute at Nogents, Marne, just outside of Paris. Their work very often is very discouraging, but they labor on with unending courage for our Master. Should we not pray for them too?

To do God's work we must have God's power;
To have God's power we must know God's will;
To know God's will we must study God's Word.

"Judas was cold-hearted, Peter was half-hearted, Pilate was hard-hearted and the repentant thief on the cross was whole-hearted."—A. V. Kimmell.

"It is better to lose with God than to win with men, for when we lose with God, we win in the end."



BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

By Tom Hammers

The following lesson on "Evangelism In The Bible School" is a continuation of the series of articles written by Rev. Harry H. MacArthur and published by the Los Angeles Bible Institute as a part of their Child Evangelism Correspondence Course. Every pastor, teacher and Bible School worker as well as parent should be stirred by the facts which the writer brings to our attention.

III. THE NEED

1. Many Children Outside the Bible School.

It is estimated that anywhere from 17,000,000 to 27,000,000 children in America are receiving no religious instruction. This is the church's opportunity.

2. Serious Leakage Between the Bible School and Church.

It is estimated that on the average, five out of seven pass out of the church without having confessed Christ and many of these are lost to the church at least for a time, if not altogether.

This is proof that something is radically wrong, and that the church is failing woefully in this part of her God-given task.

3. The Rising Tide of Juvenile Delinquency and Communism.

There are many contributing causes to the rising tide of juvenile deliquency. Communism, we believe, is a result of the moral and religious break-down of the home, the materialistic trend of our modern education, and the failure of the church in the matter of evangelism.

Many who are in crime today might have been saved and their lives been made useful and a blessing to others. Many who are marching under the red flag of communism might be marching under the blood-stained banner of the cross of Christ, if the church and the Bible School had been faithful in their evangelistic and soul-winning opportunity and responsibility.

4. The Resources and Influences of Youth.

There are many organizations working with and for Youth, but mostly along ethical and physical lines. Little is being done outside the Bible School to reach the boy or girl spiritually.

What a privilege and opportunity, yes, and what a challenge it is to those who know the Lord Jesus Christ, and have the evangelistic vision and passion to help in bringing youth into a vital contact with

Jesus Christ, to make impressions in their lives that eternity will not erase, and to fortify them against temptations that assail modern youth.

Every youth has resources that are priceless and possibilities beyond our power to compute. The habit forming period is during the plastic and impressionable years of his life. It is the time when habits are formed that determine his character.

It is said that by the age of 13 an individual has fashioned the groove in which his life shall run. From this time, 99 one-hundreths of all one does is done automatically.

Workers with youth should have this in mind, and help them to acquire habits of prayer, Bible-reading and church attendance.

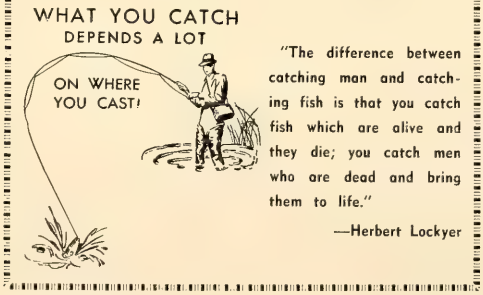
Professor Athearn investigated over 6000 individuals from 26 different states. He discovered that the peak age of conversion is the 13th year, that more were converted at 13 than at any other age. What a responsibility rests upon those working with, and teaching youth, to see that they are reached for Christ before they pass that period.

80 per cent of the boys and girls in our Bible Schools slip through our hands without deciding for Christ. This is a serious indictment against the church, the fact that they allow the young people to drift away at the very time that God speaks most directly and persuasively to the life. **Evangelistic effort among adults is really an attempt to correct the church's blunder in not holding its young people through the critical teen age.**

Youth is the time, not only for the making of converts, but also for the making of criminals. More than two thirds of all delinquent boys brought into court are from 12 to 15 years of age. This fact should stir Christian workers to greater effort in winning them in youth.

Marion Lawrence said: "Save a man, and you save a **unit,** but save youth and you save a whole multiplication table."

Too often we minimize the conversion of children, and spend time, money and effort to reach adults, overlooking or being ignorant of the fact that the influence of the child means more to the kingdom of God than that of an adult.



Dr. George W. Bailey said: "Other things being equal, a child won to Christ at 10 is worth more to the kingdom of God than many adults converted at 50 years of age.

The influence of a saved boy can be illustrated by an actual experience. More than 40 years ago Frank A. Miller, the well known child evangelist, was holding meetings in Southern Illinois. During the revival a lad of 10 years of age accepted Christ, and was later on called into the ministry. This lad was no other than Dr. French E. Oliver, internationally known evangelist. Dr. Oliver, since that time, has been used in leading multiplied thousands of souls to Jesus Chirst. While Dr. Oliver was holding a revival meeting in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in 1918, the writer was led to Christ, and later called into the ministry, and for the past 17 years has been preaching the gospel of Christ and working especially with children and young people. During these years he has been the means of winning multiplied hundreds of young people to Christ, some of whom now actively serve the Lord. In this way the influence of young French Oliver, saved in boyhood, goes on and on indefinitely.

BIBLE SCHOOL EVANGELISM, THE GREATEST SOUL-WINNER

1. Many Lost People Found In Its Membership.

The business of the Bible School is to bring into its membership both those who are saved, and those who are lost. A glance at any Bible School roll, where any sort of an effort is being made to build up the membership, will disclose the fact that a large part of the Bible School membership, especially among the young people and boys and girls, are not Christians.

2. Taught People Belong To The Bible School.

This fact makes the Bible School a great evangelistic opportunity. In winning lost people to Christ the soul-winner has a great advantage if he is dealing with those who study the Bible. The approach is so much easier for the soul-winner, for he has a real point of contact, because the one with whom he is dealing knows something about the teachings of the Scriptures, and a foundation upon which the worker can build. They also believe what the Bible says. Then again, having studied the Bible, the Holy Spirit is able to use that knowledge in bringing or giving "light," for the Holy Spirit speaks through the Word.

3. Those Most Susceptible to the Gospel Belong to Bible School.

The children constitute a large part of the membership of all Bible Schools, and their presence makes the Bible School a fruitful evangelistic opportunity. They are not yet sin hardened and habit bound. This is God's time for salvation, the best time and the easiest time in life.

Ecc. 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator, in the days of thy youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

Children constitute a large part of the membership of all Bible Schools. Although the Bible School furnishes from 80% to 90% of the church's members, it is estimated that on the average, five out of seven leave the school without having confessed Christ, many of whom are lost to the church for a time if not altogether.

4. Soul-Winners Found In Bible School.

Pastors and evangelists everywhere testify that the people upon whom they most depend to help in winning others to Christ in their meetings are the officers and teachers in the Bible Schools and members of different classes.

5. The Bible School Is The Church's Chief Recruiting Center.

It is estimated that the Bible School furnishes from 80 per cent to 90 per cent of the church's members If this source of supply were cut off, humanly speaking, the church could not long exist.

The Bible School is, therefore, the most hopeful and fruitful evangelistic factor in the missionary enterprise of the church.

WHAT CAN COME FROM TRUE EVANGELISM

1. A Personal Testimony.

The writer attended the same church school from the time he was able to walk until he was 17 years of age. It was an orthodox church and supposedly evangelical. He advanced step by step from the beginner's department until he reached the senior group. In addition he regularly attended the church services, sitting in the family pew. When he left home to make his own way in life he was as ignorant of God's plan or way of salvation as a hottentot in the heart of Africa who had never seen or heard of the Bible. His heart, however, most of this time hungered for the assurance of sins forgiven, and he never, to his knowledge, had heard that it was psssible to know in Christ and to be saved from his sins.

It was not until he was 27 years of age that the gospel of Christ was presented to him and he accepted Christ as his Savior and Lord and made a public confession of his faith. Shortly after this he was called to the ministry. For the past 15 years he has been busy proclaiming the "good news" of which he was ignorant so long. He is very conscious, however, that the most vital years of his life were lost, but might have been saved if the pastor, the officers of the church, the superintendent of the church school and the teachers had been faithful in their task and presented to him the message of salvation, and a personal invitation to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. He was asked as a young man to promise to read the Bible, and for years he kept the promise. He was asked to sign the temperance and non-smokers' pledge, but to the best of his knowledge he was never asked to receive Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord.

While specifically, **evangelism** is the winning of the unsaved to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, generally speaking it may include the teaching of the Word and the presentation of the gospel, personal acceptance of Christ, confessing Christ, church membership, training and instruction to the end that the evangelized may become a complete man of God, throughly furnished unto all good works."

2. Three Essential Steps In Evangelism.

Evangelism includes (1) the preparation of the life for Christ, (2) the introduction to Christ, (3) the building up "in Christ."

3. The Bible School Mission.

The Bible School ought to be a mighty evangelistic agency. **Its main business ought to be that of winning the lost to Christ**.

Not all Bible Schools are evangelistic. Not all are being supernaturally used of God in the miraculous work of bringing lives into the new birth and the new life in Christ Jesus.

The social service program, which includes so many things Christian in spirit, but which in many cases so disastrously puts **fruit** ahead of the **root,** is a danger against which the Bible School needs to guard. **It is necessary that we understand that the salvation of society apart from the salvation of the individual is a hopeless task.** The true evangelistic church that brings the good news of Jesus Christ and His redeeming love to the individuals of any community will lift society in a way that the social service program can **never** do.

JESUS IS GOD

If Jesus is not God to you,
You have no God, no Savior true:
But if He's God, then heed His call
And give His precious words to all.

Two little **eyes** to look to God.
Two little **ears** to hear His Word.
Two little **feet** to walk in His ways.
Two **hands** to work for Him all my days.
One little **tongue** to speak His truth.
One little **heart,** for Him now in my youth.
Take them, Lord Jesus, and let them be
Always obedient and true to Thee.

God wants you, not your excuses.

"It is not a sin to work for one's daily bread, but it is a sin to work for nothing more."

"Better be one-sided than two-faced."

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

Dear Boys and Girls:

When I was a baby like my new baby brother I lived in Africa at Bekoro. Anne Kliever lives there now. We pray for her and her daddy and mama. Do you? I hear my daddy and mama ask Jesus to give them the food they need to keep them well.

I don't remember much about it but my mama says that it's lots easier to cook a meal here and to give me the right kind of food than it sometimes was at Bekoro. So she and daddy ask Jesus to give Anne and her mama and daddy and the other missionaries the right kind of food.

I want to go back to Bekoro. I ask my mama every once in awhile if we're not going back some day. I'm just three years old and I've forgotten a lot of things that I saw in Africa, but I hear mama and daddy talk about it so much that I want to go back to our home there. We live in the mission home now. I like this home too.

My mama says that I could ask you to pray and ask Jesus to make it possible for us to go back to Africa and to take my baby brother with us.

We never had snow in Africa. The black boys and girls don't know what snow is. I didn't know either until I saw it this winter. I didn't like it the first time it snowed, because it got in my sand-box and covered the grass and the sidewalk and the street. My mama told me it was a blanket that Jesus gave to keep the grass and the sidewalk warm; then I cried when daddy swept the snow off the sidewalk. I've learned to play in the snow now and I like it.

I guess it is a good thing they don't have snow in Africa because the black boys and girls don't have warm clothes to wear like we do.

I knew a little black girl at Bekoro and her name was Detoula. I wanted to play with her, but her mama had leprosy and my mother said she couldn't let my play with her. My mother was giving medicine to Detoula's mother so maybe some day she won't have leprosy any more.

Maybe my mother will have time to write for me again sometime.

With love,

ELAINE MORRILL.

By Mrs. Orville D. Jobson,

Bozoum, French Equatorial Africa

Couta is a little chubby kinky-headed lad that came all the way from a village called Kouki, to Bozoum, where he found Jesus as his personal Savior. He is very happy in his new found joy and is daily attending the inquirers' class prior to his baptism. At our watch night services, Noel read the following five promises, and asked all those who desired to follow the Lord faithfully during the coming year, and with God's help to do and obey the following, to stand:

1. Put Jesus first in all things.
2. Meet with the Lord in prayer morning and evening.
3. Read chapter from God's Word every day.
4. Win five souls to the Lord during the Year.
5. Each Lord's day give your tithe.

Couta who was sitting near the front was among the first to stand on his feet. He repeated the promises one by one and said he desired to fulfill all six and follow Jesus every day. Knowing that Couta was living with a widow woman, and has very little of this world's goods, Mr. Jobson asked Couta where he would get the money to give to the Lord every Sunday? Quickly he answered that he would gather fire wood and sell it at the market each week, and give his tithe to the Lord.

I know you will pray for Couta that he may continue to be a true follower of Jesus Christ.

OUR BIBLE CHARACTER ALPHABET

Answer to F: Felix.

G was a poor man who became captain of an army. He had only a few soldiers, while the enemy's army was like the sand by the seashore for number. Before fighting them, G and his servant walked into the enemy's camp one night. There G overheard a dream about himself. In Judges 7 you will find his name, the dream, and whether the dream came true.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR APRIL 28, 1940

RUTH, THE DUTIFUL DAUGHTER—Ruth 1:6-18

Suggestions for the Leader

The story of Ruth is one of the most familiar and loved stories in the Bible. At least it is read many times over by Christian girls.

Ruth had the admirable characteristics that made one care for her. Naomi needed a friend like her and Ruth proved to be faithful and dependable. Even though she had an opportunity for a career in her home land and among her own people, she chose to go along with Naomi to her land.

Naomi must have lived a godly life because Ruth could see something in her that was attractive. She must have felt that she had a knowledge of God and His revelation that she would like to have.

God is no respector of persons. This story proves it. He called a Gentile woman into His favor and made her to be in the royal and Messianic line. One can also see the providence of God in the life of Ruth. He was leading her and directing her to be a witness for Himself.

The speakers will tell of Ruth's humility and faithfullness in doing the honorable things. How little she had, yet how great was her exaltation.

1. Ruth, the Moabite Woman. Ruth 1:4; Deut. 23: 3-4; Neh. 13:1-3.

The background of the Moabites was not favorable. Nevertheless God is able to bring good out of such things when there is a willing mind.

Intermarriage with the Moabites was forbidden among Jews. In spite of it, they went on with the marriages. Really Naomi's husband showed a weak faith in God when he went into Moab.

Naomi was not in favor of a stay out of the pleasant land, because she made preparation to return as soon as her second son died.

It is possible to rise above the handicaps of heredity. Ruth turned from her people and her gods to come to Israel and worship the true God.

2. Kissing vs. Clinging. Ruth 1:14.

Orpah, kissing her mother-in-law and weeping, remained a Moabite. Ruth cleaving fast, became one of God's own people. Ruth followed the same course as Abraham. He too had to turn his back on his people because they were worshipping false gods.

Ruth's steadfast purpose was to go where Naomi went. Does our allegiance to Christ prove as real? Are we prepared to say that not even death will be able to separate us from Jesus?

3. Ruth, Earning a Living. Ruth 2:2-7; I Thess. 4: 11-12.

The life Ruth chose was not an easy one. She had many responsibilities to come to her. She was willing to do the commonplace things as long as they were in the will of God. To accept a responsibility for Jesus Christ is a sign of the sincerity of the new convert in Christ. The place of humble service is the place of blessing. The work that the Lord gives us to do, brings us closer to Himself.

4. Redeemed. Ruth 4:1-6; Lev. 25:25; Isa. 59:20.

Christ is our near Kinsman-Redeemer. We can best understand what this means when we know of the custom among the Jews in respect to buying back property that belonged to the family name. Where death entered and threatened to destroy the family name, the nearest kinsman was to take the widow and property to continue the family name. Christ is our Redeemer because he bought back all that Adam lost for us. Just as Boaz became the bridegroom for Ruth, Christ becomes the bridegroom for all those that receive Him.

5. The Line of the Redeemer. Ruth 4:14-17.

Ruth was not only brought into salvation but brought into the royal line that would present Christ to the world. Naomi's joy was that the line did not pass out but that one of the dearest hopes of all Hebrew women had been experienced by her.

God has a place and a work for those that are honestly looking for the Lord to use them. Ruth overcame all of the obstacles of race and religion and turned to a people she knew to be correct.

6. Aliens who won a name by faith:

Rahab (Josh. 6:22,23; Heb. 11:31); the widow of Zerephath (I Ki. 17:9; Lk. 4:24-26); Namaan (II Ki. 5: 1-14; Lk. 4:27); the centurion (Lk. 7:1-10); the woman of Canaan (Mt. 15:21-28); Greeks at the feast (Jn. 12:20,21); the Samaritan woman (Jn. 4:25,26,39).

QUESTIONS

1. How did Ruth overcome the obstacles of her own people?
2. Why did Ruth decide to go back with Naomi?
3. What is the work of Christ as our Kinsman-Redeemer?
4. What lesson do we learn from Ruth in respect to faithfulness?

JUNIOR - INTERMEDIATE C. E. TOPIC

A NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST JESUS

Approach to the lesson.

Last week we examined unsaved people under God's microscope. (As a review write on the blackboard the

parts of man examined. As the children tell how each looked, write the word or words which describe it.) When God saves us, we become new creatures (II Cor. 5:17). Everything is different. (As each part is studied tonight, write in a new column the word which describes it.)

Lesson:

Body—temple of Holy Spirit (I Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19).

Head—has mind of Christ (I Cor. 2:16); is sound (II Tim. 1:7), pure (II Pet. 3:1); understands things of God (I Cor. 2:10-12).

Eyes—open to precious things of God (Eph. 1:18-20).

Ears—hear, receive God's truth (I Thess. 2:13).

Mouth—confesses Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), glorifies God (Rom. 15:6).

Lips—cleansed (Isa. 6:7).

Tongue—speaks things of God (I Cor. 2:7, 12-13; I Thess. 2:4).

Throat—lets melody of praise to God flow from the heart (Eph. 5:19).

Spirit—alert with Christ's abundant life (Eph. 2. 4-6; Jn. 10:10b).

Heart—pure (II Tim. 2:22), cleansed from evil conscience (Heb. 10:22), filled with God's love (Rom. 5: 5), reflecting His glory (II Cor. 4:6).

Feet—beautiful, spreading the gospel (Rom. 10:15). Instead of walking the way of destruction and misery (Rom. 3:16-17), they walk the way of joy and peace (Rom. 5:1-2).

Works—good (Eph 2:10). Works of flesh replaced by fruit of Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).

Instead of none being good, the saved are complete in Christ (Col. 2:10), having His righteousness (Rom. 1:17—"a righteousness which comes from God"—Weymouth's translation). Isn't it wonderful!

After you get ready for church, you make special effort to keep clean, don't you? After God saves us, we should make special effort to do certain things. (In a third column write on the blackboard the words which suggest these things.)

Body—Glorify God (I Cor. 6:20).
Head—Think right (Phil. 4:8).
Eyes—Look unto Jesus constantly (Heb. 12:2).
Ears—Swift to hear and obey (James 1:19, 22-25).
Mouth—Guard speech (Eph. 4:29; Col. 3:8).
Lips—Speak His praise (Heb. 13:15).
Tongue—Keep from evil (I Pet. 3.10; James 3:2-13).
Throat—Amplify His praises (Eph. 5:19).
Spirit—Glorify God (I Cor. 6:20).
Heart—Sanctify (set apart) the Lord (I Pet. 3:15).
Feet—Walk straight paths (Heb. 12:13).
Works—Be careful to keep them good (Tit. 3:8).

C. E. FUN CORNER

A LEAP YEAR PARTY

The Invitation

A leap year party can be lots of fun;
You'll say so too, if you will run
To join our gang, for leap year play;
"Ain't we got fun!" we'll hear you say.

The Decorations

Happy home scenes—the ultimate for leap-yearitis.

The Refreshments

Serve in twos: 2 little mounds of ice cream, 2 pieces of cake or 2 cookies; or if you prefer salad, 2 spoonsful, 2 sandwiches, 2 pickles, 2 olives. Set out refreshments in twos. Group comes in pairs to receive them.

The Games

Leap year fortunes. Make 8 cards of heavy paper, about 2x3 inches. On each, place a letter to spell "leap year." Put hat on floor. Contestants stand about 5 feet away, take all cards in hand at one time, toss into hat. If all in hat, married this year; if miss one, a year to wait, etc.; if miss all, it's just too bad—will have to wait for two leap years to pass.

Who's Who? Cut from magazines illustrations of occupations and professions. (Make list of these for your own use.) Hang them about the room. Who can guess the largest number? Each then chooses the one he prefers, is blindfolded, and sees if he can go to the one chosen.

Leap year proposals. Seat men in circle. Give each a handful of mittens cut from cardboard, and a supply of small rubber bands. Girls must kneel and propose to each man. If accepted, are given a ring (rubber band), if rejected, a mitten. Give the one having the most rings a badge with inscription, "The Belle of 1940"; to the one having the most mittens a badge, "A quaint old fashioned girl."

Cracker eating contest for girls. First to finish and whistle is winner. (Have bags of various shapes, sizes and materials, each containing about a dozen peanuts.) As girls whistle, let them choose a bag without knowing contents. Warn them to guard these carefully—will need them later.

Musical hand. Use cardboard mittens, one less than the number of players. Stand group in circle. Pass mittens while pianist plays. When music stops, one without mitten drops out, also anyone having more than one mitten. Continue until one lonely mitten holder is left.

Ringing your partner. (Make faces on lollypops, dress to represent boy and girl. Stick these in apples or potatoes. Number players, boys and girls separately, from one up. Keep these numbers for next game.) No. 1's come first. Give each 3 jar rubbers. Place figures on floor about 5 feet from players. Each has 3 chances to toss rings over figures. Keep score.

Art gallery. (In another room have following objects arranged and numbered. Have girls get their partners (girl No. 1 and boy No. 1; 2 and 2; etc.), visit Art Gallery, and make list of correct titles.

Objects	Titles (in case you didn't know)
1 Blotting pad	1 An absorbing subject
2 Shoe polish	2 Bound to shine
3 Mustard, vinegar, salt, pepper	3 The four seasons
4 Flatiron	4 Home of Burns

5 Onions	5 Scene in Bermuda
6 Last year's calendar	6 Departed days
7 Alphabet	7 Greatest bet ever made
8 Cinders	8 Cole's memorial of the great
9 Unlit candle in holder	9 Out for the night
10 Umbrella	10 Reigning favorite

Choosing partners. Boys to be auctioned off for peanuts, by putting their noses through hole in sheet. Who knows the nose? What, no peanuts! Didn't we warn you to save them?

The Devotions

Let's take time to meditate about **time.** The wise man said, "There is a time to every purpose." Time to work, play, study. Most important is **time** we spend with the Word. Time thus spent will influence all our other times.

In the fulness of **time** the Savior came (Gal. 4:4).

In due **time** He died for us (Rom. 5:6).

Now is our **time** to accept (II Cor. 6:2).

Having accepted Him we should redeem the **time** (Eph. 5:16), because in due **time** (I Pet. 5:6) God will exalt all who are ready to be revealed in the last **time** (I Pet. 1:5).

Yours for a good time,

AUNT POLLY.

YOUR PERSONAL PROBLEMS

By Mrs. Emma Lichty

Young people—this column is conducted especially for you. Send your problem to your news editor, and it will be forwarded to Mrs. Lichty.

Question

I can't believe in hell. I always think of God as being kind, loving and just. I can't believe such a God made hell for you and me. Why did He permit Adam to commit that first sin of which we have record?

Discussion

In dealing with the first part of this problem, may I say in all kindness, if you do not believe in a place of punishment for the wicked, the Holy Spirit is not your teacher.

I am glad you say you can't believe that a just God such as we have made hell for you and me. I cannot believe that either. He prepared such a place "for the devil and his angels" (Mt. 25:41). Jesus said, "In My Father's house are many mansions:.....I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (Jn. 14:2-3). The Bible teaches clearly that if any man goes to the place prepared for the devil and his angels, he goes there by choice, for 'God is not willing that any should perish" (II Pet. 3:9). He has gone to prepare a place for those who **accept** the Lord, and it is ours for the taking.

As for Adam committing the first sin, evidently your Bible knowledge is a bit vague. Adam is the first **man** to commit sin, but sin did not begin in the garden nor with man. Here are some Scriptures I want you to see in your own Bible. I naturally draw my own conclusion that since you do not believe there is such a place as hell you also disregard the Bible truth of a personal devil.

Gen. 1:1 tells us God created the heavens and the earth. V. 2 would make one think He created it a jumble unless we realize that a **lot** has happened **between** v. 1 and 2. There is no contradiction here, as many university professors would like to make us believe. In v. 31 we are told that everything made was perfect. He positively states that "every plant of the field..... and every herb of the field **before it grew"** was placed in the earth at creation (v. 4-5). Yet v. 2 says, "The earth was without form and void," or "the earth **became** empty and desolate."

Read with me Isa. 45:18, where it states that the Lord did not **create** the earth empty and desolate. He **made** it empty (Isa. 24:1) because of sin. Remember this is before the sin in the garden. Why did He do this to a perfect earth? Turn to Jer. 4:23-24. Here you have the condition of the earth as a direct result of judgment—'the earth.....was without form and void; the heavens.....had no light." "The fruitful place was a wilderness" (v. 26) because of His fierce anger.

Let us see what caused this anger. Satan was created perfect (Ezek. 28:13-17). He was a beautiful creature—not the hideous character we see in pictures. He was perfect (v. 15) until iniquity was found in him. Because of his pride he sought to exalt his throne above God's. Read Isa. 14:12-17. In v. 14 he says, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." In v. 15 God says, "Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

This wicked angel had followers, for in Jude 6 we read, "The angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." II Pet. 2:4 also gives evidence of this, "God spared not the angels **that sinned,** but cast them down to hell (Gr.—Tartarus, their temporary abode)....." The cause of this catastrophe or judgment of God upon the earth is sin, and the devil and his angels were the guilty parties. Because of this they were cast out of heaven and will finally go to the "place prepared for the devil and his angels" (not for you and me—mark that carefully). Then the earth became chaotic. If you know this you are prepared to go on in Gen. 1 from v. 2, and you will see that it is Satan's lies that are the contradictions in this wonderful book of Genesis.

The evil one would have us believe good environment is what saves you and me. This perfect creature, Lucifer, certainly was in perfect environment (heaven) and he fell. Adam, the first man, was in that wonderful garden of Eden; yet he fell into sin in spite of a perfect set-up. And by one man's disobedience many were made sinners (Rom. 5:19). Be your surrounding ever so ideal, you are lost unless you

"confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead" (Rom. 10:9).

If you like to read and to "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," I should like to refer you to the following books for further information on your problem: Pember's "Earliest Ages," Giorgio Bartoli's "The Biblical Story of Creation," and Harry Rimmer's "Modern Science and the Genesis Records."

C. E. NEWS and NOTES

"I'm coming over to your church," a peddler said to a woman at whose house he had just called. As he was ready to leave, she had said, "You have taken up three minutes of my time; may I take up three minutes of yours?" She reached behind the door where she kept a collection of tracts, handed him one, and asked him if he knew the Lord. Thus the conversation started which led him to make this statement. If you have been wanting to do personal work, but do not know how to approach the subject, here is an idea which will be very effective.

"Everybody is getting so homesick for camp," one of last year's Bethany Campers recently said after seeing some other "campers" at a rally. "All the 'kids' who were there are getting so homesick for the others they can't wait for August to come." It is not only the "kids" who are looking forward to Bethany Camp and the first Brethren National Bible Conference. Here is what Dr. L. S. Bauman has to say about it:

"We are looking forward to Winona for 1940. There is no doubt in my mind but that the most spiritual conference the Brethren have ever held at Winona is ahead of us this coming year. We are hoping that you (the Polmans) will again be in charge of Bethany Camp as you were last year. Whatever other clouds hung over us at Winona last August, they all seemed to clear away when we walked over to Bethany.

"The most spiritual conference will mean that it will be the most missionary in its spirit. Therefore the Foreign Mission Board will be very happy to see you running Bethany Camp, and again make it a place around which happy memories will gather as the years come and go."

$ $ $ $! Who would like to have one? For two months Brother Polman has been offering to pay $1 for the ten best pictures of Bethany Camp which he receives. There has been very little response. If it is because you have not been reading C. E. Notes and News, you have been missing some other important announcements, and had better read them right now in the Feb. and Mar. Educational Numbers. If you have pictures of Bethany Camp to send, do so at once. Brother Polman needs them soon. (See C. E. directory for address.)

An older society, that at Rittman, Ohio, reports growth which necessitated the forming of a senior young people's society for those over high school age. They expect this to result in increased attendance in both groups. The senior society "started off with a bang" by having a fellowship dinner, social hour, and devotional period, at which 28 of the 30 young people were preesnt.

We still need to know the birthdays and favorite Scripture verses of many of the pastors and their wives. Since last month we have heard from Altoona, Pa.; Ashland, O.; Danville, O.; Flora, Ind.; Long Beach (1st church), Calif.; Mundy's Corner, Pa.; Peru, Ind.; and Rittman, O. If your church has not yet reported, **please** do so at once. We **must** have this information in advance if the names are to appear on the monthly prayer calendar.

Will your district win the banner in the C. E. topic contest? So far topics have come only from the Central District. We happen to know that societies in other districts have had some fascinating meetings which, if submitted, would give others "a run for their money" to surpass. District honors will be determined by (1) the most prompt response in this contest, (2) the largest percentage of societies of all ages participating and (3) the greatest number of unusual plans submitted for C. E. meetings. Help your district win the banner by sending in some topics right away. See issue of Feb. 10 for rules.

A TIMELY QUESTIONAIRE

We are wondering if the C. E. Dept. is of interest to enough of our readers to make it worth while to continue it in our magaine. Please fill out the following, paste it on a post card, and mail at once to the C.E. News Editor, 3326 South Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Are you a Christian Endeavorer? _____

If so, what church? _____

Do you read the C. E. Department? _____

Is it of interest to you? _____

What suggestions or criticisms can you make? _____

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(After the following please write "Enjoy" after those you particularly enjoy, "Continue" after those you would like continued, and "Discontinue" after those you suggest discontinuing.)

Items from our C. E. Missionary _____

Monthly prayer calendar (see p. 12 of issue of Mar. 31-Apr. 6) _____

The Question box (society problems discussed) _____

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Your Name _____

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(If you are an Endeavorer, it would help us greatly if you would have your entire society vote on the above next Sunday and send us the results. In any case, please do not delay in getting the above information to us **at once.**)

HERE AND THERE

By Robert Culver

FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH, FORT WAYNE, IND. "Our foreign missionary offering here Easter Sunday totaled in cash and pledges $563. Our goal of $600 I am sure will be reached before it is sent in. (Sunday following total reported $645 and more coming in!) For this we praise the Lord."

LEO POLMAN, pastor.

FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH, WHITTIER, CALIF. "Yesterday (Easter) was a great day. Big Sunday School attendance! A great sunrise service in the city park conducted by our church! A wonderful unified service in the morning at which there were five confessions. Eight were baptized in the evening and received into the church. A largely attended and deeply spiritual communion service in the evening. Rejoice with us!" CHARLES H. ASHMAN, pastor.

FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH, GARWIN, IA., H. S. Parks, pastor. A three day Bible conference with Dr. J. C. Beal has just been closed. Bro. Parks is teaching Bible in five rural schools, one every school day, reaching 100 children. Bro. Parks writes that through the ministry of the Word 35 children have made definite decisions, 15 of them first time confessions.

DOINGS IN THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH, PERU, IND. The first spring rally of the W. M. C. of Indiana District was held in this church Mar. 13. Those on the program were Mrs. Leo Polman, Mrs. Dan Comerford, Mrs. Mabel Flora, Mrs. Robert Ashman, and Mrs. Arthur Carey. Rev. R. D. Barnard, pastor of the Dayton, Ohio church, gave the address. In the Sunday School on Mar. 10, nine were given awards for having attended at least 50 Sundays in 1939, three for the same attendance over two years, one for three years, four for four years, two for five years, one for six years, and two for seven years—a very fine showing indeed. And if you want to know how to get new hymn books for your church, ask the pastor, Robert Ashman, how it was done in Peru. A certain Sunday was advertized on which all the Bible School and Christian Endeavor collections were to be used to purchase 150 new, beautiful hymn books. Evidently the money came in, for the last report is that the books were on the way from their publisher.

DOINGS AND EVENTS IN THE SECOND BRETHREN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES, CALIF. The Eureka Jubilee Singers, from Chicago recently presented two complete programs. On Mar. 12 at the Workers Band meeting 336 calls were reported, 274 contacts made, and 127 cards mailed out. (We presume this was a monthly report). On Apr. 5 the church is to be host to the district young people's rally. On Mar. 3 Roy L. Brown closed a week of meetings with the pastor, Paul R. Bauman, and the church.

IN THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH, SOUTH GATE, CALIF., the young people sponsored a week of pre-Easter services. The speakers were Claude Pearson, director of Pearson's Sailor Work, Attorney-Evangelist Britton Ross; David Calderwood, Los Angeles Presbyterian pastor; Dr. L. T. Talbot, pastor of the Los Angeles Church of the Open Door; Mr. Roy Creighton, Field Sec'y., Los Angeles Co. C. E. Union; and the pastor of the church, Elias D. White, who closed the series Sunday night. Pastor Elias White reports the reception of six into the membership of the church during February.

THE WEST TENTH STREET BRETHREN CHURCH, ASHLAND, Ohio, is outgrowing its quarters again. Just before Easter pastor C. W. Mayes writes that there were 264 in Sunday School the week before and that 350 were expected for Eatser. So,—the present auditorium is to be remodeled, and a new building 36 ft. x 50 ft. is to be added, containing pastors study in addition to a Jr. High Dept. and a Jr. Dept., both of which will be convertable into auditorium on a minutes notice. A full basement is also contemplated, embracing a kitchen, room for tables, and three large class rooms.

THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH, SUNNYSIDE, WASH., was host to the Yakima Dist. (Central Washington) C. E. Convention Mar. 15-17.

PICKED UP: "The church needs less block and more tackle."

BROTHER NORMAN UPHOUSE, pastor at Winchester, Va., has recently moved into a new seven room parsonage built next to the church. His new address is 649 Berryville Ave.

Revival Echoes From Waynesboro, Pa.

We are proud to make our first church report in the new magazine, **The Brethren Missionary Herald,** a Christian paper second to none!! We think enough of the magazine to place it in 111 homes, thus reaching almost our entire membership!

We are amazed at the showers of blessings the Lord has given us the past year. It was a great year both spiritually and financially. Our services were enriched by Bible conferences and messages from the following visiting speakers: Rev. Chas. W. Mayes, Rev. Clarence Sickel, Rev. Claude H. Pearson, Dr. L. S. Bauman, Miss Elizabeth Tyson, Prof Conard Sandy, Rev. Arthur Malles, and Prof. Alva J. McClain, the meetings varying in length from one night to one week.

Last September we felt led to take a determined stand for the right by vote of our congregation. It meant the loss of some members, but resulted in great spiritual gain. The subsequent growth of the church showed us we were not mistaken in the leading of the Lord.

The climax came in the revival services, conducted by Brother R. Paul Miller during the winter. Our 14 member Men's Gospel Team paved the way by holding two cottage prayer meetings per week in many homes of the congregation for months before the meeting. The seventy Band of personal workers made many calls. We had wonderful attendance and interest in the meetings, fine support being given by the two pianists, the choir, and by visiting delegations from three states: Washington, D. C., with Rev. Homer A. Kent, pastor; Hagerston, Md. Second Church with Rev. Roy Long, pastor; Hagerstown Mission with Evangelist A. M. Dixon; and the Church of the Brethren of Martinsburg, West, Va., Rev. Harold Snider, pastor.

We conducted three radio programs over WJEJ, Hagerstown, Md., which helped advertise the meeting. The Gospel Quartet from Washington, D. C., sang at all services the first and last Sundays of the meeting. Special music was a feature each night, and the pastor led the singing.

The numerical results were 55 members coming in reconsecration, and 41 others coming in first time confession, making a total of 96 public decisions. Of this number 31, mostly adults, have been baptized and received as members, and another baptismal service will follow soon. We will never forget the closing day with 28 at the altar in the morning and 37 there in the evening. Brother Miller preached hard and visited faithfully, and the Lord blessed.

The Wednesday following the close of the meeting we had 106 attending prayer meeting and received one reconsecration. The next Sunady there were thre confessions in the morning and four in the evenin After the baptismal service and receiving the ne members that night, we closed with a testimony se vice by candlelight. One young man came down th aisle and laid a pipe, cigars, and a can of tobacco i front of the pulpit while testifying that the Lord ha taken the desire for such things out of his life durin the meetings. After many testimonies, those thu taking part joined with the new converts in a circl around the church, praying for the lost, and close with singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

R. D. CREES, pastor.

Publication Offering Honor Roll

As the gifts continue to come in, we continue t express our hearty gratitude to all who have had an part in making such a fine report possible.

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. . . . in Christian Service! You must either advance or retreat. There is no happy medium or compromise. Particularly is this true in publishing Christian literature like the Missionary Herald. WE MUST GO FORWARD! To advance requires financial aid. That's why we are again calling your attention to our urgent need for a $5,000 Publication Offering. Some have already responded. Have you? If not, do it today. It is not too late. Remember, a gift of $5.00 or more will bring you a fine Nelson Reference Bible, beautifully illustrated. Send your gift today to the Brethren Missionary Herald, 3326 So. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, Ind. We must go forward! We can't stand still!

Blaine Snyder 4-6-41

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EDITORIALS

250,000 JEWS CAN BE REACHED

There are in Los Angeles, Calif, 250,000 of the children of Israel. Our Jewish mission is located right in the midst of these people.

Our goal is to reach every one of these thousands with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a magnificent work, a great opportunity, a rich privilege granted to our Brethren churches by God. It can be done. We can do it. God will enable us.

Pray for this great work in every prayer meeting and at home.

Pastors, arrange for your Jewish Bible conference today. It is our only means of financing our mission.

Below is the list of Jewish speakers who will arrange your conference for you.

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Buffalo, New York.

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5454 Catharine Street,
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Seattle, Wishington.

Rev. E. D. Gruen
1058—37th Street,
Des Moines, Iowa.

No matter what date you prefer, write now and arrange for it.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee" (Psa. 122:6).

A BUILDER NEEDED

Our new congregation at Clayhole, Ky., will be ready to erect their tabernacle church building about May 15. The congregation is furnishing the lumber and the labor. The money is coming in right along for the doors and the windows, and also for the paint and roofing and hardware. The plans are just about completed and the foundation is now being put in.

Now our need is for some capable builder who loves the Lord and can spare a couple of weeks time in the middle of May to oversee the work. Transportation and board and room will be provided, but there is no money on hand down there for paying for labor. We feel led to discover if there is in The Brethren Church somewhere a contractor or builder able to oversee this work who will do it as a gift to Christ. The secretary is driving down at that time. Write him.

"Prayer is work — Prayer works — Prayer leads to work."—Dr. R. A. Torrey.

The Brethren Church does not only ask its members to believe and do only those things they absolutely MUST do to be saved. The Brethren Church asks its members to believe and do all things that please God, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us not have a MUST-DO church, but a WANT-TO-DO church.—B.

TAKE THE WORD SERIOUSLY

I do not believe our existence as churches or as Christians can be justified unless and until we take Christ and His Word seriously. All the world is dying while we are trying out this method and that, while we are offering the chaff and worse. Let us accept the text as true and act upon it. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

—Russell Bradley Jones.

WHY NO MAGAZINE MARCH 30

We are glad so many are reading The Brethren Missionary Herald, and are sorry there was no issue for you March 30th. This number was purposely omitted. As most all of our readers know, we publish weekly, or four times a month, with one Foreign, one Home, one Educational, and one W. M. C. number. March this year had 5 publication Saturdays—hence the one omission. Eventually we hope to publish a fifth number — a special Pictorial edition — those months that have five Saturdays. Your subscription or Publication Gift will help to hasten that number. Our goal is 5,000 regular subscribers. Are you one?

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ONE MILLION JEWISH BEGGARS

By R. Paul Miller, Editor

The International News Service reports that in Poland today there are 3,000,000 Jews and 1,000,000 of them are beggars! What a sad plight for the people who once under the glorious reign of Solomon enjoyed the most wonderful exaltation among the nations of the world. In Deut. 28:1 Jehovah promised them,

> "If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord Thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth."

What people ever had such a start in their national life as did Israel? Think of what they might have been, what suffering they might have been spared. Then follows verse 12,

> "The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand, **and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow."**

It is a far cry from such a glorious state to being a million beggars in one land alone, to say nothing of the millions in other lands who are being robbed and pillaged and slain like cattle.

Now read the 13th verse,

> "And the Lord shall make thee the head and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath."

Poor Israel is surely beneath today. All the nations of the earth are trampling them under foot all because they refused to "hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments." Nations of the earth! observe the tragedy of Israel and tremble before you pay the price of forgetting God! Earth, **earth,** EARTH, hear the word of the Lord!

OUR COVER DRAWING

The Fort Wayne News-Sentinel has a courageous editor in William J. Gross. He has fearlessly stood for the truth and defended the gospel of Christ and the Word of God consistently. He has insisted the real trouble with our crumbling civilization is not material, legislative or social, but spiritual.

In the drawing on the cover of this magazine, by Cartoonist Larimer, we have one of the most remarkable pictures of what is happening to our world today. To see such a cartoon in a large daily newspaper is most unusual these days. The truth of the cartoon is apparent to all. The Word of God has been torn out of the foundation of our present civilization, and instead the makers of a "brave new world," as the modern liberalists and materialists love to designate themselves, are trying to substitute it with the flimsy props of human schemes and philosophies. The structure keeps right on tumbling around their heads but they refuse to admit their error. Wrote the editor in part,

> "It is scarcely to be questioned that the 'intellectual' fashion, for some time now, has been to reject the Word of God as the cornerstone of that civilization's structure, and to supplant it with well-advertised but demonstrably ineffective props.
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> "For many of those feverishly concerned with 'systems' and 'plans' for the hoped for creation of a 'brave new world' the Holy Scripture has become the 'Stone which the builders rejected'."

What a true word is spoken here! If ever these 'planners' and 'regimenters' have had a real chance to demonstrate the value of their Utopian ideas that they have been shouting about for so long, it has been during the last seven years here in the United States. And what do we have but turmoil and fear in all lines of business; patronage in government that smells to high heaven; a mad wasting of the resources of the nation by its national leaders; drunkenness spreading through young and old like a wild orgy from hell itself; a wave of recklessness and gambling to the point of utter abandon; and a government administration that plays secretly with the forces of Communism designed to overthrow what has always been known as a nation of Christian churches. And the pity of it is that so many so-called 'divines' are joining hands with these 'Atheistic Communists,' and are abandoning the Bible for the Satanic schemes of modernism that teaches the child that he is but an animal offspring of a protoplasm.

A GRAND TESTIMONY TO THE WORD—

Hear the editor again:

> "It is even high time that we also insisted that instructors in some of the country's Sunday Schools stopped attempting to make far-fetched little ethical essays do service in lieu of the precious spiritual truths of God's divine Word.
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> "For this great 'cornerstone' of our civilization and of all the religions predicated upon its precious essence is not only an ethical and social work. It is, as Daniel Webster said,
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> > 'A book of **faith,** and a book of **doctrine,** and a book of morals, and a book of religion, of special revelation from God'."

We wonder if our readers realize what it means in the way of conviction and courage for the editor of a cosmopolitan daily newspaper to boldly declare the Bible as a 'special revelation from God' in face of the widespread ridicule and sneering of the self-styled 'advanced thinkers' of today.

However, there is one more thing we wish that the editor had written and that was regarding the sad

need of a house cleaning, not in Sunday Schools only, but in the hotbeds of infidelity, atheism and Communism in our public schools all over this land, and especially in the colleges and universities where, under the guise of 'intellectual freedom' the immature young people are scoffed out of all spiritual belief and taught the moral standards of the barnyard.

But for the editor of a daily newspaper we think this is a mighty fine and fearless editorial. More power to him.

THE TERRITORY OF ANTI-CHRIST SLOWLY FORMS—

The magnificent resistance that the people of Finland put up against the overwhelming Communistic hordes in the struggle to save their homeland from Atheism and slavery has stirred the world. We are made to wonder just what is going on in the world when one nation after another—Czechoslovakia, Poland, Austria, Hungary, and now little Finland—are forsaken by their friends and allies and left to the fate of the anti-christian dictators. We can easily see that France and Britain did not want to be drawn away from the western front by this ruse, when they realized the tremendous war machine they faced in the German army that could strike a crushing blow in 24 hours that might cost France all her land. We can see that France and Britain could not have saved Czechoslovakia or Poland without weakening the western front, for at that time they had no army in the near east at all. Today, however, it is a different thing. Allied preparation is about completed. The tremendous French-British army in the Balkans now has 1,500,000 men with full equipment and supplies on hand. The stage is now ready for a titanic struggle—a struggle in which small nations and interests will go unheaded. Each small nation must ally itself with a larger nation or perish from the earth. The small nations must now choose. Some will choose one group of great nations, and some will choose another. Some will undoubtedly make great mistakes that they can never rectify. Many may wonder about this. Those who know the prophetic Word are not mystified. They know that Ezek. 38, Dan. 11, and Rev. 9 and 16 plainly show us that the world situation at the close of this age will be one of four great coalitions. Russia, Germany and Turkey will be in the role of the "king of the north"; Japan, China and other Asiatics will form the "kings of the east"; Persia, Ethiopia and Egypt will form the "king of the south," and the nations within the territory of the old Roman Empire will form the territory of anti-Christ. The small nations are one by one being swallowed up by the great military allies. It looks like the way is being cleared for the last war drama of the ages when anti-Christ of whom it is said, "Who is like unto him? who is able to make war with him?" (Rev. 13:4), will conquer all nations and alone survive to face Jesus Christ, the King of kings at Armageddon where he will perish. Glorious day for the saints!

JESUS THE SON OF GOD

By Hazel Russell

(This paper was written by one of the pupils in the grammar grades at Caney School, in the mountains of Kentucky. It is a sample of the kind of work our Brother Sewell Landrum is doing in the public schools. He teaches systematic Bible studies to more than 500 boys and girls in the public schools of the field every week. This is the work that will finally bring great returns for eternity. If you believe in this kind of work, why not help us get that building up for them to worship in at Clayhole. Had 141 in attendance last Sunday. Many had to stand. The school room is so small they cannot be accommodated.—R.P.M.)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in a manger. What poor parents who did not have a bed to lay their new born baby on! They laid Him in a manger of hay.

A star shone for Him. It has never shone for any other baby.

Joseph was a carpenter and Jesus helped him in his work while He was a small boy. Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man.

When He was twelve years old Joseph and Mary took Him to the temple. There was such a large crowd, they thought they had lost Him. When they found Him He was talking with wise men. He was answering their questions with ease. Mary and Joseph asked Jesus why He had not come home with them. He told them it was time He was about His Father's business.

Jesus went about and taught parables and showed miracles. He had twelve disciples.

Jesus knew the debt that He had to pay. He prayed to His Father to let the cup pass. He told His disciples that He would be crucified but they did not understand Him.

Jesus was more human—he wearied, wept and hungered just like us—yet He was divine.

He was in the garden with His disciples when the men bound Him and took Him to Pilate. Pilate questioned Him and found no fault in Him. Pilate wanted to turn Him loose but the people wouldn't let him. He told them to take Him and crucified Him.

They took Him and plaited a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They spit on Him and stripped and mocked Him unto death. They cast lost for His garments.

A rich man took Jesus and buried Him in his own grave. They guarded around the grave. After three days Jesus arose from the dead. He became the first fruit of them that slept.

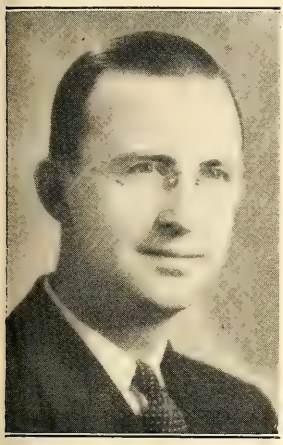
Jesus did not stay long on earth after His resurrection.

Jesus was standing talking to a crowd of people. When a cloud lifted Him up and carried Him to heaven. He told them He would return in like manner.

WAR—CAN IT EVER BE RIGHT *for the Christian?*

Frank Coleman, Jr., Pastor Grace Bible Church, Waterloo, Ia.

No war is justifiable, save that alone which God directs. No army moves in the will of God, save that alone which follows His orders as their Commander-in-chief. When God moves at the head of His forces, putting down His enemies, vindicating His holy name, and establishing His rule — then, and only then, is it possible to justify war. This was the case when Joshua swept to victory over Canaan's godless tribes. This, too, shall be the case when our Lord shall come to end the unrighteous rule of man.



Frank Coleman, Jr.

Wars of aggression are rightly condemned by all Christian people. War is wrong! The taking of life except by judicial authority is wrong! No circumstance can warrant war's shedding of blood! **And we must say this of wars of whatever kind, whether of aggression or defense and self-protection!** War is wrong! The taking of life, and that the life of men for whom Christ died, is wrong! For the Christian there is no right side to any war—both sides are wrong!

The child of God can never be at war with any man, or any people. He is to "follow.....peace" (2 Tim. 2:22). He is to "follow peace with all men" (Heb. 12:14). With friend and foe alike he is to be at peace. These are his orders, and no circumstance can arise which might nulify them. He has but one mission in the world, to witness for his Lord—to proclaim the message of peace, that God is reconciled and that peace has been made through the blood of the cross. Where, then, is there excuse for contributing to the taking of life, even in the remotest degree, when his sole mission in the world is to bring the life-giving Christ to men?

The child of God has a higher citizenship than that of this world. He is subject to the powers that be, but not to the extent of disobedience to the will of his God. There is a point beyond which he may not go in obedience to men, when it becomes better to obey God rather than men. Surely the limit of his responsibility to Caesar has been reached when Caesar demands that he be party to the shedding of blood. His will has been surrendered, and no power outside of him can compel him to exercise that will in disobedience to his Lord.

But, some will say, we must defend ourselves. Why? We have nothing to defend but the gospel. Defense by war can never be reconciled with our purpose to minister Christ to men. No circumstance can justify the taking of the life of a single man for whom Christ died, who might have heard the gospel had he lived.

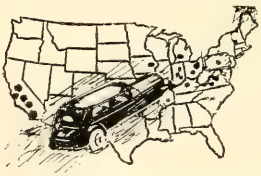
But, others will say, we must protect our government. Why? Is any form of government essential to our preaching Christ? There is no authority in earth or hell that can stay the witness of the determined child of God. Death for his faithful testimony may be the result; but what is martyrdom but the supreme witnessing?

But, still others will say, we must protect our land. Why? Are **things** essential to our witnessing for Christ? Property, creature comforts, the luxuries of life—these may be important, but they are only incidental to the Christian's main purpose of life. Here is the crux of the problem of the Christian's relation to any war in which his nation may engage: war, save in the few well-known instances in the Word, has as its cause the selfish interests of men. Either to sieze or protect **things** is the ruling motive. To contribute in any way to the savagery of war in order to protect things, is not for the child of God. His chief interest is to proclaim the gospel; and that he can do under any conceivable circumstances.

The plea that absolute non-resistance invites invasion and disaster is not valid. Distaster to what? Surely not to the cause of Christ, for even in imprisonment and death He is preached. Men are prone to imagine consequences; but nowhere in the Word of God are we held accountable for the consequences resulting from obeying or preaching the Word. Let the child of God obey at whatever the cost to him in things, in liberty, yes, in life itself; the results are in the hands of God.

We deny that non-resistance is a disastrous course, for the promise of God is "live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you" (2 Cor. 13:11). Let those who would serve the interests of war, even in the slightest degree, prove that God is with them. Has He given the command? Where are the divine orders? Is it to the glory of His name? These are the crucial questions in attempting to justify even a war of defense.

War requires two parties. Let not the Christian be one of them, either directly or indirectly; but let him rather "follow after the things which make for peace" (Rom. 14:19). Let him not be a party to the shedding of blood, but rather let him be quick to herald the gospel of the grace of God, that peace, not death, may be brought to the soul of man.



ACROSS THE NATION

with our secretary

REVIVAL AT MARTINSBURG

After assisting in the organization of the Grace Brethren Church of Flora, Ind., we drove to Martinsburg, Pa., for a revival. We shall never forget that drive. It was begun in a snowstorm with snow already about six inches deep and more falling right along. It was a case of ice and snow and sleet all the way to Martinsburg. We hoped to get ahead of the storm, but couldn't make it. We arrived just in time for the meetings to start. The nerves in our spinal column seemed like hard knots upon arrival. After a few minutes rest and a little supper, we went to the meeting. But we don't want any more drives like that one!

Martinsburg is one of our older churches built by old brother J. I. Hall, if we recall aright. The town is not large but there is a good field for the church there. Many of the members live out in the country. The town and country have a multitude of souls that can be reached for the Lord. However, the Brethren Church there has had hard sledding for a number of years. It seems that Satan has singled this poor people out for plenty of trouble so as to discourage them. Even though there have been some losses that were hard to bear, yet the main body of the people have stuck through it all and are determined not to run. It's a poor soldier who runs just when the battle starts. Martinsburg has seen better days and we believe they will see them again.

Brother Stanley Hauser, the pastor, has had three churches on his circuit until recently when the Raystown group withdrew. Now he has Martinsburg and Yellow Creek. This arrangement seems to work pretty good and things are going along better than for some time. All together this has been a very difficult field for the pastor and we are praying that things shall continue to improve to the glory of our Lord, and that he may yet see many souls saved as the result of his labors.

Our home while there was with Sister Klepser. It was easy to return to this happy Christian home again, for I have been there before. I greatly enjoyed my stay to say the least. There was a very fine and friendly spirit among the members and among the neighboring Brethren churches. Delegations came from all around. Night after night there were groups from the Waynesboro church 78 miles away. One night 71 folks from Waynesboro drove over to the meeting. They filled the place with the fervor and spirit of Christ. We surely enjoyed them. William Schaffer and Ord Gehman drove up from Conemaugh. Brother Gartland brought a fine delegation from his church at Leamersville. Brother Randall Rossman brought his people over one night as also did Brother Ernest Pine from Juniata. It was fine fellowship all through. While we were unable to bring many to decision during the meetings we trust that we were able to strengthen the congregation to meet the days ahead with confidence and determination for Christ.

ONCE MORE IN WOOSTER

As Wooster is on the main highway it is easy for us to stop at this point often. This time we found the auditorium looking clean and bright with the walls finished and electric fixtures in. They were sweeping it out when I was there with the view of holding services right along. There are some more things to be done yet, but it is really a very inviting building for church services. They were planning a city-wide canvass when I was there. Brother John Squires is alive to his work and will not allow things to lag now that things are started. Already new people are being drawn to the Bible classes. This is a real field for us and may we make the most of it.

ON THE WAY UP

Our new building in San Diego, California, is now on the way up! They started about the 15th of Feb., and expect it to be completed in about three months from the date of starting. If things go as they usually do in California, they will make their goal. Pray for them. More about this later.

MOVING PICTURES OF THE BRETHREN PARADE IN AMERICA

In order that our people all over the land may have a chance to actually see the progress that is going on within the Brethren churches from east to west, the directors of the Council have decided to provide moving pictures of our fields. Every point will be shown. There will be new buildings at San Diego, Bellflower, Waterloo, and Kentucky. Of this we are sure. There may be one or two more by the time next fall arrives. The fact is that things are moving so fast these days in our home mission field that we cannot forcast just what may come to pass within a few more months. Our people have a real spirit to go ahead for Christ and there seems to be no stopping them! So we want our folks everywhere to catch the spirit of our front lines by showing life pictures of each field. These pictures will be shown by the secretary this fall in all of our eastern churches just before Thanksgiving. By making a six weeks tour of one night stands we can about reach them all. We plan to have one of our western men show them on the Pacific Coast.

FREMONT SOARS

Word has come from Fremont, Ohio, that our new work there is growing by leaps and bounds. Their Sunday School attendance has risen to 101 **and they all stayed for the preaching service!** The young people's class has grown already to **37.** The young married peoples class has reached **17.**

They have had 11 first time decisions for Christ besides 12 definite reconsecrations. **How is that for a mission point barely two months old?** Do you wonder that the Home Missions Council could not turn down such points just because we did not have funds on hand at present to care for them? Do you feel that you could willingly make an additional offering in June to help works like these? God is sending the new fields we have been asking for. May we not fail to care for them now that He has sent them. Golden opportunities are coming to our Brethren churches. May we prove worthy of them before God.

ANOTHER REVIVAL AT ROANOKE

For the third time we were privileged to assist in a meeting with the Roanoke congregation. It was also the fifth revival that we had held under the pastorates of Brother Herman Koontz. The first meeting was held at Glenford, O., when Brother Koontz was a student pastor there. The next meeting was held at Masontown, Pa., while he was a pastor there. Then we have held three meetings for him here at Roanoke. Each meeting has been attended with greater blessing than the former ones, we believe. It is certain that this is the finest meeting we have been priviliged to experience here in this city. The attendance and interest have never before been as fine as this time. It has surely been a pleasure to have a part in it.

There is such a fine spirit of fellowship and common interest among the Brethren churches of this Southeast District that they drive long distances to attend meetings in each other's churches. We had delegations from Buena Vista several nights. Their pastor, brother Arthur Malles, led our singing for us in a fine way several times. Brother J. E. Patterson, and numbers of his people from Hollins, Va., attended the meetings right along. Bernard Schneider and a couple of carloads of his people attended one night. And then we had the surprise of our lives one Saturday night to see three carloads of folks from the Waynesboro, Pa., congregation walk into the service. I guess that takes the prize for interest in revival services. And one among the Waynesboro folks was a young lady from way up at Martinsburg, Pa. Two of the men in this group brought their trumpets along and played for us on Sunday morning. This was all mighty fine.

Brother and Sister Koontz have done a most excellent work here during the past eight years. The work is growing steadily. All departments of the church are growing and the debt is decreasing. I well remember when the debt looked bigger than the church! It is over half paid off now and the worst is over. They will soon finish it. I would like to be here when they burn that mortgage.

There is a great future for this congregation and a wide field. They are already getting cramped for more room. They have room to build on and they will have to do so before so long if I am not mistaken. May it be soon.

No hospitality could be finer than was extended to us while here. It has always been the best. Our home with the pastor and his wife is always a time of blessing. One more bright spot has come into my life and with it goes many treasured memories that never fade. Praise God for them all.

A WARNING TO ALL WHO HATE THE JEWS

". . . . in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, . . . it was turned. . . . to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them"—Esther 9:1.

". . . the Jews . . did what they would unto those that hated them"—Esther 9:5.

". . . they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet . . . I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Savior and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob."

—Isaiah 49:23, 25, 26.

There are no long-faced tithers! A smile grows from the heart of those who rightfully give one tenth of their income to God.

NOTICE: WOMEN OF PENNSYLVANIA

We are receiving word from several of the Councils that they are planning to be with us for our great missionary rally. You will regret it if you miss this wonderful day of fellowship.

When? April 26, 1940 — 10:30 A. M. till 3:30 P. M.

Where? Meyersdale, Penna.

Who? The Women's Missionary Councils of Penna.

What? Missionary speakers and a missionary playlet.

Bring a covered dish — Be there!

MRS. ERNEST PINE, Sec.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

MRS. MYRTLE SNYDER, nee Gossard, wife of Grover Snyder, Conemaugh, Pa., ceased her earthly pilgrimage when she went to be with her Lord on the afternoon of Feb. 23, 1940. Sister Snyder, a deaconess in the Conemaugh Brethren Church was one of its most faithful members. Besides her husband, she left three children, Miss Rose Snyder, a teacher in the Conemaugh public schools; Miss Ruth Snyder, in preparation for missionary service to Africa and a senior in Grace Theological Seminary. Services were held in the Conemaugh Brethren Church by the pastor, and assisted by Ray Starr, superintendent of the Conemaugh Brethren Gospel Mission in Franklinboro. We comfort one another in the hope of His soon return.

W. H. SCHAFFER, pastor

THANKSGIVING OFFERING REPORT

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Mrs. West	5.00
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Miss Nettie I. White (Gen) (K)	40.00
Mrs. M. LaVernie Wilbur	10.00
Mrs. Florence Willcuts	5.00
Mrs. Mary S. Wilson (Gen) (K)	5.50
Harry E. Winter & Family	5.00
Mrs. Katherine V. Woodmansee	5.00
Mrs. L. E. Wormer	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. N. J. Zahn (Gen) (K)	5.00
GRAND TOTALS OF GIFTS OF $5.00 OR MORE	$2825.45
Returned for District Missions	563.31
Total of the Thanksgiving Offering for National Home Missions	$2275.14

1st Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.:

Rev. & Mrs. Charles Ashman & Charles, Jr., (Gen) (Cl).	25.00
Mrs Mayme Fleming Barmore	100.00
Mrs. Ruth Beesen	10.00
Mr & Mrs. O. W. Brown	10.00
Mr. Edw. Bushnell	10.00
Mr.s Eilzabeth Coffman	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Crawford	20.00
Zelpha Crawford	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Culp	20.00
Robert Culp	10.00
Lynn Culp	10.00
Ellen Culp	10.00
Orlyn Culp	5.00
E. W. Driver	32.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. O. Epperly	20.00
Nellie O. Eklund	5.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Epperly	6.50
C. H. Flory	5.50
Laura Flory	5.00
Geo. A. Flory	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Garber	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Gnagy	15.00
Elizabeth Guest	14.00
Geo. C Haag and Family	25.00
Walter Haag	10.00
W. D. Hand	8.27
Edward Hay	5.00
Leon Hill	5.00
R. B. Hopwood	10.00
Warren, Jim, and Bill House	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Horney	9.00
Clyed Irwin	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Kreiter	5.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Knipp	7.50
Mrs. L. A. Koon	5.00
Mrs. S. O. Larkins	25.00
G. E. Miller	10.00
Mildard Miller	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn E. Miller	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Mulkins	15.00
Jennie Needham	15.00
Elizabeth Ogden	10.00
Cora E. Palmer	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Peterson	10.00
Albert & Coda Patching	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Peterson	5.00
Johanna Quatliff	5.00
E. H. Rough	15.00
John Richardson	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Ridenour	25.00
Wm. Roberts	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Robinson	25.00
J. E. Root	10.00
Lavina Routeldge	5.00
Mrs. W. H. Schumacher	5.00
Loren Scovel	5.00

PALESTINE'S CHALLENGE TO EVANGELIZE THE JEWS

By Professor Conard Sandy, Department of the Old Testament, Grace Theological Seminary

While crossing the Atlantic Ocean on an American Lines vessel, the Excalibur, in June, 1939, we met a young Jewish lady on her way to take up residence in **the land.** She had given up a good position in New York City where she was making a comfortable living, she had sailed forth from the shores of the country that has long been known for its spirit of freedom and tolerance to all races and to all religions, she had said farewell to her relatives and friends; she had done all this to go forth in the spirit of a pioneer to settle in Palestine. She was but one of many who were going there to reclaim the land from the Arabs.

But this young Jewess, as thousands of others, went into the Holy Land in unbelief and with little or no hope of the Messiah. She had learned some of the teachings of the Zionistic Movement, but none of the Messianic hope; she had heard of the land that offered the possibility of becoming once again the national home of her people, but she had not been told much of heaven and of the Christ Who came from there to save. She had no particular hope; rather she was impelled by the spirit of adventure. She was going forth on a mission that was to help in getting the Promised Land ready for the return of the Jews thereto, who, like herself, would come with no thought of the only One Who can bring about a complete restoration of the Israelites to their land.

Now, dear Christian reader, I want to ask you the same question that I was compelled to ask myself when I learned this story of the Jewess. Why should such a fine young Jewess, with a good education, a fine home, a good position, leave this country in unbelief? Why was she not going forth to her people from "Christian America" with the blessed story that was given to "the Jew first?" When she was told the story of Jesus, as we sailed through the great expanses of the Atlantic, she admitted that she had not heard much of the message before that time. Who was to blame? Have we failed in telling others, especially those peoples among whom our Lord was born, according to the flesh, of the only Savior of mankind, be they Jew or Gentile?

Let us go with this young lady to her new home in Palestine. It is located at Givath Brenner, some miles inland from the port city of Tel-Aviv. Givath Brenner is a Jewish community in the midst of Arab settlements. But more than that, it is a veritable oasis in the midst of barrenness. Every Jewish community can be quickly recognized because of the signs of life and growth in contrast to desolate Arab settlements that portray almost no evidences of living things. This Jewish community is one of many such that the Jews have in the **land,** many of which are conducted on a semi-communistic basis. The small children are kept in a nursery, the older children are in boys' or girls' dormitories, while the adults have their small separate quarters in one of the larger buildings. All the work is divided up among the inhabitants, each doing that for which he or she is best fitted.

When we arrived there one afternoon we were given a guide who could speak English quite fluently. We learned he was a lad of 18 who had come from Czechoslovakia. (So they gather from all parts of the globe in this one enterprise.) He showed us the nursery, the dormitories, the school, the kitchen and mess hall, the dairy barns, etc. But we saw no sign of any religious meeting place. So we asked him concerning the same and he told us they have no public religious services in that community. Here are Jews with no synagogue and no church! A man sat at the table, while we were there, eating, keeping his hat on his head, and never having paused in a moment of gratitude. Evidences of unbelief were seen on every hand. Yet all this was taking place in the **land** of our Lord. How much of the blame for this situation lays upon our shoulders as Christians? Yes, I know the Word informs us that they will return in unbelief, but that does not remove from us the responsibility of telling them, of telling all the story of the cross, the empty tomb, and the salvation thereby revealed.

These unbelieving Jews are in constant trouble with the unbelieving Arabs. Unbelief and sin are at the root of all the conflict between these two peoples (read Gen. 16). It was so in the beginning of their history and it continues so until our day. Both groups want the **land** and will even dare to fight for it. The night before we visited Nazareth five Jews had been killed there by the marauding Arabs. Such peoples do not know the Savior. I wonder if some Jew to whom we should have told the story of the gospel may have gone to a Christless grave there that night. Brethren, let us awaken to our work and not forget that the Jew needs to be saved as much as does the Gentile.

But now let us turn from the negative or dark side of this picture to a more positive and brighter side. On Sun., July 16th, we (my brother-in-law, Dr. Kenneth Monroe, and I) spoke in the American Church at Jerusalem. At one of these services an interpreter had to be employed to translate the message to the people, most of whom were Arabs. But at the second meeting only those were present who could understand the English language. Hence, we had much more freedom in speaking to the latter group. They had no Bible School services that morning; instead they had two preaching services. To be with these people that morning was one of those rare blessings for which we continually thank the Lord.

After the second message we all took part in a communion service. The pastor of the church is a fine Christian Arab of middle age. The general superintendent of this church, and of other evangelical churches in Palestine and Transjordania, who was present that morning, is a converted English Jew, also a middle aged gentleman. This superintendent

F. L. Spear	25.00
A. D. Sterling	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Strous	10.50
Mrs. Geo. Ulery	70.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Vaughn	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. R. West	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. V. Zook	16.00
Boyd Zuck and Family	25.00
Total offering	$1049.27
Returned for District Missions	198.93
Total of the Thanksgiving Offering for National Home Missions	$ 850.34

2nd Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.:

Arthur Adams	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ira Amick	5.00
Herman Baerg	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Baker	10.00
Mr & Mrs. George D. Baker	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Paul R. Bauman	25.00
Mary Virginia Bauman	5.00
Louis Paul Bauman	5.00
Mrs. Iverna Beam	5.00
Miss Margaret Beard	5.00
Mrs. W. O. Blanchar (Gen) (F.W)	5.00
Mrs. Florence Bowahll	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Loren Brady	6.00
Mr & Mrs. Jesse J. Brown & Family	16.00
Clifford Brown	5.50
Miss Mary Brown	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Carl C. Brydon	10.00
J. W. Butenhoff	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Caldwell	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. V. F. Conkle & Family	7.00
Miss Barbara Conkel	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Davis	12.00
Elder & Mrs. Mark Early	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. William Fillion	10.00
Miss June Fillion	5.00
Miss Gloria Fillion	5.00
Mr. Edrie Fullion	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Free	10.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Gulley	10.00
Mr. Harry Hardin (E)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Hay	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Hoffman & Family	27.00
Roy Howard	5.00
Mrs. A. Fillion & Sons	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Jones	5.00
Mr & Mrs. Max W. Jones	5.00
Miss Virginia Jones	5.00
Miss Martha Kelly	5.00
Mrs. Flora Knapper	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Leffingwell	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Leffingwell	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Walter A. Lepp	10.00
Marjorie Anne Lepp	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Maddux	10.00
Dallas S. Martin	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold O. Mayer	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chester McCall & Family	100.00
Miss Ruth A. McClain	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Rex McCormick (Gen) (E)	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. A. McFarland	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. E. McNeil	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Mercer	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Miller	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. R. McMinn	12.00
Mrs. Lillie M. Monroe	5.00
Mrs Ida Morrison	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Rodell Packard	5.00
Miss Folrence Petersen	5.00
Robert K. Pryor	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. G. Read	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Reedy	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Reeves	5.00
Henry Rempel	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Reuter	12.00
Dwight R. Reuter	5.00
Miss Marie Ringler	15.00
Miss Julia Rowland	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Rubottom	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. F. L. Runyon	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Runyon	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Schlegal	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Shively	11.00
Miss Hazel Shively	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Soverns	25.00
Mrs. W. E. Soverns	5.00
Mr. Paul Studebaker	5.00
Mr. John Tilney	5.00
Mrs. Edith Wenner	5.00
Mr & Mrs. Paul Whinery	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. P. A. Yerian & Family	25.00
Gifts less than $5.00	170.29
Total	$1063.79

1st Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio:

General Collection, First Brethren S. S.	48.22
Agarean Class	5.00
Boethian Class	35.00
Home Builders Class	12.36
Junior Dept.	30.72
Up Streamers Class	6.20
Paul C. Coblentz & Family	5.59
Mr. & Mrs. O. E. Beatty	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard J. Haller	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Lentz	10.00
Mr. Jesse Lentz	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Grubbs	5.00
Mr. Ronald D. Grubbs	10.00
Mr. M. M. Hoover	5.00
Mrs. M. M. Hoover	10.00
Mr Herbert Hoover	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Russell W. Harn	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lee T. Burkett	300.00
Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Abrat	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Roy H. Kinsey	50.00
Phyllis Kinsey	5.00
Mabel Kinsey	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Don E. Wolfe & Bobby	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Bolander	26.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Drahman	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Campbell	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Roy A. Patterson	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Longnecker	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. P. Long	10.50
Mr. & Mrs. O. T. Priser	1330
Zephna Denlinger	10.50
Mr. & Mrs. Wesley aBker	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Hoffman	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Geo. W. Wogaman	6.00
Carrie Wogaman	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. King	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. O. E. Hacker	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clifford K. Yount	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Kendig Campbell	12.10
Anna E. Shomo	10.00
Henry Schaeff & Family	10.00
Mrs. Belle M. Ewing	6.00
Mrs. Emma Gearhard	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Forsyth	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. P. W. Bowser	5.50
Mrs. Minnie Settler	5.00
Dr. & Mrs. Carl Andlauer	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Magnuson	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. V. Price	5.00
Mrs. Ella Miller	6.00
Minnie Deeter	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Utz	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Zimmerman	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Landis	5.00
Mr & Mrs. Roy A. Trissel	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde E. Comer	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Shape	10.60
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Crigler	5.00
W.M.C.	10.00
Mr & Mrs. R. J. Burnett	5.50
Harry H. Shipley	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Barnard	35.00
Dorcas Barnard	5.00
Grace Buck & Mrs. W. C. Teeter	15.50
Thelma & Marion Reed	19.70
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pry	7.35
Mr. E. E. Marshall	15.50
Mrs. E. E. Marshall	9.25
Mr. Beryl W. Price	6.50
Independance Kendig	15.00
Pearl & Betty Lutz	5.00
R. M. Klepinger	20.00
Miscellaneous	93.25
Anna Beeghly	15.00
Cradle Roll	5.00
Total *	$1312.05

* (Note: $5.00 for Cleveland; $1.00 Tent; $25.00 for Evangelistic fund, and balance in general fund of above amount.)

1st Brethren Church, Ellet, Ohio:

Mr. & Mrs. E. Wallace & Famiyl (Gen) (Cl)	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. Bry	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. A. Johnson	5.00
Mrs. Mary Smith ,	5.00
Miss Mary Smith	10.00
Miss Helen Smith ,	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. K. E. Hancock	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. Joy	10.00
Marie Mishler	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Braucher & Family (NH)	5.50
Mr. & Mrs. O. Rupert ,	5.00
Mrs. Dorothy Wolfe	5.50
Mr. & Mrs. Wm Slichter (Gen) (Cl)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Smith & Family ,	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. Hayes (Cl)	15.00
Mrs. Alice McClintic	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. Johnson	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Long	10.00
Martha Carmazin (Gen) (E) (L)	5.00
George R. High	5.00
Miss Doris Mishler	5.50
Rev. & Mrs. Herman Hoyt	25.00
W.M.C. (Gen) (Cl)	10.55
Adults Bible Calss (Cl)	5.00
Young Peoples C. C.	5.00
Miscellaneous	28.79
Miscellaneous (Cl)	6.15
Miscellaneous (E) ,	2.00
Miscellaneous Sunday School	21.24
Rev. & Mrs. R. E. Gingrich (Gen) (Cl)	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Pluck	5.00
Miss Mildred Flatten	12.00
Total	$314.23

1st Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio:

Dr. J. C. Beal	60.00
Rev. D. F. Eikenberry	5.00
Miss Anne Frolo (Cl) ,	5.00
Mr. Eugene Guiley	5.00
Mr & Mrs. Waldo Guiley	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. A. Heaston	5.00
Miss June Marsh	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. Y. Robinson	5.00
Primary Department	37.74
Miss Vina Snyder	30.00
Miss Margaret Sutek	25.00
Miscellaneous	22.57
Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Bell	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Crawford	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Davenport	5.00
J. C. Frase	5.50
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Guittar	10.00
Mrs. A. B. Kidder	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Lape	10.00
Mrs. Laura Mahon	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. George F. Meiser	5.00
Leah Robinson	5.00
Young People's C. C.	5.00
Mrs. Carl S. Shaffer	5.00
R. B. Smith and Family	5.00
Women's Missionary Council	20.00
T. M. Stump	10.00
Rebecca Robinson	5.00
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. David Watkins	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Reynolds	5.00
Total	$370.81

1st Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio:

Rev. & Mrs. John M. Aeby (Gen) (E)	25.00
Mr & Mrs. R. H. Aeby	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Miller	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Don Bartlett	10.00
Mrs. Mary J. Wise	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. H. Royer , (E) (Clev.)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Royer	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Moody	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. N. Roush	5.00
Gifts less than $5.00	13.65
W.M.C.	8.00
Gifts less than $5.00 (Cl)	2.00
Gifts less than $5.00 (E)	4.00
Total	$137.70

1st Brethren Church, South Gate, Calif.:

General Fund	231.21
Evangelistic Fund	17.00
East Los Angeles, Cal. Fund	5.00
Modesto, Calif. Fund	10.00
Additional	16.00
Total	$279.21
Mrs. W. Wambold, Goshen, Ind.	5.00

1st Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio

The J. W. Arwood Family	5.71
Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Armstrong	18.75
Mr. & rMs. Wm. Brown	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Blatter	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Blatter	15.00
Miss Eula M. Blatter	20.75
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Baker	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Fix	5.00
Miss Mary V. C. Fritz	8.00
Mr & Mrs. L. L. Grubb	35.00
Miss Floy L. Hoover	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Hoover	15.00

HERE AND THERE

By Robert Culver

THE MIDDLER-SENIOR BANQUET in honor of the Grace Theological Seminary graduating class of 1940 will be held Wed. evening, 6:30 P.M., May 8, in the Hayes Hotel at Warsaw, Ind. Friends planning to attend the graduation exercises are requested to make reservations for this banquet before May 1. Tickets are on sale at 75 cents. Write Miss Mildred Miller, treasurer of the Middler Class, Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana.

A TWO WEEKS SERIES OF EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS was conducted in the Christian Church of Talma, Ind., Mar. 17-31, by nine members of the faculty and student body of Grace Seminary. Those taking part in the preaching were: Prof. Herman A. Hoyt, Prof. Conard Sandy, William F. Kerr, Robert Hill, Henry Remple, Harold Dunning, Earl Umbaugh, Glen O'Neal, and Ralph Rambo. The Lord blessed this effort with 26 public decisions, 14 of which were first time confessions.

A SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE CONEMAUGH CHURCH, Easter morning, voted $500 from the church treasury to be used by Miss Ruth Snyder, missionary in preparation for the African field. This gift is toward her personal outfit needs. Miss Snyder is the first foreign missionary from the Conemaugh Church. Several organizations in the church are planning other gifts for Miss Snyder. She completes her scholastic preparation at Grace Seminary commencement this spring.

A NOTE FROM THE SECOND BRETHREN CHURCH of Long Beach, Calif. "We have no pastor as yet. We are praying only that God's man may be sent here. In spite of the fact that we have no pastor the work is growing in interest and attendance. All departments of the church have made substantial gains in the past three months."

THE INDIANA CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTAL ASSOCIATION was organized in Fort Wayne, Ind., Mar. 20, 1940. The following were elected as officers: Pres., Rev. Clifford Hollifield, pastor Gospel Temple, Fort Wayne; First Vice Pres., Rev. Reins, pastor Temple Baptist Church, Indianapolis; Second Vice Pres., David L. Hogg, former congressman, layman in Baptist Church, Fort Wayne; Third Vice Pres., Rev. Roscoe Wilson, pastor United Brethren Church, South Bend; Sec., Rev. Mitchell, pastor Missionary Church, Graybil; Asst. Sec., Rev. Leo Polman, pastor First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne; Treas., Dr. Homer Gettle, layman, Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, members of the Board, Alva J. McClain, pres. Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.; Rev. Moser, pastor Baptist Church, Decatur.

THE LARGE GROUP OF BRETHREN AT VINCO, PA., who were recently ousted from their own church building with their pastor, Ord Gehman, have organized a new church and are beginning plans for a new building. The pastor writes, "The Lord has been blessing in wonderful ways. Our Sunday School has been running around 90 and our worship services hold about the same. I wish you could spend a Sunday with us and you would better understand what I mean when I talk about the remarkable spirit present in our services."

AWAKE YOU SLEEPER TO YOUR DANGER! is the title of an eight page tract that has been recently circulated. The burden of the tract's message is that this generation is not going to die on their beds but that "the Bible shows that the present war raging in Europe was brought on by the spirit of a devil God sent into the world to create international conditions which will cause all nations of the western world to combine under the leadership of Herbert Hoover." Poor Mr. Hoover is pictured on the front page with 666 all over his face, and in the writing is presented as Satan incarnate, the antichrist. All the readers are further instructed to stay away from and testify against the earthly church, which is a spiritual whore whom God will destroy. Sixty-six prooftests are given from Scripture. We wonder if the Republican party is the cloud of locusts from the pit!

Just take this comfort in your soul,
In the midst of worries and fret,
The football never could score a goal
Were it not for the kicks it gets.

—The Miami Messenger.

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and I stood by the table dispensing the bread and the cup to the Arab pastor, after prayer was made, who in turn dispensed them to the communicants in their pews. And last he gave of both the bread and the cup to us, an English Jew and an American Gentile by birth.

To say that it was difficult to keep the tears of joy at that time is to put it very mildly. And to think, that while the Jews and Arabs in unbelief outside of the church were killing each other, these who were inside the church were communing together, would bring joy to anyone's heart. The Jewish superintendent gave to the Arab pastor and the Arab pastor gave to the Jewish superintendent those two things that remind us most of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ on that hill only a few hundred yards from the spot where we were then standing. I have that little cup from which I took the fruit of the vine that morning to remind me that it does pay to evangelize the Jews and that it can still be done if we are only willing to pay the price. Christian, what is your answer to the challenge to world evangelization of the Jews in this our day and age, till Jesus comes? Now is the time to act; tomorrow may be too late.

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Hoover	10.00
Miss Galdys Hoover	8.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Hostetler	6.00
Mr. Forest Lance (Wo)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Moomaw	25.00
Miss Wilma Smith	15.40
Mr. & Mrs. Slaybaugh & Karl	8.25
Mr. & Mrs. Slaybaugh & Karl (Wo)	2.00
Mr. Paul B. Castor	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Moine	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Kunkler	5.00
Sunday School	10.00
Miscellaneous Offerings	23.75
James Stern	5.00
Total	$300.61

Nappanee, Indiana

Barbara Musser	5.00
Mrs. Harold Weygand	5.00
Mrs. Ben Weaver	5.00
Total	$15.00

1st Brethren Church, Portis, Kans.:

Mr. Ira Angell	5.00
Miss Mary Moore	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Brumbaugh	5.00
George E. Cone	10.00
T. N. Garner	15.00
W. L. Brumbaugh	10.00
Charlie Knoll	15.00
Emma Peterson	5.00
Beulah Ratliff	5.00
Ardith Stewart	5.00
Gifts less than $5.00	13.70
Subscription to Brethren Herald	2.00
Total	$91.70

1st Brethren Church, Aleppo, Pa.

Sunday School	16.24
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Cook	25.00
Stidger Lohr	10.00
Mrs. Mary Snyder	10.00
Total	$61.24

1st Brethern Church, Winchester, Virginia:

Mrs. Daisy Boyer	40.00
Bible School	25.00
Rev. & Mrs. Norman Uphouse	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Frye	20.00
Adult C. E.	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Lockhart	10.00
Emma Stultz	10.00
Junior C. E.	7.00
Foundation Builders Banks	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Mason	6.00
Young People's C. E.	6.00
Mr. Simon Hausenfluck	5.30
Rev. & Mrs. E. J. Rohart & Family	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Coffelt	5.00
Mrs. Edna Hyde	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Garber	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. O. Anderson	5.00
Mrs. Fred Spitzer	11.00
Church Loose Offering	28.70
Total	$241.00

1st Brethren Church, Spokane, Wash.

Miss L. Bowers	5.00
Mr. K. Kellinger	5.00
Mrs Elsie Berry	10.00
Rev. A. L. Dantz	5.00
B. G. Jones	5.00
Louise Deck	5.00
R. O. Cox	5.00
Miscellaneous	19.72
Total	59.72

1st Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Coffey	9.00
Mrs. F. L. Brumbaugh	25.00
Miss Ruth Richardson	35.00
Mr. & Mrs. O. R. Keith & Children	8.70
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Dangerfield	10.00
Reb. & Mrs. H. W. Koontz	21.00
Hallis Koontz	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Mills	25.00
Miss Gertrude Rumberg	12.00
Mrs Clelia Shepherd	28.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Dangerfield	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. S. A. Moore	18.00
Miss Ollie Kingery	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Harris	10.00
Mr. J. H. Putt	10.00
Mrs J. H. Putt	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Greig & Children	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Moda Coffey & Peggy	7.00
Miss Virginia Brrumbaugh	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Perdue & Children	13.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Lyle	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. V. Clingenpeel	5.00
Mrs. J. L. Loyd	9.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. O. Simmons & Children	7.00
Mr. W. V. Findley	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. K. E. Richardson	75.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Murphy	8.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Huffman & daughter	10.00
Sunday School	23.65
Mr. E. V. Parsell & family	11.40
Mr. & Mrs. B. H. Conner & Children	42.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Murray & Eva	30.00
Miss Goldie Hale	5.00
Gifts less than 5.00	55.62
Total	628.27

1st Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Laura Balderston (Gen) (E)	10.00
Ida C. Banzhaf	5.00
Mrs. Clara Boardman	5.00
Mrs. A. Christiansen	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. S. Craig (Gen)(Wo)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Crill	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Crist	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Croker	5.00
C. Wayne Croker	10.00
Rev. & Mrs. J. H. Foster	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J. Grace (F.W.)	10.00
Mrs Ellen C. Greaves	5.00
Mrs Isabel Harkness	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. M. Hearne	10.00
Clara J. Hendley	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Hetrick	5.00
Violet Hooker (E)(Gen)	5.00
Carlton Howard	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. A. V. Kimmell	10.00
Ella Kimmell	5.00
Mrs. Iva M. Kolb (Wi)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. B. M. Livezey	10.00
Mrs. Minna K. Loesch	10.00
Evelyn Loesch	10.00
Mrs. Edna Lovelidge (Tr)	5.00
Mrs. Clara McCabe	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. J. McDowell	10.50
Mrs. A. McKeefery (Mag)(Gen)	5.00
Wm. McKeefery	10.00
Dorothy M. Malick	5.00
Victor E. Marquart	5.00
Miss Ida Marsden	5.00
Mrs. Mary Mills	5.00
Mrs. E. J. Pritchard	5.00
Miss E. Reichelt (Mag)(Gen)	5.50
Mrs. Sallie W. Roberts	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. H. Ross (Mag)(Gen)	5.50
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. G. Schwartz(Tr)	10.00
Mr & Mrs. C. H. Seitz (Tr)(Wi)	10.00
Pauline V. Seitz	5.00
Mrs. Edna Shyer	5.00
Thelma Smith	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Williams	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Jos. D. Wilson	5.00
Beginners Dept. S. S.	5.00
Primary Dept. S. S.	6.00
Friendly Bible Class (Gen)(Clev)	11.50
Berean Class (Gen)(Ma)	10.50
Philathea Class (Gen)(Tr)	9.20
Loyal Workers Class	30.50
Senior C. E.	10.00
Signal Lights & Jr. C. E.	5.00
King's Daughters (Gen)(Lit)	10.00
Church & S. S. Miscellaneous	17.36
Misc. (Tr)(Cl)(Wi)	15.00
Total	461.82

1st Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif.

Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Bolling	10.00
Miss Barbara Bolling	10.00
Mrs Elizabeth Clammer	6.00
Miss Sarah Coubaugh (Wi)(Cl)	6.00
R. J. Dahlem	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Dailey	10.00
Mrs. Julia Dice	5.00
Mrs. Lydia Frantz	5.00
Rudolph Fischer	8.00
S. S. Garst	5.00
Mrs. Frona Grove	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Hay (E)(Gen)	11.00
Miss Irene Hodge	5.00
Mrs. O. E. Haines	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. I. A. Jeffers	15.00
Wm. Linderman	10.00
Mr & Mrs. Harry Marston	9.75
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Marston (B.I.O.L.A.)	3.00
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Monia	60.00
Mrs. A. L. Montz	10.00
Mrs. Hilda Ohler	5.00
Don Paulson	5.00
Mrs. Anna Robinson	10.00
Miss Dorothy Robinson	10.00
Mr & Mrs. Grant Walters	10.50
Elias D. White, Sr.	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. James White	13.50
Women's Bible Class	15.00
Sundry Members	57.88
Sunday School	49.68
Church Special Collection (A.S.S.U.)	12.94
Oliver Colburrn	10.00
Ray Doutt (S.D.)	5.00
Mrs. S. E. Hanawalt	15.00
Frank Lapp	23.00
Mark Manning	10.00
Mrs. Ada Maxwell	5.00
Victoria Squires & Mrs. Amelia Squires (Wo)	13.56
Percy Thomas	5.00
Mrs. Laura Thomason	10.00
Sundry memberrs	14.88
A. W. Keating	15.00
Total	566.67

1st Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

George Berry	6.00
Mrs. H. E. Deibert	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Coverdale	12.50
Mrs. Sadie Miller	10.00
Mrs. A. Allen	5.00
Miss Adda Saylor	25.00
Miss Lucie Saylor	20.00
H. C. Cassel	5.00
Mrs. Mary Lou Best	10.00
Arlo and Marie McElmurry	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold M. Jones	15.00
Donald Arnett	30.00
Mrs. Edith Emmons	6.50
Mr. & Mrs. Neil Everson	8.00
Miss Maybelle Harrison	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Ogden	10.00
Mrs. Mattie Gudson (S.D.)	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. G. Keller	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Weishaupt	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Leffler	10.00
Mrs. Ida Leffler	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Foster	5.00
Miss Jane Edmonds	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Gleason Haw	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. O. Hyde	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Cooper	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Snyder	10.00
Mr & Mrs. S. P. Schmidt and Marjorie K.	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Walter H. Haugh	10.00
Frances Ayers	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Lytton	13.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Collins	5.00
Miscellaneous and offerings less than $5.00	36.88
Total	538.88

Trinity Brethren Church, Seven Fountains, Va.

Congregation	7.00

1st Brethren Church, Clayton, Ohio.

Rev. & Mrs. A. D. Cashman	25.00
Edwin E. Cashman	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Landis	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. P. R. Shank	10.00
Mr. W. A. Siefer	7.00
Mrs. Clara L. Siefer	10.00
Mrs. Ruth Waymire	5.00
Miscellaneous	.25
E. E. Zeisert	5.00
Gifts less than $5.00	12.50
Total	84.75

1st Brethren Church, Sterling, Ohio.

Dale & Neil Berry	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Berry	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Isaiah Close and Buddy (Cl)(Gen)	10.00
Miss Bertha Kuhn (S.D.)(Wo)	10.00
Miss Ruby Kuhn (Gen)(L.A.) (S.D.)(Wo)	8.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Moine	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Moine	5.00
Ruth Norton	5.00

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DEPARTMENT

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC FOR MAY 5, 1940

MOHAMMEDANISM

(Gen. 17:15-22)

Suggestions for the Leader

Mohammedanism, the religion commonly found among the Arabs and other people of the Near East, is a false system which dishonors Christ and unduly exalts a prophet called Mohammed. Missionaries have great difficulty in leading converts of this false religion out of error and into the joy of Christian living, for they seem to be deeply entrenched and have a hatred for all who do not believe as they do. Their slogan is to give the people the Koran or the sword. The Koran is the book for them which is as our Bible.

At the present time the struggle between Christians and Mohammedans in Africa, West Europe and Asia is pronounced. Both are working hard to get followers and many times their paths cross.

Christians and Mohammedans as well as Jews stand together as far as Abraham. Thereafter they separate. Mohammedans regard Isaac as unimportant and Ishmael as the one through whom they come. Their argument is that Ishmael was the first born. Nevertheless we know that the Bible says, "In Isaac shall thy seed be called." Isaac is the son of promise and free born. Ishmael was the son of a bond woman.

1. The Claims of Islam.

To have the special blessings from God and special nearness to Him.

That Mohammed had power in heaven to get revelation and God's word.

That Koran can never be translated and it can be understood only through a thorough knowledge of the Arabic. (How different is our Bible that lends itself to the many translations and languages.)

That the way to do mission work is by force. They seem to be utterly indifferent toward the sufferings of others.

That their prophet was greater than Jesus. They say there is one God and Mohammed is His prophet.

2. The Rules of the Mohammedan.

There are five rules that they must follow:

To be faithful in reciting the creed.

To observe five oppointed times of prayer per day.

To pay legal alms amounting to about 2½ per cent of their income.

To fast during the month of Ramadan.

To aspire to make a pilgrimage to Mecca and visit the holy places.

Compare these rules with the manner of life in Christ Jesus which comes by salvation.

3. Missionary Zeal.

Until very recently Mohammedans did not have paid missionaries. Where Arab influence was pressed with the sword, there Islam was established as a religion under the protection of the Arabs. On the other hand, their religion has been established in many countries by the witnessing of the faithful. So-called Christian nations send out traders that are greedy and ungodly. Many of them give the pagans the wrong idea of Christianity.

Mohammedans teach and urge every disciple to be a missionary and they feel compelled to witness for Islam. Islam has grown more rapidly than Christianity. This is due to many reasons. One is that we are professional and they are not.

4. Islam and Christ.

Mohammedans regard Christ as a great prophet but second to Mohammed. They believe Mohammed to be the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. The printed page in Arabian countries gives the wrong picture of Christianity. Though we preach Christ in Mohammedan countries, authorities oppose the work and make it hard for our workers.

Questions

1. Why must we class Mohammedanism as a false religion? I John 4:2-3; John 5:23.
2. What does Mohammedanism think of Christ?
3. How does the false religion of Mohammedanism stand as a rebuke to Christians for their failure to enter these foreign fields first?
4. Why is Mohammedanism a religion of works? (Second speaker).
5. What is our obligation before God in light of the rapid spread of Mohammedanism?

Additional Scripture

It is interesting to follow the progress of Ishmael, and the trouble he has caused Isaac. (1) His mother came from Egypt (Gen. 13:1, 16:1, 15, 16). (2) He persecuted Isaac (Gen. 21:9, 10; Gal. 4:21-29). (3) His descendants brought Joseph into bondage (Gen. 37: 27, 28); and the descendants are a thorn in the flesh today, in the land of Palestine, and by means of the doctrines of Islam.

WHAT THE POST MAN WOULD READ IF IT HAD BEEN ON A POST CARD:

"We always look forward to **The Brethren Missionary Herald** and enjoy reading the good news from other places."—B. W., Indiana.

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"We like **The Brethren Missionary Herald** so much. May the dear Lord wonderfully bless the good work." —S. D., Ohio.

Nelson Wheeler	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Rogerrs	3.00
Miscellaneous	2.25
Miss Betty Steiner	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. John Squires	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. K. Steiner	5.00
Total	83.25

Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa. (Additional)

Micah Hall	6.00
Previously reported	92.51
Total	98.51

1st Brethren Church, Glendale, Calif.

Rev. & Mrs. Geo. Richardson	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Cole	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Y. Behm	5.00
Raymond and Esther Kirby	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Dunn	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Guy Culver	10.00
Mrs. Flora Hengerer (Gen)(Mo)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Barrow	10.00
Horton Mac David	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Hammer (Gen)(E)	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. S. Cameron	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hedrick	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Gates	5.00
Mrs. Ruby Richardson	10.00
Miscellaneous	34.65
Sunday School	83.50
Total	338.15

1st Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.

C. P. Grubb	15.00
Arthur Morgan	5.00
Richard Harding	5.00
First Brethren Church	5.00
P. W. Wilcox	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. K. W. Holgate	5.00
Earl Bowman	9.35
Emry Garber	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Studebaker	10.00
Delwin Studebaker	5.00
Bible School	12.75
Mr & Mrs. A. E. Bowman	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Me. Stoner	10.00
Miscellaneous	1.00
Total	103.10

1st Brethren Church, Compton, Calif.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fisherr	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Skinner	10.00
Mrs. L. Michelsen	5.00
Charles E. Smith	15.00
O. L. Conway	15.00
R. W. Driggs	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Adams & John	5.00
Gifts less than $5.00	50.06
Mrs. W. L. Bradley	5.00
W. L. Carpenter	10.00
Julius Klueber	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Grant McDonald	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Rickey	5.50
Compton, W.M.C.	5.00
Total	150.56

1st Brethren Church, Fillmore, Calif.

Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Wilson	10.00
James Strickland	10.00
R. R. Williams	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. O. Bennett	500
Mr & Mrs. E. R. Robinson	5.00
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Young	5.00
Harold Robinson	5.00
Paul Eiselstein	5.00
Brethren Sunday School	5.00
Total	60.00

1st Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif.

Mr. Jack Burt	10.00
Young Peoples C. E.	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. C. Marrsh	5.50
Mr. & Mrs. Walter H. Course	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. Neil Graham	5.00
Mrs. Louise Macdonald	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. Jesse Hall	11.50
Bible School	23.70
Loose offering, churrch	18.35
Total	88.05

1st Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.

Loyal Women's Bible Class	5.00
Truth Seekers Class	20.00
Men's Bible Class	14.48
Women's Miss. Council	15.00
Adult C. E.	20.31
S. M. M.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. H. Franks	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph iKng	5.00
Mrs. Clyde Hileman	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham	5.00
Mary Stacy	5.00
Mrs. Bell Crawford	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. W. H. Clough	5.00
George McCann	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Petrosky	5.05
Philip Fox	10.00
Ray Divil	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. R. Sumey	5.00
Gifts less than $5.00	109.21
Foundation Builders gifts	48.53
Total	322.53

1st Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Floyd Kerns	15.00
Rebecca & Della Kerns	10.25
Mary Alice Kerns	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. K. Kaster	6.00
Mr. Wilbur Stevens	10.00
Mrs. Bertha Stevens	25.00
Mr. A. B. Rian	5.00
Mr. R. G. Armey	15.00
Mrs. Violette Armey	15.00
Suzette Armey	5.00
Rev. R. Paul Miller	15.00
Mrs. Anne Miller (Gen)(Tr)	12.00
Ward Miller	10.00
R. Paul Miller, Jr.	5.00
Laura Beth Miller	20.00
Mary Jane Miller	5.00
Martha Miller	10.00
Carl Miller	5.00
Wesley Harold Miller	5.00
Rev. Leo Polman	25.00
Mrs. Leila Polman	20.00
Gerald Polman	10.00
Elaine Polman	10.00
Joyce Polman	10.00
Germain Wehrle	5.00
Mrr. & Mrs. Clark Theime	5.50
Mrs. B. Elder and family	9.00
Richarl Blough	5.00
Gifts under $5.00	24.75
Church Loose Offering	32.88
W. M. C. Society	5.00
S. S. Birthday Offerings	13.81
Adult C. E. Society	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. N. Agler	10.00
Mis Jeanette Blough	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Springer	10.00
Mrs. Hilda Broxon	5.00
Miss La Vera Broxon	5.00
Miss Louise Kimmel	35.00
Mr. & Mrs. August Nelson	14.00
Mr. Earl Virts	10.00
Mrs. Mildred Virts	10.00
Joan & Donald Virts	5.00
Mrs. C. D. Evans	8.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Isborn	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. N. E. Baxter	10.00
Mrs. H. Holderman	5.00
Junior C. E.	6.02
A. M. F. Club	5.00
S. M. M.	5.00
Young Peoples C. E.	1.00
Total	562.23

Vernon Chapel Brethren Church, Limestone, Tenn.

Miss Mary Pence	35.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralh Armentrout	15.00
Miss Lelia Arnold	10.00
M. D. Arnold	10.00
Mrs. M. J. Mongold	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Brobeck	5.00
Mr & Mrs. O. E. McCracken	5.00
W. M. C.	5.00
S. M. M.	4.00
C. E.	5.00
Church	16.00
Total	115.00

Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

Mrs. Sarah Driver	1.00
Mrs. Anna Long	1.00
Total	2.00

Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. John Bauers	25.00
Reported previously	160.26
Total	185.26

Mt. View Brethren Church, Hollins, Va.

Additional	40.00
Amount previously reorted	186.00
Total	226.00

1st Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.

Additional	39.50
Amt. previously reported	771.12
Total	810.62

Second Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Williams	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Pieritz	5.00
Mrs. J. W. Niles	5.00
Mrs. Lillie Bishop	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Scow	5.00
Mrs. Nellie Shank	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. H. Alguire	11.00
Eld. and Mrs. J. L. Gingrich	10.00
C. E. Willard	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. V. Hartshorn	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Miller	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Kirby	25.00
Luther Denton	5.00
C. A. Pitts (S.D.)	10.00
Mrs. Etta Ingram	5.00
Jr. C. E.	5.00
Adult C. E.	5.00
J. H. Alguire	5.00
Miss Hazel Kirby	5.00
Warren Mize	5.00
Charlette & D. Lindbloom (K)(Gen)	8.00
John B. Yelle	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. O. Lawson	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. H. Niles	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. F. Talbot	5.00
Gifts less than $5.00	17.00
Gifts less than $5.00 (S.D.)	2.00
Miscellaneous	38.66
Total	226.66

1st Brethren Church, San Diego, Calif.

Helen Gustafson	10.00
Olive Crowe	10.00
Gordon Svelmoe	5.55
Cora L. Hall (E.D.A.)	8.00
A. L. Flory	10.00
R. A. Laughlin	5.00
Galan Richardson	10.00
Lucille MacDougall	10.00
Miscellaneous	36.08
Total	104.68

1st Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Halliwell	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bryon Noon & Nancy	53.00
Mr. & Mrs. T. H. Klyer	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. V. Redinger	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. L Moore (Gen)(Pe)	25.00
Mrs. Mary Bifano	10.00
James Bifano	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Gunter	10.00
Esther S. Hostetler	10.00
Janet Houston	10.00
Rev. & Mrs. A. L. Lynn	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Max Probst (Wi)	10.00
Robert Sigg (Mr. & Mrrs.)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. V. Reighard	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Uphouse (Wi)	10.00
Edna Moore (Cl)	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clair Barron (Hi)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Sylvanus Custer	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Blair Dick	5.00
Mike Korlewitz	5.00
Marion L. Miller (Pe)	5.00
Wm. R. Miller	5.00
Mrs. L. H. Mitchell & Sons	5.00
Richardr Moore	5.00
Mrs. Anna McClintock	5.00
Wm. E. Noon	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Palliser (Cl)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Benj. Stutzman	5.00
Essie U. Teeter	5.00
Gifts less than $5.00	20.50
Gifts less than $5.00 (Wi)	1.00
Sunday School	38.58
Total	400.08

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

ANOTHER HOME MISSION STORY

KATHIE'S PRAYER

By Mary Schneider

Kathie was mending the dress of Patricia Louisa Amy, who was her very best doll. Ouch! The needle slipped, and went in, well—almost to the bone. A tiny drop of something red appeared on Kathie's finger, and at the same time a tear tried to get out of one of her blue eyes.

But cry! No, not this little girl, because someone was coming up the front steps and Kathie knew who it was. She quickly forgot about the hurt finger.

Mother was rocking, but now she paused and listened, and then so patiently, began to rock once again. Kathie saw that her mother's tooth was beginning to ache; there were tears in her eyes and mother had a bad tooth.

The door opened and Kathie's father trudged into the room. He did not seem to see Kathie and her mother but went to the fire to warm himself.

Mother said, "You are home early tonight, John. Has something happened?"

"No," said father, and his voice was calm and steady. "Say Kathie, what time does that Brethren church have Sunday School? I might go tomorrow."

"Oh John! I wish you would. The Home Missions Council sent us such a fine young pastor. He teaches our class and you will enjoy his sermon, too."

Kathie said, "Daddy, we have a prayer box there. Whenever you want anything from Jesus, you just

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Mr. & Mrs. O. W. Stigen, Port Angeles, Wash.	3.00

1st Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

A Brother and Sister	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Dilling	10.00
Mrs. Martin and Leroy Kelm	5.00
Mrs. J. Loose and Sons	5.00
Alice Snider	5.00
David Snider	10.00
Wayne Snider	10.00
Mrs. Alice Wisler	5.00
Ladies Bible Class	10.00
Women's Missionary Council	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Ebright	5.00
Ofefrings less tahn $5.00	16.88
Loose offering	6.76
Total	198.64

1st Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va.

George Smalls	5.00
William Lynn	5.00
Miscellaneous	5.00
Previously reported	78.50
Total	93.50

1st Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Jordan	10.00
George Kinzie, Jr.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Campbell	5.00
Mr. W. M. C.	5.00
Mrrs. Jennie Hook	5.00
Bible School	19.11
Scott Richel	5.00
Church	25.89
Total	80.00

1st Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash.

Rev. & Mrs. Fred Walter	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. S. C. Culver	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Shanz	5.00
Miscellaneous	1.05
Total	51.05

1st Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

Gertrude Beal	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. M. L. Barber	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. G. Bowman	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. M. H. Bowser	5.00
Mrs. John Bittner	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Compton	5.00
Mrrs. Grace Fike	5.00
Mr. Edward E. Hillegas	15.50
Mrs. Ada E. Lorentz	25.00
Charlotte Forney	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. O. A. Lorenz	10.00
Mrs. Orpha Meyers	25.00
Congregation	48.05
Sunday School	57.85
Total	231.40

1st Brethren Church, Tracy, Calif.

Mrs. H. L. Coykendall	5.00
Frank Coykendall (Tr)	25.00
Herbert Pepper (Tr)	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. Robert Miller	25.00
Billy and Bobby Miller (E.L.A.)	5.00
Mrs. Alice Wampler	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Rambo	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Lehman (Tr)	20.00
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John W. Coykendall	5.00
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W. A. Ryhiner (Tr.B.F.)	25.00
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Billy Schoop	5.08
Sunday School	35.61
Total	240.79

Grace Bible Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Mrrs. Maudeen Gayman	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. V. W. Schrrock	5.00
Mrs. Maggie Peck	7.00
Women's Class	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Schrock	25.00
Mrs. N. P. Sorensen	10.00
J. Frank Meyers	5.00
Clifford L. Strock	5.00
Mrs. Hady & Grace Pollard	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. N. J. Fike	10.00
High School Class	5.15
Mr. & Mrs. A. A. Bontrager	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Deits	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. G. Miller	50.00
Gifts less than $5.00 (E)(Gen)	13.50
Total	160.65

1st Brethren Church, Summit Mills, Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Firl	5.00
Mr. Urias Firl	5.00
W. J. & Mary Miller	5.00
Mrs. Annie Miller	5.00
Gifts less than 5.00	26.71
Total	46.71

1st Brethren Church, Juniata, Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Brumbaugh	6.10
I. E. Miller	10.00
Mrs. Viola Kime	5.00
Mrs. Lucie E. Robertson	10.00
Church and Sunday School	57.42
Additional	3.00
Total	91.52

1st Brethren Church, Lake Odessa, Mich.

Rev. & Mrs. Arthur Carev (N.T.)	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Henney (N.T.)(Gen)	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Groff (N.T.)	6.00
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Intercessors Club (N.T.)	5.00
Miscellaneous (N.T.)(Gen)	12.00
Total	151.00

West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio.

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Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Trapp	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. A. McFerren (Gen. & Wo)	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Keyser (Wo)	5.00
Rev. & Mrs. Harold L. Dunning (Wo)	15.00
Mrs. Lalah Kissel	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. McDaniel (Wo)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Hopkins	15.00
Foundation Builders Banks	12.37
Miscellaneous	13.10
Mr. & Mrs. O. C. Trapp (Cl)	35.00
Mr. & Mrsr. T. E. Hastings (Cl)	5.00
Additional	5.00
Mrs. Olive Robeson	5.00
Totaal	176.47

West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

L. F. Satterfield	7.00
Grace A. Allshouse	25.00
D. E. Satterfield	7.00
Louise Garber	10.00
Margurite Garber	10.00
Mary Louise Garber	5.00
David Lee Garber	5.00
Raymond Massie	5.00
Mabel Massie	5.00
Mary Lou Massie	5.00
Jean Massie	5.00
Y. P. C. E.	7.00
Mrs. Madge Mumaw and Mrs. Anderson	5.00
J. Ruskin Garrber	25.00
R. M. Greenlun	6.00
Jr. Dept. of Bible School	5.00
W. R. Farner	5.00
Chas W. Mayes	10.00
Gifts less than 5.00	28.78
Total	180.78

write it down on a piece of paper and put it in this box and then everybody prays and pretty soon God answers your prayer. I put a prayer in the box."

"And I suppose God answered it the next day?" Kathie's father smiled. She thought how nicely he could smile when he didn't smell like sour grapes.

"No, He hasn't answered my prayer yet. But He will, I know He will. The Bible says, 'If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it.' That's real comforting, daddy."

The next morning Kathie's mother and the three other children walked on ahead of Kathie and her father. The little girl was very proud as she walked into the church. Everyone looked at daddy and she heard one lady say, "Well, of all things!"

And Kathie thought the people acted ree-dick-u-louse when in answer to the invitation given at the close of the sermon, father walked up front and accepted Christ as his Savior. Why, even Mrs. Brown shook daddy's hand and tried to say something.

The preacher looked so happy and said to mother, "I'll never have a more happy surprise. Praise the Lord for His goodness!"

But Kathie wasn't surprised. She believed His promise. She stood by the little prayer box and touched it lovingly. She had tried very hard to write her prayer on a piece of paper but the words were hard to spell. At last she had dropped a plain slip of paper into the box. God knew what would have been written, if only Kathie had been able to spell "father" and some of the other hard words.

So Kathie wasn't surprised—just happy.

OUR BIBLE CHARACTER ALPHABET

Answer to G: Gideon.

H was a prince who became of the Ammonites when his father died. King David, desiring to show him kindness, sent messengers to comfort him, but **H** cut off half their beards, and also cut off their clothes at the hips, and sent them away. Do you know why he did this? Can you give his name? You will find both in II Sam. 10:1-5.

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Greetings FROM THE FIELD

REVIVAL AT ROANOKE

The Ghent Brethren Church of Roanoke, Virginia, is rejoicing in the victories that came from the two weeks of revival and evangelistic services held by Elder R. Paul Miller. Though the meeting closed Mar. 31 the church is confident that its influence will continue to bless for years to come. There were 76 decisions for Christ in all. Of this number about 20 will come into the church by baptism and letter, several will enter other churches, 12 young people made decisions to enter full service for Christ as He directs, and three young men definitely dedicated themselves to the ministry of the Gospel and laid plans at once for their training, the remainder rededicating their lives anew to Christ and His church, will become far more effective workers than ever before. This meeting reminded the pastor so much of the revival held by Elder Miller in this church about seven years ago. At that time so many of the members, who had not been living lives separated from the world, publicly renewed their covenant with their Lord. The coming of these meant a new day for the church in spiritual power. We cannot but believe that an even greater church will now come from these who laid their all upon the altar for Him.

The Ghent church appreciated the interest of other Brethren churches in this revival. Elder J. E. Patterson and the members of his church at Hollins were very faithful in attendance. Members of the Buena Vista church with their pastor, Elder Arthur Malles, were present at four services. Brother Malles aided the services by directing the singing on the nights that he was present. Elder Bernard Schneider brought two car loads of his members from the Covington Brethren Church. Members of the Red Hill church were also in attendance. A delegation of 12 members of the Waynesboro Brethren Church, 240 miles, drove from Waynesboro to be in the Saturday night Sunday morning meetings.

This revival was the third one that Elder Miller has held in this church. Many have expressed the feeling that it was his best meeting. His faithfulness in prayer, his zeal for the unsaved, his willingness to help each one who sought advice, his determined stand on the Word of God, and his intense loyalty to Jesus Christ, all contributed to the making of a man who has been a great blessing to the Ghent Brethren Church and who will be greatly used of God during these last days.

Elder HERMAN W. KOONTZ, pastor.

Blaine Snyder 4-6-41

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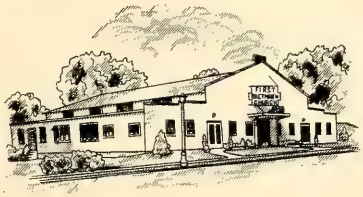

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Rittman, Ohio

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness—Psalm 84:10.

Tracy, Calif.

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Grace Seminary's 3rd Commencement May 9th

The third Commencement of Grace Theological Seminary will be held on Thursday, May 9th at Winona Lake, Ind. Since a considerable number of friends from a distance have indicated their desire to attend, both the Baccalaureate and Graduation services have been scheduled for the same day, the former at 10:30 in the forenoon, and the latter at 7:30 in the evening. Both services will be held in the Presbyterian Church.

For those who would like to come on Wednesday and attend the Middler-Senior Banquet at 7 o'clock that evening, arrangements have been made to accomodate as many as possible at the dining room of Hotel Hayes in Warsaw. Reservations may be secured by writing to Mr. Jack Simmons, Winona Lake, Ind. It should be noted that all services and events are scheduled on **daylight saving time.**

Since this will be the first Commencement at Winona Lake, and also because this is the first Commencement at which students will be graduated who have spent the full three years in Grace Seminary, the faculty and students would like to urge as many as possible of our friends to attend. The program will be as follows:

CALENDAR

Seminary Retreat ..... Mon., April 29, 2:00 P.M.
Middler-Senior Banquet ..... Wed., May 8, 7:00 P.M.
Baccalaureate Service ..... Thurs., May 9, 10:30 A.M.
Executive Committee Meeting, Thur., May 9, 2:30 P.M.
Graduation Service ..... Thur., May 9, 7:30 P.M.

THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Thursday, May 9th, 10:30 A. M.

At The Winona Lake Presbyterian Church

Prelude
Processional
Invocation ..... Rev. Parley Zartmann, D.D.
For the Board of Trustees ..... Rev. A. V. Kimmell
President of the Board
Hymn—How Firm a Foundation
Scripture Reading ..... Rev. Herman W. Koontz, B.D.
Announcements ..... Pres. Alva J. McClain, Th.M.
Hymn—When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
Prayer ..... Reverend Cloyce J. Pugh, Th.M.
Special Music ..... The Seminary
Baccalaureate Sermon ..... Rev. Conard Sandy, Th.B.
Professor of Church History
Hymn—Savior, Thy Dying Love
Prayer and Benediction Prof. Homer A. Kent, Th.M.
Postlude

THE GRADUATION SERVICE

Thursday, May 9th, 7:30 P.M.

At The Winona Lake Presbyterian Church

Academic Procession ..... The Congregation Standing
Invocation ..... Rev. Harold C. Mason, D.D
Hymn—Grace That Is Greater Than All Our Sin
Scripture Reading ..... Rev. Arthur D. Cashman, B A
Announcements ..... Rev. Russell D. Barnard, M.A
Vice President of the Board
Hymn—All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name
Prayer ..... Rev. Leo Polman
Special Music ..... The Seminary
Graduation Address ..... Rev. Louis S. Bauman, D.D
Pastor, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.
Member of the Seminary Board of Trustees
Recognition of Honors ..... Prof. Homer A. Kent, Th.M
Presentation of the Class Gift ..... Blaine Snyder
Presentation of Candidates ..... Prof. H. A. Hoyt, Th.M
Conferring of Diplomas and Degrees
Pres. Alva J. McClain, Th.M
Assisted by Professors Kent and Sandy

SERVICE OF ORDINATION

Rev. A. V. Kimmell, presiding

Officiating ministers	**Candidates**
Alva J. McClain	Henry George Rempel
Raymond E. Gingrich	Blaine Snyder

Solo—O Jesus, I Have Promised ..... Mrs. Ralph Rambo
Prayer and Benediction ..... Rev. R. Paul Miller
Postlude

Candidates for The Theological Degree

Bachelor o Theology

Arnold Richard Kriegbaum, A.B. ..... Ashland College
Blaine Snyder, A.B. ..... Ashland College
Magna Cum Laude
Ruth Snyder, A.B. ..... Ashland College
Cum Laude

Candidates for The Theological Diploma

Edward David Bowman, Bible Institute of Los Angeles
Ashland College
Harold L. Dunning ..... Moody Bible Institute
Ashland College
Henry George Rempel Bible Institute of Los Angeles
University of California

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Ashland College
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OBJECTIVES SUGGESTED FOR THE YEAR 1939-1940

1. Regular monthly devotional meetings.
2. Missionary prayer circle.
3. Bible reading—entire New Testament, or a chapter a day of your own selection.
4. Missionary project—Support of Bouca Station, with dime calendars turned in not later than Feb. 25.
5. Special offering lifted in January and July (for administrative purposes).
6. Thank offering received at National Conference for Home Missions Council.
7. Public service held and offering lifted for Grace Seminary not later than May 1st.
8. Mission Study Class using "Biographies of Brethren Missionaries"—Study 11.

By Mrs. A. B. Kidder, Editor

No Let-Down

It is spring, almost the first of May; just a few months now and our year's work will end. We trust that most of our Councils have met the special objectives, including the public service, with an offering lifted for our beloved Grace Seminary. We are all looking forward to the administrative offering to be sent to our Financial Secretary in July, and of course we are keeping in mind the thank offering to be sent with our delegates to national conference.

But there is a danger that we let down with the coming of warm weather and think we may take it easy for a while and let things slide through. That is when we need to remind ourselves of Paul's words to Timothy, "Be instant in season, out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2). That means there is no off-season for Christian workers; and every Christian is expected to work.

We heard of a husband and wife in this city who do not profess to be Christians and who do not attend church; but for some reason they decided to go to church on the evening of Easter Sunday. They had no particular choice of a church, so they went downtown where the large churches are grouped; perhaps they had some idea of a wider choice among so many. They drove from church to church, only to find the buildings dark and deserted. And these worldly people, who had themselves given no thought to the things of God for years, were astonished, nay, they were grieved, that there could be so many closed churches on the day of the memorial of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are thankful to report that they did find one downtown church whose doors were not closed.

But what a picture! If worldlings are grieved over such a condition of things, how must it grieve the heart of our Lord that those who profess His name should thus "neglect so great salvation."

Sisters of the W.M.C., let it not be said of us that we go out of business before the year is up. Let us rather increase our efforts, our prayers and our giving that the great work of taking the gospel to the uttermost parts may not falter or lag because we are not on the job.

PROGRAM FOR MAY

Topic: Christ Our Sufficiency for Works.
Opening Hymn.
Scripture Reading—John 14:1-15.
Season of Prayer (that we may meet all objectives this year).
Topic: Good Works Are Purposed by our Creation in Christ.
Hymn.
Topic: Christ Strengthens Us for Good Works.
Special Number.
Topic: Christ Will Reward Our Good Works.
Business Session.
Closing Prayer.

OUT OF THE MAILBAG

Indiana District Spring Rally

The first spring rally of the W.M.C. of Indiana District was held at the First Brethren Church, Peru, Ind., Mar. 13, 1940. Meeting opened at 10:30 with song

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service. Welcome address was given by Mrs. Dan Comerford, Senior W.M.C. President. Devotions were led by Mrs. Mable Flora, Flora, Ind.

Due to the inclement weather neither the Pres. nor Vice Pres. of the district were present, and the business session was in charge of Mrs. R. A. Ashman of Peru. Each organization was urged to set a goal for the Easter offering. Several organizations presented problems that exist in the Sisterhood Societies of their churches. Following the brief business session a missionary prayer circle was conducted. The group was divided into smaller groups, each having a leader. They retired to classrooms where special prayer was given for certain missionaries.

At noon a fellowship favorite dish dinner was served in the social rooms.

Preceding the afternoon session recorded music was enjoyed. Mrs. Arthur Carey of Lake Odessa, Mich., had charge of devotions. An offering amounting to $10.34 was received. A vocal duet was rendered by the Lake Odessa ladies. The address of the afternoon was delivered by Rev. R. D. Barnard of Dayton, O., whose subject was "Our Day of Good Tidings." This message was indeed very challenging and inspiring.

Another session of prayer was held for the missionaries, followed by the benediction.

Registration committee reported 83 in attendance. The following societies were represented: Dayton, O., 15; Lake Odessa, Mich., 8.

San Diego, California

Th ladies of the First Brethren Church of San Diego, of which A. L. Flory is pastor, met Tuesday, Jan. 9th, and organized a Women's Missionary Council. Meetings are held twice a month. On the second Tuesday the regular missionary meeting is held in the afternoon for study and devotion; and on the last Tuesday the ladies hold an all-day work meeting. Many rolls of bandages have been made, and clothing prepared and sent to missionaries in Kentucky for needy children. The Council's work day is held not only for work with the hands, but time is set apart at every meeting for devotion, and earnest prayers are sent to the throne of grace for each individual on the prayer and sick lists. The Council also has placed a white barrel in the church into which canned and other non-perishable foods can be placed, which will be distributed whenever the need is found.

JULIA L. BECKER, Secy.

Dayton, Ohio

To our national officers, members and friends of the Women's Missionary Council, greetings:

The women of the First Brethren Church of Dayton, O., organized the new Council in September of 1939. At our very first meeting much interest was shown, and about 35 women signed cards as members. Our membership has grown steadily until now we have exactly 100 women on our roll.

At the regular Christmas devotional meeting, which was well attended, each lady brought a gift for a child. Our members also decided to make comforts for the very needy work in Kentucky. At the white gift service, two comforts were brought forward, and afterwards sent to Bro. Sewell Landrum in Kentucky together with 50 gifts for the children, and two boxes of clothing.

The next outstanding event was Sun., Feb. 4th. This day was designated as Grace Seminary Day. The Council had charge of the evening worship service. Prof. Herman Hoyt of the Seminary was the speaker. An offering was taken at the meeting for Grace Seminary amounting to $26.87.

Forty-nine women attended our March meeting. We laid aside our offering for Bouca station at this time. Our hearts were made to rejoice at the response, our offering amounting to over $30.00, which was more than we had asked the Lord to give us. We realized more than ever that our faith was too small. Mrs. Cashman, wife of our pastor at Clayton, O., brought us an interesting biography of two of our missionaries, Miss Emmert and Mrs. Sheldon. At each meeting slips of paper are passed to each member with the name of one of our missionaries written thereon. These are remembered each day in prayer.

We feel that we have been blessed in many ways since the council was organized in Dayton. Our women are growing in missionary spirit, and our hearts have been made to rejoice as we grow in numbers. We ask your prayers for our new Council and also for the Dayton Church, that we may continue to be faithful in giving out the gospel until He comes.

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:16-18).

Yours in His blessed name,

MRS. J. MARION HOFFMAN, Cor. Secy.

Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. J. Harold Putt, Cor. Secy. of Ghent Brethren W.M.C., sends us the following poem written by Mrs. E. B. Murphy, a member of the local Council and inspired by our Devotional Topic.

The Folly of Self-Sufficiency

A youth set forth upon a journey,
His goal the rising sun,
Ambition burned within his breast
To conquer worlds, achieve success;
Heeding not the signs of danger,
Lurking in the way,
He sang a song of youthful triumph—
I am my sufficiency.

The road is long, 'tis changing now,
Great curves loom just ahead,
Bulging cliffs of jagged rocks,
Fill his soul with dread.
Yet, doggedly he trudges onward,
Beads of sweat upon his brow,
I'll win the goal, alive or dead,
Cowards may fail not I—
I am my sufficiency.

'Tis noontide, the pathway steepens,
Rocks and boulders bar the way,
Thorns thrust out their piercing needles,
To prick and sting, the flesh to flay.

His bruised feet stumble, falter,
His torn hands grope for aid,
Stubbornly his pale lips whisper—
I am my sufficiency.

'Tis evening now, his strength is failing,
Doubts and fears assail his soul,
Years have passed, ambition faded
Yet, he's no nearer to the goal.
Night is closing down upon him,
Death stalks by his side,
Brokenly he mumbles, self cannot supply—
My sufficiency.

Where are the laurels for which he struggled?
Is this the goal, this deep abyss,
Yawning through the murky mist?
He totters there upon the brink,
Exhausted, stunned, too tired to think;
A wandering human derelict,
Swallowed up in selfishness—
His own sufficiency.

A failure, yes but God's love wrought
A mighty miracle in his heart,
Ashamed, he falls upon his knees,
Have mercy, Lord, suppy my needs;
Thou knowest it all, the sin and shame,
The greed for glory and acclaim,
My eyes are opened, now I see—
Christ—My Sufficiency.

And God, whose mercy knows no bounds,
This poor lost soul with love surrounds
He takes the broken, bleeding heart,
Down at the cross a new way charts;
He hears the broken, contrite plea,
Have mercy, Lord; and be—
My Sufficiency.

FROM OUR OWN MISSION STATION IN AFRICA

Bouca par Bangui, A.E.F.
Jan. 24, 1940

Dear Sister Kent and All the Members of the W.M.C.:

Greetings to all in the name of our blessed Lord and Savior.

We were very happy to hear that the Women's Missionary Council expects to have a practical part in the Bouca-Batangafo work. We know if you have a share in the practical, you will never forget the spiritual. The material needs are always with us, and need to be supplied, but the spiritual are far greater; for it is in the realm of the spiritual that we feel our strongest attacks. Therefore dear sisters, may we urge each one of you to bear us up before the Lord every day. We thank you very much for your interest. Pray that we may be faithful to the trust you have placed and committed to us.

We feel that the Lord is greatly blessing the work. In fact we see evidence of His working on every hand. Our people meet at 5:45 every morning for prayer, and the Lord is blessing their faithfulness. Every Sunday souls are being saved, also in the villages many are turning to Him, and in every direction they are calling for teachers to be sent to them. They are very anxious to learn to read, and to have regular preaching services.

We will be writing our "Bouca Flashes" regularly again. You will be able to keep informed through them, also you will see the requests for prayer every month. We would enjoy writing to each one individually, but it is a human impossibility. We cannot begin to care for the work on the field properly, for lack of time, and correspondence takes quite a bit too.

Again we wish to express our appreciation, and pray the Lord will greatly bless each one of you, and make you a blessing to many.

In His dear name and service until He comes,
R. FOSTER.

Miss Grace Byron Writes On:

The Humdrum of a Native Woman's Life

The first rays of light were appearing in the east, outlining the hills against the sky. The birds were beginning to stir and flutter about. Inside the huts, the natives were beginning to waken after the night's rest.

In one of the huts lives Goupende and his wife, Youmini, their two daughters. Yoursari and Youji, and a baby son, Kaka. His name means chicken. The reason for his peculiar name is to protect him against the evil spirits. Both of his brothers had died in babyhood. Goupende was advised by the witch doctor to name this son Kaka so that whenever anyone calls him or speaks his name the evil spirits will be fooled into thinking he is only a chicken.

Goupende sleeps on the only bed in the hut. It is a platform of hard mud about six feet long, two and a half feet wide, and two feet high. There are no springs, mattress or pillow on this crude bed. A grass mat serves as a sheet and he wraps himself up in a cheap blanket, just letting his feet stick out. Youmini and the children enjoy none of these luxuries. They sleep on the floor, like the spokes of a wheel with their feet close to the fire, which is in the center of the room.

The two sticks were still smouldering but had burned apart. Youmini rising up pushes the sticks together and blows them into a blaze. The whole family is soon astir and huddles around the fire warming themselves, but they soon move the fire outside. The hut is only a shelter used at night, during the hottest time of the day and during a storm.

Goupende calls to his wife to bring him some water for his morning bath. She brings it to him in the gourd dipper. With his hands he dashes the water over his body. When he finished the other members of the family take their baths in the same manner. After Youmini washed the baby she leans him over a rock to dry in the sun. They use no wash cloths, towels or soap.

Youmini and her daughters put on their new dresses of fresh green leaves, but little Kaka just wears his birthday suit.

Youji, the smallest girl, sweeps the house and car-

ries out the ashes and disposes of their withered dresses that they wore the day before.

Goupende is going to take some iron to the blacksmith to have some hoes made as it will soon be time to make peanut gardens. His wife and the children are going to make flour. Three days ago they dug a large basket of cassava roots and put them in the stream to molt and they are now ready to take out and dry. Youmini packs the necessary things in a basket, she will put in the broom, the pounder, the sifter, a knife and the axe. Yousari finds some mush that was left from the evening meal and wraps it in some leaves with several handfuls of peanuts, so they will have something to eat when they get hungry.

Youmini closes the door of the hut securely with the mat to keep out the dogs and goats. Then she lifts the basket of things and places it on Yousari's head and Yousari starts down the path with Youji following, carrying the bundle of food on her head and close behind is their mother carrying Kaka straddled on her hip.

When they reach the stream, Kaka is put in a safe place on the bank to play while his mother and sisters wade into the pool. They begin to take the rind off the cassava roots and put them into the basket. Other women are also there doing the same thing. They talk and laugh and sing as they work.

The girls sweep off a place on the large rock bordering the stream. They break the roots in small pieces and spread them over the rock to dry in the hot sun. While it is drying the women and the larger girls go in search of greens, leaving the others on guard so that the dogs and goats will not eat their food.

After some time the women return with their greens. They also gathered wood for the evening fire. The broken cassava roots are dry and they start pounding them and singing as they pound. They sift out the lump sand continue to pound and sift until it is all fine like flour. The girls smear their faces with the flour and have a good time. Then they sweep up the flour and put it in their baskets. Now it is time to go home. Youmini carries the basket of flour on her head and Kaka rides straddle his mother's hip. Yousari carries the bundle of wood on her head and Youji carries the things that will not stay on top of the basket of flour. When they reach home they put the flour and things away in the hut.

They are only home a short time when they start for the stream again, this time each balancing a waterpot on her head and Kaka riding his mother's hip as before. When they reach the stream Youmini bathes Kaka and sets him up on the bank to dry. She and the girls bathe in the stream, splashing the water over their bodies. Then they fill their waterpots and start for home. Their bodies are dripping and glistening in the rays of the setting sun. Arriving home they put their waterpots in the hut and go out to search for leaves for their new dresses for the next day.

After they return again to the hut, Yousari goes to a nearby hut for a few live coals to start the fire. Her mother puts the earthen pot with some water in it over the fire. When it boils she puts in some of the flour and stirs it with a stick until the flour and water is well mixed. She then removes it from the fire, placing it on the ground, and holds it firmly between her feet and continues to beat it with the stick. She turns it out of the pot molded into a ball and puts it into a tightly woven basket which serves as a bowl. Next, the greens are picked over and put on the fire to cook in the earthen pot. The greens are seasoned with some meat. Supper is now ready and Youmini takes the bowl of mush and the pot of greens and places them on the ground in front of her husband. He calls his brother and nephew who live close by to come and eat with him.

Youmini and her sister-in-law and the children sit by the fire waiting for the men to finish eating as the men and women do not eat together. When the men finished, Goupende called his wife and she went and got the food that was left. The women and children circle around the two containers. They take turns putting their fingers into the bowl of mush and taking a portion of the mush and dipping it into the pot of greens. The men ate all of the meat as meat is tabooed for women and they don't eat it. After they finished eating, Yousari gets some water and they wash their hands and wipe them on their hair. They move closer to the fire and spend the time talking and laughing in a group by themselves and the men talk over their affairs in another group. They visit for some time, then they move the fire inside the hut and lie down beside the fire for a night's rest.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DEPARTMENT

Q. Will the local Councils send delegates to National Conference? Will they pay registration fees?

A. Our W.M.C. can only have a National Conference program if the local councils send delegates to represent them. You have elected national officers and put into their hands certain duties and responsibilities. They have carried on during the year by your cooperation from a distance. There must be a yearly get-to-gether: to consider the work of the past year, to perfect the organization, to make plans for the year ahead, and to elect those who shall be entrusted with the carrying out of these plans, and to gather inspiration and carry it back to the local groups for their encouragement and enlightenment.

No registration fee will be charged. This is in line with the policy adopted last year. We believe the Lord will bless if we take the faith way, dependent upon Him and upon the free-will offerings of His people. But we cannot run a conference without funds—the Lord knows that and so do His people. So we are asking that as each delegate presents her credentials she make an offering as the Lord directs. It is left with the local Councils and the individuals to decide if the Council wishes to take a special offering to be sent with the body of delegates, or

whether the delegates themselves wish to make personal offerings, or both.

Q. Will the delegates be chosen according to the number of members reported to the National Secretary, Mrs. Andlauer?

A. Yes, on the basis of one for every ten members or fraction thereof.

Q. Will the national officers make a report of work done and objectives met at the National Conference?

A. As full a report as possible will be gleaned from the local reports as sent in. They can only be responsible for what is committed to them.

Q. Do you think this department will be helpful?

A. It will if our women will furnish the questions. Where are yours?

ROLL OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Again we are submitting the list as corrected to date:

California
Bellflower
Compton
Fillmore
Glendale
La Verne
Long Beach, First
Long Beach, Second
Los Angeles, First
Los Angeles, Second
Modesto
San Diego
South Gate
Tracy
Whittier

District of Columbia
Washington

Indiana
Berne
Clay City
Flora
Fort Wayne
North Liberty
Osceola
Peru
Winona Lake

Iowa
Dallas Center
Garwin
Leon
Waterloo
Williamsburg

Kansas
Morrill
Portis

Kentucky
Lost Creek

Michigan
Lake Odessa
New Troy

Nebraska
Beaver City

Ohio
Ashland (W. 10th St.)
Canton
Cleveland
Danville
Dayton
Ellet
Fremont
Homerville
Middlebranch
Rittman
Sterling

Pennsylvania
Aleppo
Altoona
Conemaugh
Johnstown
Juniata
Kittanning
Listie
Martinsburg
Meyersdale
Philadelphia, First
Summit Mills
Uniontown, First
Vinco
Waynesboro

Tennessee
Limestone

Virginia
Buena Vista
Covington
Hollins
Meadow Mills
Roanoke
Winchester

Washington
Harrah
Spokane
Sunnyside
Wapato

JEWISH DEPARTMENT

By Arthur Carey

John 10:16; Matthew 18:12-14 and 10:6; Romans 1:16 and Acts 15:26

The Neglected Race for Whom Christ Died

HISTORY PREFACED IN 430 YEARS

God's History Book

God has written and caused to be enacted a resume in advance of the experiences of the children of Israel. No child of Israel need be in doubt as to the course and destiny of his nation. The prophets lend their voices to the swelling chorus of history foretold and pre-measured. Piercing through the ever darkening veil that seems to have beclouded the eyes of the Israelite are striking events that should jog the memory concerning the things that were written about them. The experiences of nearly 430 years depict outstanding experiences of the Jewish nation over a period of nearly 4300 years.

Origin

The progenitor of this great race of God's choice is Abraham. Abraham believed God. This made him a marked man. Belief in God has always made the Jew a marked man. But, particularly, Abraham, since he was willing to trust God, has risen high in the observation of men. Possibly the greatest dispute over Abraham arose between Jesus and the Jews of His day. Jesus told them in no uncertain terms that they had a natural father, Abraham (Jno. 8:37), and a spiritual father, the devil (8:44). The differentiation of spiritual fatherhood rests in **believing God** as Abraham did (8:56) and not **merely believing in God,** as those Jews did (8:42). This trusting belief of Abraham led him out into the unknown, away from his kindred. He was not a model of excellence, for upon an occasion he became afraid and lied. But he had a distinct call from a personal, actual Being, and this his inmost heart and conscience confessed.

Beginnings

His complete dependence on God is portrayed to the world's gaze as he stood on rugged old Mt. Moriah. There with his young and only begotten (Heb. 11:17) son, Isaac, tied to the sacrificial altar, he becomes the example to every Jew to trust God for the sacrifice, to expect that God will provide the lamb—Jehovah-Jireh is His name! This memorable incident should speak volumes about a certain great historical event. Should it not jog veil-darkened minds with poignant memories (Zech. 12:10-14)?

It is written, "In Isaac shall thy seed be called" (Rom. 9:7). This is but another sign post guiding to the mercy of God, Who desires not merely seed of the flesh, or of Abraham, but spiritual seed, seed of Is-

aac—the one offered, as pointing to the One who was offered on the cross.

The calling of Isaac's bride and their courtship is a story beloved by all generations of Jews and Gentiles alike. It is a story that is highly symbolic. It pictures Christ expecting His bride, who is beckoned by the Holy Spirit, the Agent. He has been sent into the world by the Father to choose the church for Christ. The story is replete with all the thrills of a true romance. And this story, re-enacted on the stage of life today in a larger, more marvelous way, signifies a real romance for Christians who are in love with their Lord.

Turmoils

Esau and Jacob, twins, strove from the day of their birth. The one, red, burly, an out-of-doors man, a tender of flocks and herds, sold his birthright to the other. The other, Jacob, a clean-faced man, a home lover, shrewd, managed to obtain the parental blessing that went with the birthright. Then followed estrangement and exile. The children of Jacob in Palestine today have certainly felt the animosity of the children of Ishmael. Jews and Arabs alike lay claim to that ground promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Laban and Jacob fared little better. After serving 14 years for the wife he wanted, and yet more, Jacob departed for the land of God. Laban pursued him, Esau met him, and God wrestled with him. His name was changed to Israel.

Sowing and Reaping

The sons sowed while the father reaped. Their vengeance was wreaked on the little dreamer boy, Joseph; and the father by continual sorrow and tears brought himself near to the grave. How those words of Judah's, "What profit is it . . . . come let us sell him," ought to ring in every heart (Matt. 27:9). Israel has become a nation of salesmen, and Gentiles have bought of their wares.

Exodus

The story of Joseph in Egypt is the story of Christ triumphant over death. The successes of Joseph depict the successes of Christ (Eph. 1:10, Col. 2:15). The gathering of products into the storehouses by Joseph corresponds to Christ's gathering of His saints into the heavenly garner. After the seven years of abundant grace come the seven years of tribulation famine.

The brothers begin to leave Canaan for Egypt to buy corn. They keep moving down until the whole family has left behind the land of promise. After the rejection of Joseph, famine puts them out of the land. After the rejection of Christ, tribulation drove the Jews from Palestine.

Tribulation

Great tribulation was meted out to the Hebrews in Egypt. The first chapter of Exodus reveals the oppression of the king. This oppression took two forms —against labor and against life. All oppression from the time of Christ has followed these two forms. Governments have passed laws regulating their work, what types of work they should enter, and the taxes they should pay for the privilege. Pogroms were and still are being directed against their lives.

But the tribulation became intense. The king made them serve with rigor. The children sighed by reason of the bondage (3:9). The time is yet future when Israel shall groan in the furnace of affliction at the hand of the nations.

Judgment and Deliverance

But God heard their cry and sent Moses to deliver them. Ten judgments fell before Pharaoh yielded them. Some day this old world shall groan under judgment (Rev. 6-19) until Israel be delivered. Marvelous history in fact and scope!

Do the Jews Control U. S. Wealth and Business?

In the undercover anti-Semitic movements that are stealing over the United States, it is charged that the Jews own or control practically all the wealth of the United States. And that we must stand against them, lest the time come that they control everything, and we Christians virtually become their slaves.

What are the facts? With the exception of the moving picture industry, the theatre, the manufacture of clothing and retail distribution, the great industries of America are in non-Jewish hands. Steel, automobiles, the utilities, transportation, shipping, oil, coal, heavy machinery, lumber, dairy products, the five and ten cent stores and the grocery chains are all owned by non-Jews. In 1934, of the 80,000 directors of the great corporations of America (see Poor's "Register of Directors") 3,825 or 4.8 per cent were Jews. According to Fortune survey (see February, 1936) of the 1,375 members of the New York Stock Exchange in the city where Jews constitute nearly thirty per cent of the population, only 252, or 18 per cent were Jewish.

Of the 637 firms listed in the New York Stock Exchange, 55 are Jewish, 22 half-Jewish, 39 have prominent Jewish influence—altogether 116, or about 19 per cent.

In the newspaper field, the three largest Jewish chains have a total circulation of 1,169,000. Compare this with the Hearst chain, with a total circulation of 5,500,000; Patterson-McCormick, 2,232,000, and the Scripps-Howard, 1,794,000, not to speak of many others.—As quoted in The Friends of Israel, from The Intelligence-Leader.

The Growing Christian

"Grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—2 Peter 3:18

LETTERS TO A COUSIN ..... **By Art**

Dear Cousin Bert:

It certainly is a joy to get your fine letters, and how brim full of interest they are to me. You made me think back to 1927 when I had my first experience in a holiness church, similar to the one you wrote about. A very intimate friend and I decided to spend three summer months of our vacation between college terms representing the S. A. Mullikin Company's literature. We accepted a county in Indiana with New Castle as our headquarters. One of the first preachers we contaced for recommendations took a fatherly interest in us and invited us to attend his church the following Sunday. We went elsewhere for the morning services but that evening found us in the audience of our friend. It was a new experience to me, too to hear all the members praying at the same time, each one apparently trying to outdo the others in volume and speed. Then, after a plain, but enthusiastically delivered sermon, the altar call was given. Several of the praying members went to the altar to pray while others contacted two young men who had raised their hands for prayer. They were moved, or prevailed upon, to go to the altar where they confessed their back-slidden condition, repented, and then sought to "pray through" as they called it. I afterwards learned that they were seeking a definite work of grace for sanctification which meant the eradication of the carnal nature. What a time of agony, back-slapping, hellelujahs, praying and questioning they went through! Finally one cried out with much hilarity that he **had it**, while the other one continued seeking in vain and finally gave up for that night.

I confess that before I discovered a number of important things from the Word of God, the procedure in this church gave me no little concern. I knew I experienced a great deal of trouble with the old Adam nature after my conversion just as your testimony indicates you are experiencing. By observation, I found that many who claimed the experience of having the carnal nature eradicated at the altar, were having the same trouble as I, though they would not admit it. In the past several years I have been privileged to associate intimately with different leaders of several types of holiness people, and when the truth of their own heart is expressed, they confess that their own victory over the power of sin is a perpetual battle with them the same as with us.

I have learned why these people must necessarily preach what is rarely a reality in their own lives. They observe only one viewpoint of the doctrine of sanctification, the viewpoint that men see and know. And since a number of passages in the Bible teach a holiness and sanctification that is perfect, they believe it all can be attained once and for all subsequent to conversion. Their difficulty would disappear if they were to discover that this perfect sanctification is provided for us through Christ Whom we receive by faith. I Cor. 1:30 is a good illustration: "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus who of God is **made** unto us wisdom, and righteousness and **sanctification** and redemption." Also in Heb. 10:10 we learn that "we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." This sanctification is perfect and permanent, and is called our standing. The aim of our practical sanctification, the holiness that men see in us, should be to approach the sanctification of our standing. This is known as our state. I am convicted, Bert, that this kind of holiness or sanctification is not received in a definite experience but is attained through a constant warfare against the old carnal nature; just as Paul states in Gal. 5:17, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." In I Cor. 9:27 Paul again says, "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection."

While Paul indicates the believer's part in keeping the carnal nature in subjection, he does not fail to state the source of his victorious power. Let us read his testimony as recorded in I Cor. 15:10: "By the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain." Now read Rom. 6:14 "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."

You will be amazed, Bert, how many Scriptures there are which give the secret of living in a high degree of holiness or practical sanctification. A very popular and effective passage is Gal. 2:20; also Phil. 2:13 and 4:21. You can look these up for yourself. What some people call "praying through" and "getting sanctified," others call by other expressions such as "full surrender," "complete yieldedness," "the victorious life," "the separated life," "the triumphant life," "the Christ life," "the Master's indwelling," "the overcoming life," etc. These terms will become more and more familiar to you as you attend Bible conferences, young people's camps, etc. In fact, you should plan now to attend Bethany Camp at Winona Lake, Ind. next fall. There you will learn how to "present your body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God" and how "to reckon yourself dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God." You can appropriate this ability by the Lord's help before that time and be able and willing to testify to others of this victory in your own life. Be sure of this, Bert, God makes no demands that He does not give us the power to fulfil. Be faithful in the study of the Scriptures,

CHRIST

The Light of the World

A DOCTRINE OF CHRIST DEPARTMENT

By Frank G. Coleman, Jr.

BORN OF A VIRGIN

Around the doctrine of the virgin birth of Christ there has raged a storm of controversy from the very dawn of the Christian era. That storm has by no means abated in this day. For to admit the virgin birth of Christ is to admit the supernatural entrance of the transcendant God into the affairs of men, and this many are unwilling to do. Though "born of a virgin" stands in the creeds which men still repeat and to which many still subscribe, yet it is with a mental reservation or with a strange definition of terms that modern theologians and teachers of religion permit the statement to stand.

Whatever others may mean, by the virgin birth of Christ we mean that God the Father, in accord with the Son as His verbal and eternal expression, and through the coordinate operation of the Holy Spirit, took hold of a cell or seed of Mary, creating a new and distinct human nature which the Son of God took into union with Himself, becoming a unique being with two natures, human and divine, in one body. In this unparalleled way God the Son was made flesh that God might purchase with His own blood those who had sold themselves under sin.

The Virgin Birth and the Person of Christ

That God the Son should come into the world by being born of a virgin without the agency of a human father, was indispensible to the perfection of His person. Let it not be forgotten that in Him were united the essential natures of both God and man. He was the God of eternity becoming also man. But God could not become man by taking a body generated by human parents. Such a union of God's person with a human person would result in a monstrosity, a double personality. More than that, it would result in the possession by Christ of a fallen, sinful human nature.

The father and the mother of a child are distinct persons, and each gives something of his own peculiar nature to the child. The result is a new personality with one consciousness and one will. Only the fatherhood of God and the motherhood of a virgin could produce a single personality in the man Christ Jesus, with a single consciousness and a single will. By the virgin birth alone could God become man, retaining the divine nature that was His through all eternity, while taking into personal subsistance with Himself a true human nature untainted by sin.

It is a strange faith that would lay hold upon the superstructure of Christianity while denying the miraculous foundation upon which it rests. Let those who think that the doctrine of the virgin birth is easily to be dispensed with consider: If His was a human father, then Jesus Christ was born of a woman stained with unchastity and His father was unknown. His only birthright was the bar sinister. If He was not born of a virgin, but was begotten of a human father, He was a natural person, and not God. If He was not God, then He had no right to forgive sin, nor had He any right to make Himself the object of faith. If His was a natural father, then He was not the second person of the Trinity, and without God the Son there is no Trinity, no triune God. If His was a natural father, he inherited a sinful nature, there was sin in Him. He was, then, under the penalty of sin, and could be neither a substitute nor a sacrifice for sin — **if begotten by a human father.**

The Virgin Birth and the Work of Christ

The atonement of Christ is rooted and grounded in the virgin birth of Christ. In the manward aspect of His atoning work there were two essential requirements for His entrance into the world to redeem men. He must perfectly identify Himself with the race and become as truly human as any child of Adam. This He must do while at the same time avoiding the taint of inherited sin. He must become man; and He must become perfect man. Only from such a beginning could he consummate His work with the exultant cry, "It is finished," as He died for sins not His own. Only by assuming into real union with Himself the perfect humanity generated in the womb of Mary, through the miraculous operation of the

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spend much time in prayer, embrace every opportunity to witness to others and you will find that temptations have little or no power over you. I am thankful that even grown-ups can do like the little Christian girl who told her chum that she did not have any trouble with sin, because every time the devil knocked at her heart's door, she sent Jesus to answer; and when He did, there never was anyone there. "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (I Jn. 3:8).

I had to finish this letter the day after I began, Bert, because I had an appointment with my son Gene last evening. He talked me into taking him to a community father and son banquet. He is getting to the age now when we know we have a boy. He is constantly exposing us to new angles of parenthood since he passed his ninth birthday last June. But I wouldn't have it otherwise for a fortune. It certainly is true of me that "life begins at forty."

I almost forgot to tell you that we had some new bed-room furniture delivered yesterday so now we will have no worries when company comes. We would be happy to have you pay us a visit some weekend.

Affectionately your cousin,

ART.

Spirit of God, could He satisfy both requirements, becoming man, yet without sin.

It is because Jesus Christ is God's Son that His blood possesses infinite worth in cleansing from all sin. It is because Jesus Christ came into the world as Mary's son that He is related to man by nature and so can be man's true Kinsman-Redeemer. Without such a relationship of nature the moral government of God could not be vindicated, nor could His perfect law be upheld. The law was suited to man, and it had a claim upon man. Man alone could fulfil its requirements. Man alone could bear its penalty. Because He was man Jesus Christ could pay the penalty of the law; because, through His virgin birth, He was perfect man He could pay the penalty for others; and because, by the virgin birth, it was God who became man, His sufferings and death possessed such infinite value that every demand of the law was satisfied in behalf of those whom God purposed to redeem.

The Virgin Birth, the Fatherhood of God, and the Motherhood of Mary

Human fatherhood was not necessary to clothe the eternal Son with humanity. Being eternally preexistent, no act of fatherhood was required when the Word became flesh. The Word went forth and the Spirit wrought in embodiment, and the eternal Son was clothed with flesh. He became the Son of man by the virgin Mary, but He was the Son of God before time began. "Unto the Son he (God) saith, thy throne O God, is forever and ever" (Heb. 1:8 with Ps. 45:6). The eternal Son needed no other fatherhood than that which He had known in the eternity before the world was, the fatherhood of God.

It is the peculiar function of the mother to embody the implanted seed. He who was "Eternal Life," Himself the Seed, received through Mary His human body and His human nature. These alone were His heritage from her.

Even His blood was His own! It is a biological fact that every embyro manufactures for itself the blood that forms its blood stream. It was indeed God's own blood (Acts 20:28) that coursed through His veins and that was spilled as the blood of atonement, the all-sufficient answer to every claim of outraged holiness.

The Virgin Birth and the Faith that Save

To deny the virgin birth is to deny Old Testament prophecy, the testimony of the angel Gabriel, the inspired records of Matthew and Luke, as well as the whole list of Scriptures in which the miraculous conception is implied. But more than that, to deny the virgin birth is to deny the eternal Sonship and Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the infinite value of His blood. We take our stand with the Holy Scriptures and affirm our belief in His supernatural birth. This we believe, yet it is not the article of our salvation. Not faith in the virgin birth, but appropriating faith in Christ as Savior, Sin-bearer, and Lord, is the condition of eternal life. But the only Christ we know is the Christ of the Bible, and the Christ of the Bible was born of a virgin.

HERE AND THERE

By Robert Culver

A BRETHREN STUDENT LIFE VOLUNTEERS rally that really was a rally was held in our Fort Wayne Church Apr. 7. 125 young people, 52 from Dayton, O., attended the rally. Churches represented were Fort Wayne, Ind.; Dayton, O.; Berne, Ind.; Peru, Ind.; and Flora, Ind. At the rally 43 additional young people became members of BSLV. The program was in charge of a Grace Seminary Gospel Team, composed of Glen O'Neal, Ralph Rambo, Robert Hill, and William Kerr, who delivered the sermon. It was a great meeting. Intense interest was maintained throughout the three hours of the meeting.

FRANK COLEMAN, JR., was the evangelist during a series of meetings in the Ellet, O. church, Mar. 25-Apr. 7.

BRO. CURTIS MORRILL, missionary on furlough from Africa, recently gave a series of lectures on our African mission field to the Grace Seminary student body and faculty. Bro. Morrill has also spoken in many of our churches in the eastern districts in recent weeks. Since early spring Bro. and Sister Morrill and family have been living in the mission home at Ashland, Ohio.

BRO. EVERETT NISWONGER, pastor of the Canton, O., church, is back at work in his church, after an appendicitis operation that put him on the "sick list" last month.

THE SECOND BRETHREN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES—"Our Bible School attendance last Sunday, Apr. 7, was 473. This is the best attendance our school has seen for more than five years, except on a rally day or Easter Sunday. The attendance last Sunday was 101 better than on the corresponding Sunday last year. The school has shown a consistent gain under the efficient supervision of Bro. C. E. Reuter, Supt. Our Easter offering now stands at about $1650 in cash and pledges."

THE BRETHREN YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER CAMP for Southern Calif., will be at Camp Seeley in the San Bernardino Mts., July 6-13. There really will be two separate camps run simultaneously, one for young people age 12-15 and one for those age 16-25.

MUST WE RESORT TO SNOOPING for news, or are the rest of the pastors and church correspondents going to come through with news for the writer of this column. Of course you want the news to be fresh and interesting. Well, there is only one way to make it that way and that is to send in the news, either by mailing your church bulletin or by dropping a card or letter in the mail. We want a short crisp paragraph if you write. We get news regularly from about eight churches and occasionally from about 15 more, and by diverse means we get news from several more. Make this **your** news by telling us what is going on in **your** church!

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

THE JACK-IN-THE-BOX IN DICKIE'S HEART

By Jack Green

Little Dickie, age five, came to Junior Church one Sunday with eyes, ears, and heart wide open as every boy and girl should, in going to God's house.

On the Scripturegraph board was a large red heart. How interested Dickie was when the teacher began to place different pictures in the heart. The first one was the picture of a serpent. Listen, the teacher was talking.

"The serpent reminds us of jealousy. Do you remember how the Lord had to bring a terrible sickness upon Miriam because she was jealous of her brother (Num. 12)? God had to punish her for her sin."

Next the teacher placed a picture of a pig in the heart. "Now the pig tells us of greed. The Lord doesn't want people to be greedy. How pleased the Lord Jesus was when He saw the little boy giving all his lunch to help the other people who were hungry. That is the way the Lord wants us to be too."

Dickie's interest began to grow. What would be next? As he watched very quietly, he saw the teacher place a bag of money in the heart. "Yes," said the teacher, "There are some people who love money more than they do the Lord Jesus. Judas sold the Lord for a few pieces of silver."

The next picture was very funny, Dickie thought—a picture of a Jack-in-the-box. The teacher told the story of how anger springs up very quickly as does the Jack-in-the-box. Then the teacher told the story of how Cain killed his brother because he became angry (Gen 4).

Dickie went home that Sunday with the wonderful stories down in his heart.

That week, Dickie wanted to go to the store with his big brother. He was allowed to go, but on the way home Dickie became very naughty and got angry at his brother. I'll bet you know what Dickie got when he reached home don't you? Yes sir! His mother gave him a spanking and sent him into the other room. After a while she went to see what was keeping him so quiet. When she looked in the room she saw Dickie praying.

"What were you praying about?" she asked.

"I was praying that Jesus would take the Jack-in-the-box out of my heart," answered Dickie.

His mother didn't understand so Dickie explained, "Our teacher said that if we got angry at our brother we had a Jack-in-the-box in our hearts, so I want Jesus to take it out."

Do you think God answered Dickie's prayer? Sure He did, because God hears and answers prayer.

BEDTIME

By Rose B. Foster

Twilight comes stealing;
Twilight comes creeping;
Twilight spreads out
  Like a soft, gray shawl;
Hides all the daytime things—
Hides with her velvet wings;
Hushes the thrushes'
  And bobolinks' call;
Closes our sleepy eyes.
She is so good and wise!
Whispers, "Good night, dears,
  And God keep us all!"

WHAT OTHER BOYS AND GIRLS ARE DOING

The boys and girls in our Long Beach, California church wanted their missionary offering to go for something special, so they could have a part in some missionary work of their own just as the grown-ups do. Others were paying for the support of the missionaries on the field, and were caring for other special missionary needs, so they decided to support two children of the missionaries. Kenneth Sheldon is supported by the Junior Department, and Charles Taber by the primaries.

Write and tell us what the children in your church are doing.

FREE TO OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

Would you like to have some pictures of Ann Kliever, your Junior C. E. Missionary to Africa, taken just before she went to Africa? They are arranged on a small picture poster so you can hang them in your room. They will be a nice reminder to pray for her and the other missionaries' children every day. These picture posters were never before given to anyone but C. E. societies, but we are offering them while they last, to the readers of this page who write for one.

When you write, perhaps you can think of some interesting things to tell us. Maybe the Lord has answered prayer or done some other wonderful things for you. Perhaps you are serving Him in some way. And of course, you will want to tell us what the boys and

girls in your church are doing for the Lord. Write the Children's Editor, 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

OUR BIBLE CHARACTER ALPHABET

Answer to H -- Haman.

I was a young man who was turned out of his home and was put under a shrub in the wilderness to die. You will find his name and what became of him in Gen. 21.

A MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH TEACHES A LESSON

By Geneva Grace Kuhn

During the Sunday School period of boys' and girls' class, the teacher asked for a quotation of the familiar passage found in Is. 64:6. She misunderstood the pupil quoting to say the following: "But we are all as an unclean thing and all our righteousnesses are as filthy **rugs."**

It was amusing, and of course everyone laughed as the teacher repeated what she thought she heard.

After all, it wasn't a bad misunderstanding, for rags are used in rug making. But how detestable is a **dirty rug!** A rug gathers all the dirt that happens to fall across it, and if it weren't cleaned daily regularly, it would remain filthy.

Now, boys and girls, can't you see how much that is like us humans. First, if we don't have the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse away the filth of our sin, we are in God's sight no better than a filthy rug. Secondly, if we have accepted Christ and His blood has cleansed us from our sin, we still need His blood to keep us clean from sins every day. The rug cannot clean itself, can it? No, it must **be cleaned.** So, since we are so very much like a rug, let us allow **Jesus** to cleanse us and continue to keep us clean (I Jn. 1:7; Phil. 3:9).

Then, when the rug is clean, we are not ashamed of it; we place it where it can both beautify and be of service. So with boys and girls when they come to Christ for salvation and cleansing. He makes them unashamed (Rom. 10:11) and causes their lives to blossom forth in the beauty of true service (Rom. 12: 1,21; Rev. 19:8).

PROMOTED TO GLORY

HOPKINS, Miss Sarah, of near Homerville, O., departed from this life on Thurs., evening, Feb. 29, after a short illness. The deceased was 73 yrs., 29 mo., and 9 da. old. She confessed Christ, was baptized, and united with the West Homer church in 1898. Since, she was afflicted, so that she was not able to attend the services and was not active in the Lord's work.

She leaves to mourn her departure two brothers, Daniel and Frank of Homerville community; and two sisters, Margaret at home and Mrs. Lovina Earl of West Salem, O.

..The writer had charge of the burial services on Sun., Mar. 3...
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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR MAY 12, 1940

JOB, THE PATIENT

(Job 14:1-15)

Suggestions for the Leader

Read the book of Job. It will not take long. It hardly teaches us why the righteous suffer. Heb. 12:6 is a better picture. It really teaches that the righteous need repentance. Job was upright in al of his dealings, yet needed repentance (Job 42:6). The final victory for Job came when he caught a glimpse of God and also saw himself as in need of God.

1. Scenes in a Drama of Two Worlds. Job 1:1, 6:12, 2: 1-10.

The events of the earth have a close relation to the events of the spiritual realm. Sacred history actually governs secular history. Back of the scene we know to be, the devil is active in working his purpose. The conflict of the ages is between forces of righteousness and forces of unrighteousness. Unfortunately our behavior is brought into the conflict.

2. The Integrity of Job. Job 1:11,21,22; 2:5,9,10; 13:15.

Job was the best man alive in his day. God selected the best and most righteous man and not the most wicked to teach the need of repentance.

Satan challenged Job's integrity but was wrong. Many accusations against us are Satanic and wrong.

To have a reverse or loss does not say that God is against us. Chastening or testing is for a purpose.

3. The Judgment of Job's Friends. Job 8:3-6.

Job's terrific load was made worse by miserable comforters. It is wrong to be harsh to one because of a reverse. Friends may suffer the same things as enemies. We can not know the meaning of things merely with the knowledge of things we see. God's promise is that His grace is sufficient for us now.

4. The Question of God. Job 38:2-7; 42:1-6.

After Job and his friends had gone as far as they could, God began to talk. He has the right to the last word in everything. Satan was being used as one to try Job but only by the permissive will of God. God

called Job to regard Him as the Creator. One sight of the power of God makes us realize how small we are.

Things we do not understand now shall yet be revealed.

5. God's End to the Story. Job 42:10; James 5:11.

God's great love story comes out right. Job's faithfulness brought him reward at last. He stood the test. Job received double of everything he lost. Remember he had children in heaven and on the earth. In another day, God shall make plain the "why" of the losses of today.

Additional Scripture

The rewards of patience: Ps. 37:7-11; Lk. 8:15; Rom. 5:3-5; Jas. 5:7; Heb. 10:35-37; Jas. 5:8.

Questions

1. What was the greatest need in Job's life? Job 42:6.
2. Does it make a difference when we see God? Isa. 6:1-5.
3. Why doesn't God kill the devil?
4. Is it possible for the devil to gain the advantage of us? 2 Cor. 2:11. What should we do about it? James 4:7.
5. Why do some people suffer? Heb. 12:6.

JUNIOR-INTERMEDIATE C. E. TOPIC

AS CHRIST FORGAVE

Have a large circle representing Christ drawn on the blackboard, and as many small circles as there are Endeavorers. Underneath each small circle write the name of one of the pupils. As each one names things people have done to them which were wrong or which made them feel very bad, write these things inside his circle. Then write in the large circle the wrong things done to Jesus. (Have your list made from Mt. 26:47-27:44; Mk. 14:43-15:32; Lu. 22:52-39; Jn. 18:3-19:18, so you can supply those things the pupils cannot recall.) Which of all these things on the blackboard do you think would be hardest to forgive? Emphasize how small the wrongs we suffer are compared with those committed against our Lord.

Have someone read Lu. 23:34. How many of these wrongs was Jesus willing to forgive? This one? (pointing to the first in His circle). This one? (pointing to the second, and so on). Erase each as the Endeavorers reply in the affirmative. Emphasize that there was not one of all those awful things which He was not glad to forgive.

Next write in Jesus' circle things we have done which have displeased Him. How may these sins be forgiven (I Jn. 1:9)? How many of these sins will Jesus forgive (Ps. 103:3)?

What does He do with our sins? Look at that cloud. Ten minutes ago it was twice that size. Soon it will disappear, and you will never see that cloud again. That is the way God blots out our sins (Isa. 44:22) when we confess them. (Erase the things written in Jesus' circle.)

If you traveled far enough north, you would come to the north pole, and if you kept on traveling, you would have to go south. Then when you came to the south pole you could go no farther south—you would have to go north. But no matter how far east you travel, you can always go farther east, and when you travel west, west likewise is always farther beyond. East and west never meet. God removes our sins as far as the east is from the west (Ps. 103:12).

Things thrown in the sea where it is deep are never seen again. God **buries** our sins there (Mic. 7:19).

God never thinks of our sins again (Heb. 8:12).

Because God has forgiven all our sins if we are saved, what are we to do (Eph. 4:32)? If you really love Jesus, and are willing to forgive and forget the wrongs others have done, just as He has forgiven you, come up and erase the writing in your circle.

JUNIOR C. E. PROGRAM FOR MAY 12

By Myrtle Silberman

Opening prayer circle.

Song: "Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World."

Prayer: by teacher.

Scripture Reading: Gal. 3:26-29.

Choruses.

Topic: **Juniors in Every Land.**

Have you ever thought about the children in every land who are members of the Junior Society of Christian Endeavor? They may be any race or speak any strange language and yet they are Juniors just as you are. In Mexico they read the Bible in Spanish. In France, they read the Bible in French. In China, they read the Bible in Chinese. In Africa, they read the Bible in many different languages and dialects. But they all read about the same Savior. They all read the Bible and pray to the same God. Christian boys and girls of every land are God's children, and they should love and help one another.

Ye Are All the Children of God by Faith in Christ Jesus (v. 26).

"Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so, etc." is one of the hymns that Chinese Christians love to sing more than any other one. They have found that they too are children of God through their trust in Jesus. We are not His children, if we yield our lives to evil, but the moment we yield our hearts to Jesus, that moment we become His children. Jesus is God's Son. When we become Christians, we become His children, that is, we are made sons of God and heirs with Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek (v. 28).

Children of God who truly love Him, do not know any difference in race or color. Christians know that Jesus died for all, regardless of color or race, and so

we love the little black boy, as well as our white skinned neighbors. Jesus came to call sinners, and commanded his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all the people. He did not say that we should just preach to the white people, nor the Jews, but to all people. When Jesus died He did not die just for the Jews, but for all (Jn. 3:16). The mission fields call for us. Will we extend the hand of Christian love to Juniors in other lands?

Bible References.

I Sam. 3:1-4. A Junior in Palestine.
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Gen. 22:7, 8. When Isaac was a Junior.
II Tim. 3:14-17. A Junior learns about the Bible.
Mt. 18:1-5. A Junior Jesus loved.
Mt. 21:15,16. Juniors who saw Jesus.
Offering.
(Flannelgraph showing children of different countries and some of the different customs, dress, spiritual needs, etc).

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Send all society problems which you would like to have discussed to your news editor, Miss Grace Allhouse, 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind., and they will be referred to one who knows the ins and outs of C. E. for the ages found in your society.

What can we do to get our members to attend the business meetings?

First make the meetings so interesting that they will want to attend.

The president should have the business of meeting planned, thought out, and most of all prayed out. He should have the items of business well arranged. Make the business meeting lively and interesting.

The president should take his office seriously, as a trust from the Lord, and preside in a dignified manner, realizing that he is doing his best for the Master.

The president should see in advance that each officer has his report written out ready to present at the meeting. Have it read and filed.

The chairman of each committee should also have a written report ready to present giving the activities of the committee for the past month. The best society president ever in office can not make the society a success without the cooperation of everyone of his officers, backed up by every member of the society.

Have some special attraction in the way of county or state C. E. officer to give you an inspirational talk, your pastor perhaps; a special musical treat; a surprise of something so everyone will want to come to the meeting to know what you are going to spring next.

As a last resort, if you are unable to get a good representative attendance at your business meeting, follow the business meeting with a social hour, serving light refreshments, or a regular social, the social superintendent having charge. Thus you should be able to get a full attendance at your business meeting.

Is the business meeting just for the officers, or the members themselves?

No, business meetings are not just for officers. If so how would the society as a whole know of the aims of the society? How would you elect your officers without a business meeting?

Officers should have cabinet or executive meetings, whatever the locality calls such meetings, to talk over business matters and arrange for the regular business meeting of the whole society.

If the society has a superintendent he should be present at cabinet meeting and guide the outlines of the business meeting, and of course be present and serve as a guiding hand in the society business meeting.

Have posters made and posted announcing the business meeting.

Announce the meeting in C. E. prayer meetings so everyone will surely know of it and have no excuse for not coming. If you have a church calendar have the secretary see that an announcement is printed in it the Sunday before. If no calendar, perhaps you can get your pastor to announce it from the pulpit. You can not announce it too much or too often. In these busy days of school and office there are so many things that crowd out the more important things, so you must be wiser than the people of the world and attract the attention of the young people by keeping it before them at every opportunity.

A. H. KENT, Vice President.

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Thanks to each and every one of you who have assisted in this fine way. Let's keep up the good work!

IT IS APPRECIATED

This letter is typical of those received from folks who have received their gift Bible and who care to write us:

"Just a line to inform you that the 'Nelson Reference Bible' was received a few days ago. I truly appreciate the fine gift and many thanks to you. In scanning its contents, I find it has many special helps which will aid in the study of the Word. I enjoy reading the **Missionary Herald,** and am happy to have a part in its publication."—N. I. W., California.

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LIGHT ON TRUTH

THE DAY OF MIRACLES IS NOT PAST

By Bernard Schneider

A young husband and father received Christ and was wonderfully saved and changed. Before his conversion he had been living in sin, often arriving home on Saturday nights, drunk, and with the week's earning all but gone. At such times his children would hide from him, and his sweet Christian wife would have to suffer his abuse. Often they suffered want because of his drinking, but his wife kept on praying for him until her prayers were answered and their home was completely transformed.

About a year after his conversion this young man happened to meet one of his former partners in sin, a hardened sceptic about the Bible. Thinking that he would have some sport with the young Christian, the sceptic asked him concerning his faith in Christ.

"Say," he asked, 'you do not mean to tell me that you believe the Bible. How about that silly story of Adam, and God making him a wife from one of his ribs. You do not really believe that, do you?" "The young man knew of no fitting remark, but simply said, "Yes, it is in the Bible, and I believe it." The sceptic laughed and continued his attack.

"How about the story of Jonah and the whale, you don't believe that, do you?"

"Again, the young man was hard pressed for a reasonable answer, but he repeated, "Yes, it is in the Bible, and I believe it."

There now was a victorious grin on the sceptic's face when he said, "Let me ask you one more question. How about this Jesus Christ of yours? You are not quite so silly as to believe all the Bible says about Him, are you? You don't believe that He took ordinary water, said a few words and made good wine out of it, do you?"

The young man felt a little embarrassed. What could he say? Suddenly his face brightened. His voice grew a little excited when he answered, "Say, you don't believe that Jesus could take ordinary water and make wine out of it, but if you will come home with me, I will show you a greater miracle than that. I will show you how Jesus took a lot of whiskey and beer and turned it into beautiful furniture for my home, and rosy cheeks for my wife and children."

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17).

Blaine Snyder 4-6-41

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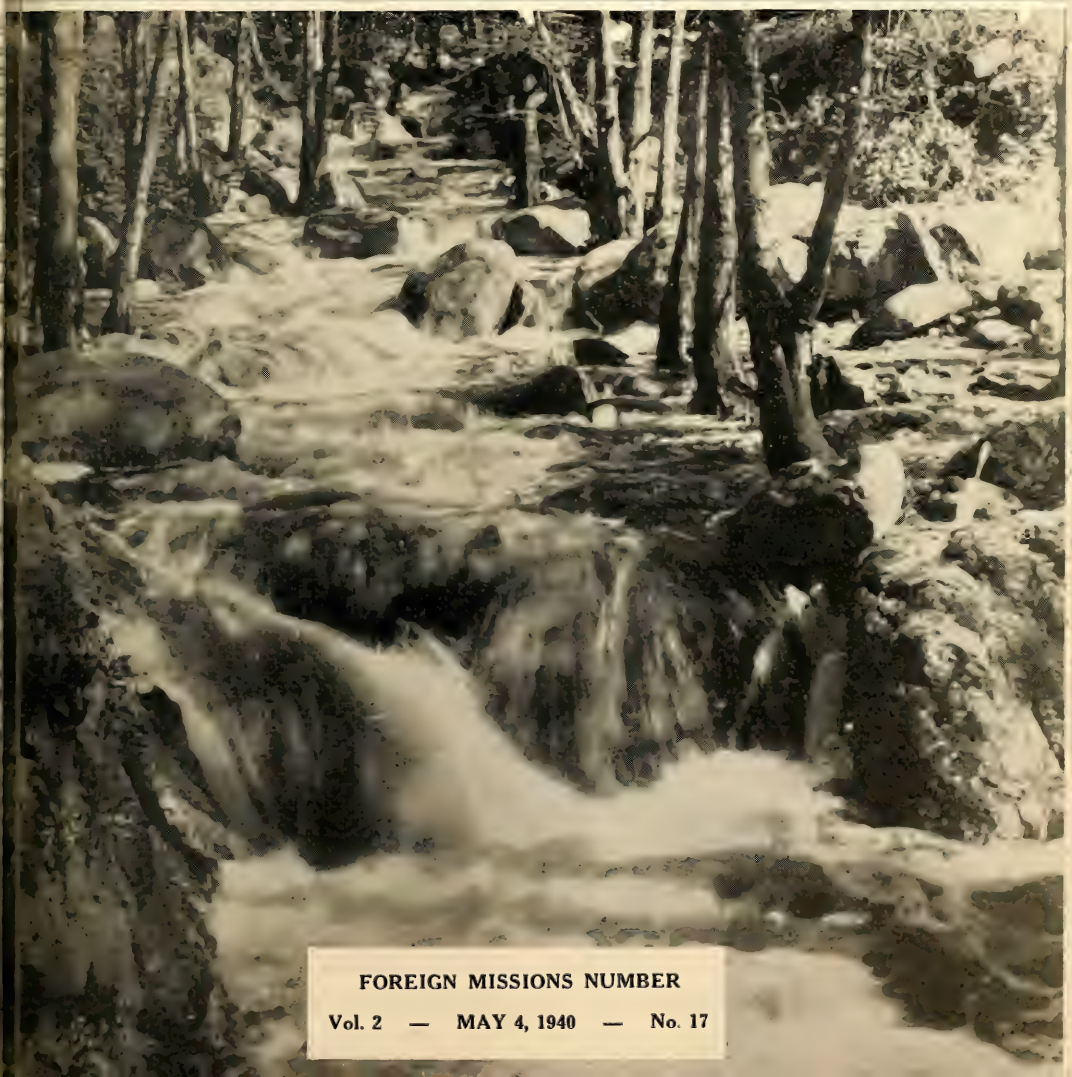

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FIRST FRUITS OF EASTER OFFERING

As these editorials are being written, reports are coming in which cause great joy to our hearts. In spite of many adverse conditions in the work of the Brethren Church just now, yet we have reason to believe that we will have one of the finest Easter offerings our Society has ever received. It surely will be such if the firstfruits reported to us is a safe criterion by which to judge the rest of the offering yet to be reported.

Here are some of the first reports:

Eld. A. V. Kimmel, Pastor of First Church, Philadelphia, says:

"Our offering is well over $2,000, which was about our goal this year; and I think it will run to about $2,200. We praise the Lord for that, as we raised over $3,000 a few weeks ago on our building project.'

From that little church seven miles east of Berne, Indiana—positively the finest country church for its size in which we have ever been—comes a report from its pastor, Eld. John Parr:

"We took our Easter offering yesterday. It was over $800. Don't know how much we will be able to still add to it. Hope it wil be $1,000."

From Eld. Albert L. Flory, pastor of the little Mission in San Diego, California, scarcely a year old and struggling hard now with a building program, comes the following message:

We expect to reach our goal of $300."

Eld. J. W. Hathaway, one of our African missionaries at home on furlough, and at present serving temporarily as the pastor of the little flock in Fillmore, California, (their pastor being ill) writes:

"Our offering in cash yesterday was about $200. This, of course, will be increased before June."

Even the little Mission at Bellflower, California, struggling under greater adversities than any other congregation on the Pacific Coast, sends word that

"$114.04 in cash came in for our Foreign Mission Offering last Sunday."

The "baby" church of our brotherhood, just a few weeks old—in Wooster, Ohio, reports $90.00 as its first Easter Offering. (Must be a lusty youngster!)

Our good Brother James S. Cook, Pastor of the flock in Dallas Center, Iowa, says:

"While our Easter Offering was not as large as we had hoped, still it is the largest in the history of the church, except once when Mary Emmert turned in the year's salary. The first Sunday (Easter morning) we raised $204. Then, there was some other came in since. We wanted at least $300. It may go to $250; I hope so, at least."

The First Church in Elkhart, Indiana, proves its confidence in one of our very finest missionaries in Africa, Miss Florence Bickel, by once again sending $400 for her allowance during the coming year.

The irrepressible Leo Polman, holding the fort—yes Fort Wayne, Indiana—informs us:

"Our offering here Easter day, cash and pledges, amounted to $563, and not all has yet come in. We feel that our goal for $600 will be met, and undoubtedly we shall go over this considerably. This no doubt will be our largest contribution to Foreign Missions given any time in the history of this church. It made our people to rejoice, and I am sure much good will be forthcoming as a result of this giving."

Our church in Dayton, Ohio, R. D. Barnard, Pastor proves that it is anything but discouraged, as the following paragraph in a letter from the pastor declares:

"We had a great Easter day, services were well attended. 742 in Sunday School, with some less than 500 in the morning worship and about 300 at night. Our Foreign Mission offering was something over $600 in cash, with about $200 of accumulations in treasuries, over $100 in Sunday School offerings, and over $150 in pledges; so that the offering right now is considerably over $1,000. We hope it will be very, very much more; and we believe it will be."

From the old home church of one of our new missionaires, Miss Ruth Snyder—the Conemaugh (Pa.) Church, William H. Schaeffer, Pastor—comes the report that up to date their offering totals $877.90 They have designated $500 of this for Miss Snyder's personal outfit.

From Winchester, Virginia, the pastor, Norman Uphouse, reports:

"Our mission offering, taken last Sunday, amounted to $300. We are happy to report this is $50.00 more than our goal."

This little congregation last year nearly doubled their offering of the previous year, and this year again they have made a substantial increase over last year of nearly $75.00. That's fine, we'll say!

Again, Kenneth Ashman reports from Mundy's Corner that, up until Easter Sunday, $214.50 had come in; and he says: "We expect to go over the $300. Praise the Lord!"

Paul R. Bauman, pastor of the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles, phones us that their offering on Easter Sunday was over $1,600 and that they hope to reach their goal of $2,000 before the end of the fiscal year. (That church is surprising to the natives!)

The Long Beach Church, with an offering on Easter day in the neighborhood of $7,000, most of which was cash, hopes to again go over the $10,000 mark ere the sun sets on June 30, 1940.

Fine offerings are being received from individuals throughout all our Brethren churches. How we do thank our Heavenly Father for the assurance that comes to us in these first reports that the finest

EDITORIALS

Louis S. Bauman

PRAISE YE THE LORD!

As we were writing the final editorials for this issue of our Foreign Missionary Number of **The Brethren Missionary Herald,** a letter came to us from the Executive Committee of the Brethren Home Missions Council, Ind., informing us that before their Thanksgiving offering was taken they asked the Lord for $22,000. In answer to this prayer they have received to date $22,775.75. Praise ye the Lord!

However, when the Council held its annual meeting at Winona Lake last August, 10 different mission points were to be assisted from their budget. Since that time, field after field has opened for larger service for the Council—fields offering rich opportunities for The Brethren Church. These calls indicate that the blessing of God is certainly resting upon the work the Council is doing, for God gives opportunities as well as money.

To try and answer at least some of the appeals from new fields of endeavor, the Council may have to call upon the brotherhood for some additional funds before the next Thanksgiving offering is taken. Either that, or they must refuse to heed the appeal.

Personally, The Foreign Missionary Society is sympathetic with the idea of an extra special appeal this year. In the final analysis, more Brethren churches means more assistance in the great work of making Christ known to all the nations of the earth.

MISS SNYDER SPENDS EASTER DAY AT HOME

Miss Ruth Snyder spent Easter Day in her old home church in Conemaugh. From what we have heard they had a great day of fellowship together. Ruth is finishing her course in Grace Theological Seminary, and will be leaving for Africa soon. She is scheduled to be one of a party of outgoing missionaries which will include three new missionaries and probably six missionaries returning from furlough.

The Conemaugh church voted $500 from its treasury as a gift toward Miss Snyder's personal outfit—a real evidence of esteem for a girl that has grown up within that church! The Conemaugh church has furnished a good deal of money in years past and gone for our foreign mission work; but Miss Snyder is its first offering in flesh and blood. And an offering in flesh and blood surpasses any offering that can be made in gold and silver.

We understand that Miss Snyder brought a brief but "marvelous message with her testimony" at the service on Easter Sunday. What a fine addition to our forces in Africa Miss Ruth Snyder will certainly prove to be. She has a real missionary spirit and is conscious of the tremendous responsibility that is resting upon her shoulders as she goes forth to be an ambassador for Jesus Christ in one of the most needy lands in all the world. Here is a mission under God to help heal "the open sore of the world." God bless you, Ruth!

A REAL NEED FOR PRAYER

A perusal of the paragraphs from Dr. Taber's letters, especially the one touching upon the tremendous opportunities which now are confronting our African missionaries, while at the same time they are confronting a tremendous dearth of missionaries, should certainly call all Brethren people to their knees. If ever we needed to prevail in prayer, it is now. And **the** thing for which we should pray most just now is that in some way or other God may enable us to secure passage for the nine missionaries in the homeland ready to go to their assistance, and also to provide passage for the overworked missionaries whose furloughs are due and even past due. back to the homeland for much needed rest. Miss Tyson just told us that she has received a letter from Africa informing her that a group of missionaries from other missions than our own went to Kribi, fully expecting to secure promised transportation on a certain boat. But officials stepped in ahead of them and took all the quarters. These missionaries are now stranded at Kribi waiting and praying for some group of missionaries that ever served a church is not going to be made to suffer during the coming year because of the follies of the church in the homeland. At least, such is our beilef.

These first fruits give us courage at this time to say to our missionaries on furlough in the homeland, and to the new missionaries under appointment: "Get your passports and secure your passage. Jehavah-Jireh is the name of the God you serve."

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way to get home. But **God is able**; therefore, the call to prayer.

"SEND US SOME COMEDIANS"

The editor has served on several Foreign Mission Boards in his lifetime. On our own denominational board we have been sitting now for nearly 40 years. We have had requests of every sort under the sun from missionaries. We had thought they could ask for nothing more, but here's a new one! And it could only come out of the fertile brain of our own Dr. Floyd W. Taber. Yes, here it is: "Send us some comedians"!

And Taber means that. He is not joking. He probably feels very lonely. Absolutely, if a missionary is to stand up under the tremendous pressure that falls upon the human heart in the heathen darkness of Africa, a good strong "funny-bone" will help him tremendously in standing up under that pressure. A strain of humor, in the mind of the writer, is quite essential in the makeup of a missionary for the African field. And if any staid old owl wants to criticize us now for expressing this view, we want to remind said "wise old bird" that it was the Holy Spirit Himself who inspired Solomon to write: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Prov. 17:22). " A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.....he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast" (Prov. 15:13,15).

If it had not been for Solomon's "merry heart," he certainly would have died long before he did! Think of those "700 wives" and "300 concubines" (I Ki. 11: 34)!

Don't miss Taber's "Missionary Missives"! They are always fresh, unique, interesting, pointed, and helpful!

"PRAISE" FOR AND "PRAYER" ASKED FOR JOBSON

The editor does not believe he is revealing any confidential correspondence in letting the members of The Foreign Missionary Society "in on" the following paragraphs of Taber's latest letter. It also sets forth causes for praise and reasons for prayer. Dr. Taber says:

"The Lord is blessing us wonderfully. Those who have been on the field much longer than I, say there is more evangelistic zeal and activity than there has been for a long time. From new villages that have been scarcely touched, as well as from villages that have long been considered as gospel hardened, come urgent calls for workers. If our forces were doubled right now, we still would have to let a lot of the calls go unheeded. There are no longer any restrictions or difficulties to limit our activities in any way."

The Field Council meetings are getting gooder and gooder. The board chose a new field superintendent, but the Lord gave us the exceedingly above—a spiritual leader.....I marvel constantly at the graces the Lord gives him in filling his new position. Dr. Gribble has said truly that the Lord is working gloriously in developing spiritual lives among us. This is certainly true of Brother Jobson. So we praise the Lord for preparing the man just when there was the need. But no man is 'sufficient for these things' unless he is upheld constantly in prayer. I doubt whether any of us, even on the field, fully understand the attacks of which the leader of our work is the object. The devil has not lost any of his wiles. If he can neither derail nor side-track a man, he switches him onto a branch line and whispers in his ear, 'Full steam ahead! You are the only one on the right track!' "

What a tragedy if any of us should fail to give Brother Jobson the prayer support he needs!

ALONG "THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES"

Mrs. Gribble under date of Feb. 24 writes:

"At present I am alone on the station with Ada and the children. Floyd (Taber) is preaching along the Bozoum road, Mary (Emmert) along the Bambia road. Doubtless all of our missionaries who can are out in itinerate preaching this dry season. We do not have definite news from Bekoro and Bouca, but we know Estella (Myers) and Mabel (Crawford) have been out a great deal; and the Jobsons are even now on the road. Sheldons have been at Bossongoa for two weeks or more. Miss Bickel is coming soon from Bellevue to nurse Mrs. Taber. In the dry season, as you know, itinerant preaching is at its height. We are all anxious to be out, but of course, cannot all leave the station at once.....

We are wondering how your health is. Some of us have been marvelously sustained throughout the years. Is it not because of the marvelous goodness of God? Remember me to inquiring friends."

Surely we cannot accuse our missionaries of failing to manifest a spirit of real evangelism. "And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled" (Lk. 14:23). Verily, our missionaries are literally taking the Lord at His word and are doing this very thing. What a wonderful thing it will be at the marriage supper of the Lamb to sit down amidst a people clothed in His beauty, that will have been won through our instrumentality. God bless our missionaries in Africa out along the highways, byways, and hedges, gathering together the jewels for His crown of glory in that day!

"LOYALTY"?

In **"A Statement from the Board of Trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church,"** which was sent to all the members of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church we made the statement that "The Park Street Brethren Church of Ashland—the college church—last year gave just $12.00 to the work of the Society. And this $12.00 was contributed by three individual members."

In **The Brethren Evangelist** dated Apr. 6, 1940, Eld. C. F. Yoder, pastor of the college church, replies to this statement by saying that **"The $12.00 sent in for**

foreign missions last year was only a small fraction of the amount given." This statement becomes exceedingly interesting, in view of the fact that the college church contains the leadership of the group in The Brethren Churcrh that loudly professes "loyalty" to all "Brethren institutions" of The Brethren Church.

Now, so far as we know, the standing of the Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church, as an institution within The Brethren Church, has not yet been challenged. It has held that place for 40 years—ever since its organization. Now comes the pastor of the supreme head of the "Loyalty Group" to inform us that "The $12.00 sent in for foreign missions last year was only a small fraction of the amount given." To what other foreign missionary organization has this "loyal" church been giving its foreign mission offerings? And is this to be considered its idea of "loyalty to Brethren institutions"? Indeed, if $12.00 is only a "small fraction of the amount given" to foreign missions last year by the college church, it becomes a matter of exceedingly great interest to The Foreign Missionary Society to know just **to whom this money last year was paid. Will Brother Yoder please furnish us a report more IN DETAIL?**

REDEDICATION OF BALOA CHAPEL

By Mrs. Orville D. Jobson

Twelve years ago money was given by one of our missionaries to build a chapel at one of the largest villages in Karre Land. The chapel was planned and built by different missionaries with the help of the natives and the chief in charge of the village. The past year we noticed the old structure was beginning to crumble and looked as though it needed attention, but who was to do the building and pay for the necessary material? The two Christian workers in charge are not receiving any remuneration from the mission, and the offering each Sunday is small. John Noetimo, our faithful evangelist from the Bassai field, came to their aid and volunteered his service, and he with a few faithful Christians built a very neat little chapel —a real indigenous piece of work which is worthy of commendation; and we do praise the Lord for this building and place of worship.

Saturday morning Mr. Jobson, Roger and I, returned from an itineration trip and came to Baloa for the dedication of the chapel, Sunday morning. By eight o'clock the chapel was filled and many had to sit on the outside. Jean had charge of the opening exercises and the message was given by Mr. Jobson. At the close of the service Jean asked if there were any who would like to rededicate their lives to the Lord. One after another stood to their feet, confessing the many different kinds of sin that they had committed, and stated their desire to return to the Lord. Some confessed to worshipping idols, and said that they wanted to burn them. So after the service they brought the different idols and a bonfire was made, and the idols went up in smoke, while the Christians praised the Lord and sang "Glory to His Name" to the One Who is all sufficient for every need.

Voices

Miss Mabel Crawford, Bassai, Fr. Equ. Africa

Listen! Do you hear it,
As it rolling surges roar?
'Tis the voice of Afric's sorrow
Rising ever, o'er and o'er.

Listen! Do you hear it?
Do you catch each single tone?
Can you hear each plaintive echo,
Standing out, as though alone?

Listen! Do you hear it?
'Tis a heathen woman's wail.
There before her lies her baby.
In death's grip, so cold, so pale.

Listen! Do you hear it?
'Tis a widow's hopeless sigh.
Has she not an evil spirit?
Then, she surely, too, must die!

Listen! Do you hear it?
'Tis an old man's feeble moan
As he's borne without the village,
There, in fear, to die alone.

Listen! Do you hear it?
'Tis a strong man's bitter grief.
Had there been someone to help her,
His wife might have found relief.

Listen! Do you hear it?
'Tis the orphan's plaintive cry.
Now, without the love of mother,
No one cares if he does die!

Listen! Do you hear it?
'Tis the young child's eager plea.
In your schoolroom, in your classes,
Can you not make place for me?

Listen! Do you hear it?
'Tis the throbbing of a drum,
Beating out in mournful rythm
Afric's woe and bitter gloom.

Listen! Do you hear it?
Hear a voice above the din
As it softly, gently questions,
"Who will go, some soul to win?"

Listen! Yes, I hear it!
And my heart with joy doth thrill
As I whisper, oh, so humbly,
"Here, Lord, send me where you will."

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

By Miss Ruth E. Snyder

It was my unique privilege to be born into a true Christian home. Throughout all our lives, my parents have continually encouraged their children to follow our Lord in all things. They did not send us to church—they took us. My earliest memory is of going to sleep in church with my head on my mother's lap!

Another distinct memory of those days is of my father as he read to me the letters which Dr. Gribble was then writing for Marguerite. To my amazement, when I had grown older and read these same letters in booklet form, I invariably knew "what would happen next." Such was my earliest acquaintance with missionaries.

At the age of nine, I accepted the Lord in our own church in Conemaugh, Pa. A few days later I was baptized in the same church. At that time "church" to me was the Brethren Church at Conemaugh. Although my ideas of church have grown since then, I am still partial to that church and people.

Immediately after accepting the Lord, I told my mother that I wanted to be a missionary. However, I soon brushed this aside with other ambitions, none of which were wrong; but they were not the will of my Lord for me.

At the age of 16, I graduated from high school. That fall I went to Ashland College. Four years later I graduated with an A. B. degree.

The next few years I spent at home. They were busy years—teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, attending S.M.M. and C.E., and part of the time teaching school. But through them all there was a restless desire to submit to the will of the Lord. This I finally did; and since then, I have known Him as never before.

The last three years I have been busy and happy in seminary. Soon, the Lord willing, I shall be in that great work to which I have been called. My only desire is that the will of our Lord for my life may be completely fulfilled in me.

As I go to the field, I wish to keep before me the thought of III John 7, "For his name's sake they went forth." I marvel at the privilege that is mine as a Christian to carry forth that name that is above all names. Pray for me that I fail not.

MENINGITIS THREATENS MISSIONARIES

The very last word form Africa, an airmail letter, dated March 9th, from Superintendent Orville D. Jobson to Dr. L. S. Bauman, informs us of the serious situation that confronts them in the recent spreading of the epidemic of menengitis. Jobson says:

"This terrible and fatal disease has been raging in Northern French Equatorial Africa for a number of years, but has not until this year reached us. Last year there were over 500 deaths in the Subdivision of Baiboloum, and that was getting very near. But this year we have it right here in our midst. The military doctors are putting up a brave fight and I believe are gaining ground. Thousands of preventative injections were given, and it has stayed the disease definitely in a certain section of the field. So far the Lord has been gracious to us, and we will appreciate the prayers of the Brotherhood that God will continue to protect not only missionaries but native Christians as well."

As we believe that God answers prayers, let us lay hold upon Him with that fervent prayer that even avails in behalf of our missionaries, that are out there in the wilds of heathen Africa, that they may be kept from this plague.

FACTS REGARDING ROSARIO

By Eld. Clarence L. Sickel,
Superintendent Brethren Missions in Argentina

As far back as we can remember in our connection with The Foreign Missionary Society, it has ever been a question in the mind of The Foreign Mission Board whether The Brethren Church should establish mission churches in the large cities of Argentina. It was attempted in Buenos Aires, but due to the fact that the expense was going to be greater than the Society could meet, it was discontinued. Several years passed, and again the Mission Board was brought face to face with another city project, this time in Rosario.

Brother Percy L. Yett had been appointed director of the Bible Coach work. As it made little difference where his family was located, and as he was facing the problem of educating his children, he selected the city of Rosario because of educational opportunities. During visits to his family, and during the months when the Bible Coach could not be in the field, he visited among the people, gathering together a little group of Brethren who had moved there from Rio Cuarto and other points. They met for Bible Study, and in time others were added to the group. The meetings were carried on, even in the absence of Brother Yett, by some of the brethren, but at no time was it a flourishing work. Brother Yett and the believers there were anxious for a permanent work and support from the Mission Board. Being convinced that something could be accomplished with a full time worker—it being impossible for Brother Yett to believers there were anxious for a permanent work—we were asked to go to Rosario upon the return of Brother Yett and family to the United States.

At that time Mrs. Sickel was in ill health and needed medical help and a change of climate. As the move to Rosario would be a good one for her and would give us the opportunity to try out the field, the Mission Board felt it a wise move.

Our first problem was to find a suitable hall for preaching purposes. As we combed that section of Rosario where the previous hall was located without finding anything suitable, we realized that if a permanent work was to be established, it would be necessary to purchase a lot and build. Investigation proved that property was very high and would mean the outlay of a large sum of money. The Board's funds were limited. Therefore, it was a question of finding out the need in that city, comparing possibilities there with those in the Province of Cordoba where our district was located. This the Board asked us to do and report to them.

We worked faithfully while located in the city, and as nearly as it was possible to do, we sized up the situation.

No one questioned then, and no one at present questions the possibility of establishing a work in Rosario, or in any other of the large cities, but such is not the important question in the mind of the Mission Board. Due to limited funds, the question that has always been asked by the Board is this: "Is it virgin soil?" That was the question asked me while in Rosario. Could I answer "yes" to this question? I certainly could **not** and be honest with my Lord, the Mission Board members, yea, every member of The Foreign Missionary Society. The Southern Baptist, Methodist, Plymouth Brethren, Salvation Army were all working in the city, each having from four to seven preaching places in different parts. There were also several undenominational mission halls.

The time having arrived for me to report to the Mission Board for their meeting, I wrote giving them the names of the different evangelical bodies and their activities, and giving as my opinion that if the Mission Board wanted to start a Brethren work in Rosario there was certainly an opportunity, but that it was **not** virgin soil; that any inhabitant who desired to know the truth, who wished to hear the gospel message, had the opportunity to do so; that it was for the Mission Board to decide whether they would use the funds to carry on a work for propagating Brethren teaching, or to teach the unsaved on virgin soil, such as was to be found in our territory in the Province of Cordoba.

Face to face with the facts, the Mission Board—**not Sickel**—passed the following motion: **"Rosario Mission.** A motion prevailed that the Board withdraw from the Rosario project immediately" (Official Minutes of April, 1933, Article No. 5) It is somewhat difficult for me to understand how Dr. Yoder could write: "Bro. Sickel had the work for a year and closed it," for he was President of the Advisory Committee at that time and had complete knowledge of these Official Minutes. "Bro. Sickel," being under the employ of the Missionary Society, stationed in the city of Rosario, obeyed the orders of the Foreign Board.

We had come to know and love the Brethren at that place, and it was not an easy thing to pull up stakes and leave them. There was a desire on their part to carry on, and we did everything possible to help them do this. Dr. Yoder states about the Rosario work: "Bro. Garcia reopened it." A more correct word would be **"continued"** it, for I myself helped him move the benches, and on my return to Rosario at various times, preached in the mission, and did everything possible to encourage them in their efforts. Mrs. Sickel, having remained in Rosario until the close of the school year, continued to assist in the work.

Too, it is well for all to know that every effort was made to encourage the Rosario brethren in their desire to continue on with the work. One of the National workers, Luis Siccardi, volunteered to go over and be their pastor, if he could secure employment, but due to the fact that he was unable to do this, he had to return to Rio Cuarto.

We are exceedingly sorry that circumstances arose

which made it impossible for us to continue to cooperate with them. The Rosario brethren certainly are to be commended for their faithfulness and zeal, and we praise God for what they have been able to accomplish for the glory of our Lord.

There is virgin soil in Argentina, and that in our own district in the Province of Cordoba. The Brethren Church, having selected this as her field, is under divine obligation to establish a permanent testimony in every town and small city. I do not mean by that that we must place a pastor in every town, but I do mean that we must so arrange it that there be a permanent testimony established, that it may be possible for every individual to have the opportunity to know the truth. This we have been unable to do because of a lack of workers. There are yet many towns and small cities where weeks and months pass and the gospel message is not heard.

Truly the Mission Board is working wisely in making the effort to get the blessed message of free and full salvation to these priest-ridden people. Though it may not be possible, humanly speaking, to carry out the following, nevertheless there is much truth therein: "No one has a right to hear the gospel message **twice** until everyone has heard it **once.**"

Brethren, shall we be determined to give the message in our own district first? This done, then there is time to seek new territory. For after all, true missionary spirit does not consist in converting people to one particular creed or to one particular religious body, **but to the Lord Jesus Christ.** It is already too late for hundreds of thousands in that priest-ridden land. What if their blood should be required at our hands, while we still have the ability to do more than we are doing? Latin America, perhaps more than any other land on the globe, finds herself at the parting of the way, and is asking with all sincerity, "Which way shall I take?" Dare we evade our obligation? **Never!**

They are in need of the true gospel and we have it; hence the responsibility. With continued faithfulness must the Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church continue to scatter the eternal Seed in the highways and byways, for it is the Word that is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing into the inner most parts of the soul, bringing forth conviction and repentance unto salvation. The challenge comes to us to give them the **word,** that they may know the Christ that **saves, keeps** and **satisfies.**

LATIN AMERICA

A century has passed since evangelical work was founded in Latin America. During that period churches have been established in the twenty republics, which have a total of 337,714 evangelical communicants and an evangelical community of 1,724,584. Nearly one half of the evangelical communicants and 58% of the evangelical community are in Brazil. Nevertheless, it is estimated, says Mr. K. G. Grubb, that 'one half the population of Latin America — some 60,000,000 — have no reasonable chance of hearing and understanding the gospel message.'—From "World Dominion."

BRETHREN ALL ARE WE

By Charles A. Dickinson

O golden day, so long desired,
  Born of a darksome night,
The waiting earth at last is fired
  By thy resplendant light.
And hark! like Memnon's morning chord
  Is heard from sea to sea
The song: One Master, Christ the Lord,
  And brethren all are we!

The noises of the night shall cease,
  The storms no longer roar;
The factious foes of God's own peace
  Shall vex His church no more.
A thousand thousand voices sing
  The surging harmony;
One Master, Christ! One Savior-King!
  And brethren all are we!

Sing on, ye chorus of the morn,
  Your grand endeavor strain,
Till Christian hearts, estranged and torn,
  Blend in the glad refrain.
And all the church, with all its powers,
  In loving loyalty,
Shall sing: One Master, Christ, is ours;
  And brethren all are we!

O golden day, the ages crown,
  A light with heavenly love,
Rare day in prophecy renown,
  On to thy zenith move.
When all the world with one accord,
  In full-voiced unity,
Shall sing: One Master, Christ our Lord!
  And brethren all are we!

Folks who do not believe in missions, usually believe very much in themselves and very little in the Lord.

FOR THEE!

"We give Thee but Thine own,
  Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
  A trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we Thy bounties thus,
  As stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
  To Thee our first fruits give.
The captive to release,
  To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace—
  It is a Christlike thing.
And we believe Thy Word,
  Though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
  We do it unto Thee."

"THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" . . . . OR MOONLIGHT GOSPEL SERVICES IN AFRICA

By J. P. Kliever, Bekoro, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa

The morning before the night before Christmas dawned. Not a flake of snow, not a particle of frost, not a drop of dew, and hardly the hint of an early morning haze in the sky was seen. It was calm and quiet, the birds even hushing in their usual morning serenade to welcome the Sunday morning before Christmas in Western tropical Africa.

We were prepared for a great day, and expected to see close to 500 or 600 to our services to hear the Christmas story. Having beat the call drum, we were waiting the crowds that usually flock in to hear the Word.

Seven-thirty A. M., and time for church service has arrived. We take a peek at the crowd, and.....only the few workmen, their wives and children have gathered. Our hearts sink for a minute. But then Rom. 8:28 comes to mind, and looking quickly to the all-sufficient grace of our Lord, we go out to meet with them. While we sing, a few villagers straggle in. We take a check, asking those from the different villages to stand. We find only three villages represented, and others near us have not a single representative!

Quickly come a few thoughts, telling us what might be the reason. Lately the head chief's wife had asked prayer for her boy, because the father wanted him to make sacrifices to the idols, and the mother didn't want him to. Also word had been coming in that two wives of the men — the wives that have accepted Christ as Savior, will not make their idol sacrifices, and since this is the wife's work, there is trouble in the family.

In asking for causes, we found this was one. The big chief had given instructions, left-handed like and indirectly, that there was to be no going to the mission.

It is also cotton picking time, and the village authorities have, as a rule, little respect for Sunday; thus that was also a cause. Usually there would have been at least 500 to services, and now hardly 200 were here. Were we dissappointed or discouraged? **No.** The adversary was playing right into our hand.

We rested a little after service, had the noon meal, and then prepared for a good time in the evening. Thus starts the story. (All this has been more or less of an introduction).

At 4:00 P.M. I filled the canteen with water, filled the tires on my iron horse (the bicycle that the Boy's Brotherhood got for me), and after munching a sandwich, I started out.

I started for a village about six miles from the station. The road is very rough for about half the way, and sandy in many places. After a half hour of peddling and puffing I arrived, and the villagers were already back from work. They gathered around, and I told them the simple Christmas story of how Jesus came, why He came, and that they could own Him today as Savior. Some found Christ as Savior on the night before Christmas. I started back home. It was now heavy twilight, as at 6:00 P.M. it gets dark in Africa. By the time I reached the next village on the way home, the moon was shining brightly, light enough to read by!

I rang the bicycle bell. Some children came. I asked them to tell the villagers that the man with a message from God was there. A large crowd gathered as if by magic and sat in a deep, almost complete circle around me. We sang several songs, and even in the singing of these songs, we sensed that hallowed Presence. After a time of witnessing, and hearing a few testimonies, we prepared to go to the next village.

There was quite a sandy stretch to cross, so I put on my electric light. I had been going without a light in the bright moonlight. Just as the light went on, some startled animal stampeded through the brush. What was it? Your guess is as good as mine. It was heavier than a dog, and not as heavy as an elephant. Was it after me? I don't know, and it doesn't matter, as nothing shall come to me but that which our Heavenly Father shall allow through His loving hand.

Arriving at the next village, I aroused several that were sleeping outside on a straw mat. They couldn't talk Sango, but I got them to understand that I would like to tell them of Jesus, and that if they would get me an interpreter, we would go ahead.

The one in charge of the village arrived, and another large crowd gathered to hear the story; and some more decisions were made for Christ. The moon was by now almost in the midst of the heavens. After praying with them, saying good-bye we went on to another village. I was tired from preaching three times in about that many hours, and bicycling some besides. But praying for a little more strength, on we went on our iron steed and pulled into the next village. I asked if all were in bed, and nearly a hundred surrounded me, and again we told the blessed Christmas story. This is quite a hard village—A kind of a ganster village of the old days—but they listened with good attention, and after prayer we wearily started for home.

We wanted to go to another village, but it was across a valley and across a sandy stretch and swamp, and we felt that we would be a little too tired to do a real work there tonight. We arrived home, four and a half hours after leaving. We traveled 20 kilometers by bike, preached one sermon at twilight, and three by moonlight. Felt rich from the blessing of these services, but spent, physically.

Now here is where Rom. 8:28 comes in. By going out to the villages, we reached over 100 more than would have come, and we have four villages that we expect to reach at moonlight tonight, thus almost doubling the number of hearers of the Christmas message. O, the joy of witnessing to the Light of the world, be it by sunlight or moonlight in what is called dark Africa.

MISSIVES FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

An echo from the African Field Council, which met at Bassai station, Dec. 4-12, 1939, comes from Mrs. Orville D. Jobson:

"We had a blessed conference during the holidays with our native workers. Many of them are not receiving any income from their chapels, but that seems to be secondary to them. Truly, they are real soul lovers and winners.....

"The Lord is answering prayer in such wonderful ways, in that new fields of labor are being opened and **new tribes are simply begging us to come to them with the gospel.** How we wish we could be in ten places instead of one, but the Lord knows our limitations."

Jobson, writing from Bozoum (F. E. A.) to Hathaway on Jan. 23, 1940, gave some information concerning which a number of questions have been asked us. We quote:

"What you say in your letter concerning travel is now somewhat outdated, and you will have already learned that the American boats are again taking passengers for the West coast. Some American missionaries have also arrived via Lisbon and Portuguese West Africa. So there seems to be a loosening up.

"I presume others have written you that things are about to normal again. For how long? We hope until the Lord enables us to take the message of salvation from sin to all the remaining villages. All cars are again back in our hands. Gas is obtainable according to our need, and we are again making chapel visitation trips. None of the evangelistic work has been hindered, and we enjoy the favor of the administration along all lines. We have a great deal to be thankful for .....

"We have recently sent **Noel** to Bajbokoum to spend six months there teaching the group which has been calling for a teacher now for two years. We hope in that time to get some who are sincere and earnest closer to the Lord, and prepare the way for a real indigenous work there.....

" I am swamped these days with work, as you know full well. But with so many prayers being offered for us, we feel strengthened for the task. The Lord is sufficient, and He will meet every need. He has never failed, and I know He will not fail now."

Chauncey Sheldon, stationed at Bossangoa (F.E.A.) wrote in a letter to Hathaway, dated Jan. 14, as follows:

"You can see that we are at Bossangoa. We are here for a couple weeks of teaching and getting the catechism classes started again. We had a good service in the church this morning, and I might say that two buildings were filled and a third service was held outside for the overflow. There were also some 10 babies dedicated to the Lord at the close of the service. We are thankful to have this little house to stay in when we come.....

"As to means of travel to Africa, we are not much informed either. We have been trying to gather information, which is very sparse. There is communication to the coast..... We don't know just when we will be able to get off, as we have wanted to know what the prospects were for getting back before leaving and whether there would be others to replace us. Government officials are staying over time, and we thought for our Lord we should be willing to stay over also when there was an emergency. We would like to get off around June if the Lord opens up the way."

Mrs. Chauncey Sheldon, in a letter to Mrs. Hathaway, dated Jan. 13, 1940, furnishes some further information with regard to the matter of missionaries' furloughs, and we know that many are interested. We quote:

"As to our furlough, we don't expect to leave until we know someone else can get out..... Of course we hope to come home in June or July (or leave here) so as to get Kenneth in school in September.....

"There is some restriction still on gas, but not nearly so much as before. There aren't many to replace the missionaries due for furlough now. Our furlough was due a few days ago.....

"About three weeks ago Mrs. Camp and Miss Houstin passed through with Mr. Pearson on their way home. We heard since that they were unable to get passage on the Italian steamer and were awaiting the American boat, which they say is going to take passengers again."

The highways and byways in the great heart of Africa are not altogether unlovely, even if the human beings that dwell along them sometimes are. Miss Crawford, stationed at Bassai, Oubangui - Chari, French Equatorial Africa, has been doing a bit of itinerating with Miss Myers, and finds it an agreeable change from her arduous tasks in the schoolroom. While reading her letter we recalled the words of the apostle Paul: "No man goeth to warfare at his own charge." However, perhaps the native pastors of Africa come nearer doing that very thing than any of us within the homeland. We quote from Miss Crawford's letter:

"These are exceedingly busy days here. Miss Myers and I are in the throes of housecleaning. It really is some job. I had this room whitewashed yesterday, but they did such a poor job that the whitewash is peeling already. Think I'll order some kalsomine and be done with whitewashing for the rest of this term. We had enough kalsomine to do the bedroom and dining room, and it looks so nice that I'm more discontented than ever with whitewash; yet my conscience condemns me to feel like that when we really have such comfortable living conditions. What difference should a bit of peeling whitewash make?

Since I wrote last we have had two bush trips. We hope to get in much village work this dry season. I have turned most of my teaching over to a native

moniter, to allow me time for other things. Four weeks ago Estella and I left on our first trip, going out into the mountain district to the West of Bassai. Everywhere we found the people thirsty for the gospel and wanting to learn to read the Word. We had a wonderful trip. I especially enjoyed the scenery. Perhaps some people think a missionary shouldn't have time to think about the beauties of nature, but I just drink them in. I don't think I could stand some of the sordidness of Africa if I didn't soak up all the beauty I can. Many times I wished for more than one pair of eyes and ears. We climbed mountains of almost solid rock, crossed rivers on swinging bridges, and smaller streams on rickety log affairs that were shameless enough to call themselves bridges. When even that was lacking, we had to be carried by the natives. Especially does water appeal to me, and I enjoyed to the full the babbling brooks, the rushing mountain torrents, and the musical falls. One morning we travelled along a path bordered with a short fine grass that had gone to seed and turned a golden brown. There was a heavy dew, for which the grass made an ideal background. The rays of the rising sun danced upon it and transformed the whole into a magical carpet of diamonds. For almost a half hour I could scarcely take my eyes from it, and almost feared to breath for fear some enchantment would be broken. I hated to see it all disappear before the power of old Sol. I would hesitate to describe such things to many people, but having seen you sit entranced on the edge of Bryce Canyon, I know that you have eyes for Natures pictures too.

Our trip was very hard because we had so much hard climbing and rocky walking, but it was a very worthwhile one. After we came home a church council meeting was held and eight new workers were sent out into that district. We are asking the Lord to give us at least 1000 new readers this year who will be able to read the Word of God in their own language. Each teacher that goes out now is armed with a set of alphabetical flash cards with which he can teach the syllables and put his people on the road to reading..... And is it some job to print all those flash cards? Estella and I have made about 50 sets in the last three weeks and still have not reached the end. We print them on cardboard or heavy paper about four inches square with purpe ink. At the same church council meeting a number of workers were chosen for the Eastern part of our field, so after a week in here at the station, we started out again and covered that part of our field, dropping off these new workers as we went along.

Remember to pray for all these volunteer workers who have gone out. They go out with no support from the station and trusting the Lord to supply their every need. How thankful we are that the Bassai church and all its outchapel work has been weaned from mission funds. Of course, the fact that our workers get no salary does not prevent our giving them an occasional gift, helping them with their taxes, etc., when we see they are worthy of it. How much better that is than to have them serving the Lord for the gain they get from it. Unfortunately Christian workers here, like at home, are sometimes out for the biggest salary they can get, but Bassai has been freed from that, since all workers have been taken off mission funds and receive just what their local church gives them."

Dr. Floyd W. Taber, in a letter that arrived from the Field very much belated, has some interesting remarks to make about the tremendous need upon the Field and the tremendous pressure upon the missionaries that are now holding the fort in Africa. Here is what he has to say:

"You will be interested in hearing how the work goes here in these troublous times.

"Before the outbreak of hostilities, some of us were afraid our work would be very much restricted by regulations, by requistion of property, possibly even by calling on some of the missionaries for personal services. And, during the necessary period of adjustment several mission autos were called for. But as soon as government services had time to get organized on a war-time basis all were released. They still reserve the right to call on us in emergencies, but as the situation becomes more and more stabilized emergencies become rare. At present every missionary and every mission car is in his place, on the full-time job of preaching the Gospel.

"Opportunities for an advance in the work were never so favorable. There is not the slightest restriction. Personally, I have not had such a long period for regular work with so few interruptions since coming to the field. The Spirit is moving over the entire field. Not only in the new posts of Bouca-Batangafo, Bocaranga, and Bemiller are masses turning to the Lord; but the old Gospel-hardened Karre are pleading on all sides for village schools to teach their children to read the soon-to-appear New Testament in their own language; and the ear of faith can hear a stirring of the Spirit even among the Banou.

"Opportunity is knocking. Will we have the necessary forces to keep the doors open? I am not talking about entering new fields that are ripe to the harvest. I am talking about just holding our own. We now have six posts occupied by missionaries. And when the spring furlough parties leave we will have exactly twelve missionaries—just two for each post. Can it be done?

"In what consists the work of keeping a post open? Take one as an example. It will be occupied by two inexperienced missionaries. It includes:

A hospital;

A French school;

A vernacular school for children;

A vernacular school for adults;

A school for training evangelists in vernacular;

A school for training prospective evangelists in Sango;

The responsibility for evangelizing all villages on 450 miles of roads and bush paths;

The nurture of twelve infant churches, besides the one on the station.

"One of the two missionaries who will occupy this post is a housekeeper and a mother, who must take entire responsibility for schooling her own children. The other is a doctor who makes quarterly visits to the other stations of the mission, and is subject to emergency calls within a radius of 250 miles (not to count those outside his own mission).

"Any Applicants for the Job?

In case you might not suspect it, the upshot of the above is, we need more missionaries; and we need them now. I think I have been more strongly in favor than any other missionary of new candidates spending time in France. But in the present crisis I would not advise waiting a minute for the possibility of their going to France. We need every available candidate who meets other qualifications; French can be gotten later. If Armageddon is in the offing, we must work while it is day."

After reading the above words from Dr. Taber's letter, we cannot refrain from saying that there must be in his heart a very sympathetic understanding of the heart of Jesus in that long ago, when—

"Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray we therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:35-38).

DO YOU REALIZE—"Forty million heathen die every year. Every tick of the watch sounds the death knell of a heathen soul. With every breath we draw, four souls perish never having heard of Christ." **Your's is the obligation** to carry the gospel to these perishing souls.

"The love of money," said the spokesman for God, "is the root of all evil." One thing sure, it is the real source of nearly all opposition to foreign missions. It is not so much less love for missions. It is too much love for the dollar.

Why does God leave any saved soul remain in this world for even 24 hours? It is because we are **saved to serve!** "I am among you as he that serveth." "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Rom. 8:9).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR MAY 19, 1940

SAMUEL, THE LAST OF THE JUDGES

(I Sam. 12:1-15)

Suggestions for the Leader

The story of Samuel is familiar because it is used many times in Sunday Schools. Boys and girls learn of him as the one given to the Lord from birth. It is interesting to note that Eli, who failed with his own boys in their home training was successful with Samuel.

Samuel was in position to be used of the Lord when he said, "Here am I.....Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth." He lived during a time when the people were getting far from God. He was the last of the Judges before king Saul was chosen. We shall always remember Samuel as the judge who had power with God in prayer.

1. Dedicated to God before Birth. I Sam. 1:11.

He came from a family that believed God and lived for Him. This was a great advantage. His home surroundings were favorable to a godly life.

God uses a dedicated life to fill a great need in the nation.

God both fulfilled the desire of a praying woman and used the child to be a blessing to His cause.

2. Obedient to the Voice of God. I Sam. 3:7-21.

Samuel was set apart to the service of the Lord. Nevertheless, he had to make a personal decision too. His first task of telling Eli how God would reject him was hard. God supplied the grace. Anyone called to serve God in the midst of unbelief has a hard task. Obedience in the first things, though hard, will head to greater things.

3. Samuel as Faithful to a Disobedient People. I Sam. 12:23.

Samuel stood true to God when many about him turned away. Position and authority did not spoil him. Samuel took the problems of Israel direct to God in prayer. He believed that it was a sin to forget to pray for the lost. His faithfulness was seen in his witnessing.

4. Honest in the sight of all men. I Sam. 12:3, 4; Rom. 12:17.

Samuel was in public life for many years and remained true to the public trust. He realized that the meaning of a public trust was far more than for personal gain. How unlike Samuel was from men who make a promise to the peope before getting an office but afterwards forget.

Our sincere desire ought to be that of fairness and to be unbiased in judgment and action in all Christian service.

5. Samuel, a Great Intercessor. Jer. 15:1.

Samuel stands next to Moses as an intercessor for the people. He pled for them. He stood between the people and the judgment of God. Intercession brings a blessing to the one who prays and to the one for whom he prays. Though he was rejected of men, he prayed for them. Christ did that on the cross.

Questions

1. How does the dedication of children on the part of the parents influence the life of the person?
2. How are many people helped by interecession?
3. Are we supposed to take a definite stand for God in defense of the truth?
4. Why is it hard for a person to follow the way of God in the mdist of unbelief?

Additional Scripture Material

Here are a few sins of omission: lack of thoughts (Psa. 10:4); lack of love (Psa. 142:4; Mat. 22:37-39); lack of words (Ezek. 33:7,8); lack of deeds (Jas. 4:17); lack of knowledge (Isa. 1:3; Hos. 4:6).

JUNIOR-INTERMEDIATE C. E. TOPIC

For May 19, 1940

BIBLE ANIMALS AND HOW GOD USED THEM

Approach to the lesson:

The leader can begin the discussion thus:

Long ago in Bible times, there was no modern machinery to do all the work. So, of course, many types of animals were used. Some helped with the farming; some were beasts of burden; others were raised for food, and to be sold for skins. Today, however, even though we have much machinery, and scarcely see a working animal, we still have many of them. Before we study the animals in the Bible, let's list all we can think of under the following headings:

1. Those used for food.
2. Those used for beasts of burden.
3. Animal pets.
4. Wild animals.
5. Those sold for a livelihood.
6. Those raised for modern sports.

The following topics may be assigned. The person is not to tell how the animal was used in each case, but the group is to guess or tell from the content given.

Example: In 2 Ki. 5:9 we read about **Horses.** God used them to bring a mighty man to His prophet. that a great miracle of God might be performed, and thus show the power of God over disease.

1. **Ass**—one of the most common animals mentioned in the Bible and an important part of wealth

of the ancients. The ass and the ox were the principal beasts of burden among the Hebrews. Kings, judges, and prophets rode on the large Babylonian ass, an animal of a higher breed, and very spirited. The wild ass is found in droves in desolate places in Asia, and is very shy and swift. Tell the stories of Num. 22:20-35 and Mat. 21:1-11. Can you discover how this animal was used of God?

2. **Bear**—They were common in Palestine and resembled the common brown bear. They are still found in Galilee, Lebanon, and Mt. Hermon. How did God use this animal in I Sam. 17:33-38?

3. **Lion**—The most powerful, daring and impressive of all carnivourous animals, very common in Syria in early times; and emblem of strength and valor. To which are compared: God, His judgments, the tribe of Judah, the devil, tyrants and violent oppressors, enemies and evils of all kinds, and pretended difficulties to divert one from his duty. Find the use made of this animal in Judges 14:5-18.

4. **Horse**—In the early periods of the world, the laboring beasts were chiefly oxen and asses, while horses were used by kings and warriors, either mounted or harnessed to chariots. In Solomon's time, however, horses were common among the Jews. In Rev. 19:11-16 we find what God will use this animal for, and soon, we hope.

5. **Sheep**—An animal that is valuable for its wool as well as for food. In a domesticated state the sheep is a weak and defenseless animal and is therefore altogether dependent upon its keeper for protection as well as support. To this trait there are several beautiful allusions in the sacred writings.

Jn. 10:1-21 likens the sheep unto a person. What kind of a person is it, and what is done for him?

6. **Goat**—In ancient times goats were among the chief possessions of rich people. Their flesh and milk were used for food. The goats' hair was used for weaving into cloth and the skins were made into bottles. The goat was used in the sacrifices as the type of Christ. Read about it in Lev. 3:12-17. How did God make use of a ram in Gen. 22:1-14?

Conclusion: If God can make such good use of dumb animals, how much more can he use boys and girls and young people if they are willing to listen to Him, do what He says, and be used of Him. Will you give your heart, life, and body to Him completely for His use?

MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR

On their respective birthdays, the names, favorite Scripture verses, and prayer requests of pastors, missionaries, and others in the brotherhood who are prominent in Christian work, will appear under this head. Please see that each member in your society is assigned one of the following names for daily prayer. Assign a different name to each member weekly. If you know of others whose names should have appeared this month, please notify your News Editor at once.

May 6—Rev. R. D. Crees, pastor at Waynesboro, Pa. Phil. 1:21. Requests prayer that many young people may come closer to the Lord through our summer camps this year.

May 7—Miss Grace Byron, missionary to Africa now on furlough. Requests prayer that the Lord will provide the way to return to Africa, it being possible at present to secure passports and boat passages only through Him; that her health will continue to improve; and that the Lord will use her in the winning of many souls and use her to His glory.

May 9—Mrs. Donald F. Carter, wife of pastor at La-Verne, Calif. Not notified of birthday in time to secure requests.

May 21—Jesse Hall, pastor, Bellflower, Calif. Prov. 3:5-6. Birthday not reported in time to secure requests.

May 22—Mrs. Claude H. Pearson, wife of missionary to seamen, San Pedro, Calif. Requests prayer for their work, for more people to back their work by guidance, for continued health to meet the need of prayers and gifts, 2nd for God's blessing upon the thousands of tracts and gospels in 11 languages distributed among sailors entering their harbor from all parts of the world.

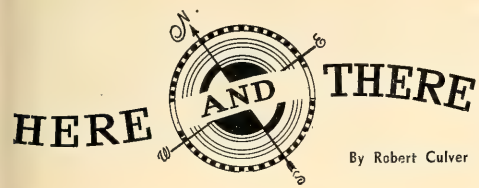
May 25—Mrs. R. Paul Miller, wife of the secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council. Requests prayer that all our churches will avail themselves of the privilege of getting back of our Jewish mission in real earnest, that every husband and wife will start and end each day with God's Word and prayer together to fortify them against the fiery darts of the wicked one; and for a burden for our unsaved loved ones and friends, an old fashioned revival in every heart, and a real love for and blessing upon our young people.

A KIND WORD FOR GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

From one of the leaders of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly the editor has just received a letter. A paragraph from this letter will be pleasing to all who are giving loyal support to Grace Theological Seminary, to which The Brethren Church is looking for a virile ministry that shall enable it to fulfil its great mission under God, in these last days of our age. We quote:

"We are very happy over the presence of your Grace Theological Seminary. We find the faculty and students very interesting people, and we enjoy their fellowship. We express the hope that the school will grow and that you will build a home on our grounds."

We have not the slightest doubt but that the leaders of Winona Lake Christian Assembly will be more and more pleased, as the days go by, that Grace Theological Seminary, set to bring men to know Christ and to make Him known, is an institution upon their grounds.



By Robert Culver

"A SURPRISE REVIVAL" is being conducted in the Whittier, Calif., church Apr. 21-May 5. The pastor, C. H. Ashman, is director of personal soul winning. His two sons, Robert Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Peru, Ind., and Kenneth Ashman. pastor of the Brethren Church of Mundy's Corner, Pa., are the evangelists. Kenneth is young people's director and Robert is children's director. Both brothers will take part in the song-leading.

A VICTORY REVIVAL will begin in the Cleveland church on May 13. Bernard Schneider, pastor of the church at Covington, Va., is to be the evangelist. Pastor Tom Hammers requests prayer for the meetings and adds, "We want to extend a special invitation to our Brethren everywhere to be sure and put Cleveland on their list of places to visit this summer, as we believe that the Lord has given us one of the most beautiful and most practical church settings to be found anywhere in the entire brotherhood." The Cleveland church has just acquired this property after spending several years without a building of their own.

FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH, Middlebranch, O. The Lord gave real victories in this church recently during a revival meeting conducted by Bro. Tom Hammers. This was true even though the pastor, John M. Aeby was forced to stay home by illness during the meetings. "There were six who publicly confessed Christ as Savior and twelve who rededicated their lives. And apparently the Lord opened the way for a reconciliation of two groups of Brethren in that community, which came about as a result of a church split several years ago."

FROM BRO. R. D. BARNARD, pastor of our church at Dayton, O.: "We had a most helpful revival with Dr. Bauman and "the Polmans," and we have had a most blessed time since the revival closed. There were 742 in Sunday School last Sunday (Easter Sunday) and the attendance for several weeks has ranged from 500-550. Worship services have been well attended and we have had decisions for Christ even since the revival closed.

THE SECOND BRETHREN CHURCH, HAGERSTOWN, MD., has been in the process of an evangelistic meeting Apr. 8-21. Bro. Wm. Clough, pastor of the church of Uniontown, Pa., was the evangelist.

THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH OF WAYNESBORO recently held a reception for members received during the past year. 52 new members were the guests at the reception. Of these, 15 came in regular services and 37 in the recent revival meeting there. This makes a total of 151 new members received during the 2½ years of Bro. R. D. Crees' pastorate there. On Easter Sunday the Sunday School broke all previous records with 335 in attendance. 231 were present at communion in the evening and $422.00 was received for foreign missions during the day.

BRO. FRED WM. WALTER, pastor of our church at Harrah, Wash., reports the baptism of five, Apr. 14. The foreign missionary offering has climbed to $165.

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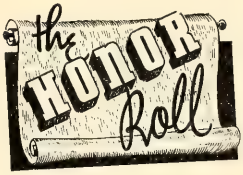

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We of the publication office are grateful to each of you as continued response comes to the call for $5,000, our goal for 1940. The following gifts have just recently been received. Thanks to all.

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These soon go forth far from loved ones and home,
Leaving their all for His service alone;
Counting the gain of this world only dross,
Seeking no glory save that of His cross.

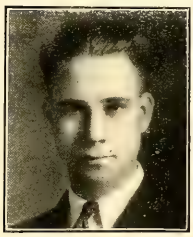
These soon go forth into darkness so dense,
Darkness that crushes—a darkness intense;
There in far lands where their Lord is not known,
Gladly to work for His glory alone.

These soon go forth with the story so old,
Reaping a harvest more precious than gold;
Are you, too, faithfully doing your share,
Helping to gather by gifts and by prayer?

These soon go forth—but so many remain
Safely at home,—other honors to gain;
Millions of lost ones who never have heard,
Few—oh, so few, to go forth with His Word.

—Grace Troy.

Miss Elizabeth Tyson



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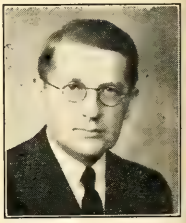

Rev. C. L. Sickel

A CALL TO PRAYER

The above missionaries are all now in the homeland. All are on furlough, except the three "raw recruits," namely, Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Williams, and Miss Ruth Snyder.

Eleven missionaries make up the largest "outgoing" party that the Foreign Missionary Society has known in all of its history.

From the other side, as these missionaries start out, there will be "starting in" to the homeland at least four of our African missionaries, named below. There is strong probability that there will be also a fifth: namely, Dr. Florence N. Gribble. Some of these have stayed over their time. But they refuse to leave until they are sure that the returning missionaries will be able to get back and man the stations that they are leaving.

The Foreign Board urges that all who still believe in prayer shall lay hold in the "fervent earnest prayer" that moves the God into action, Who, in turn, can command the waves of the sea to obey His will! Ask that immediate transportation can be secured for all across the troubled Atlantic! Pray, brethren, pray!

Mrs. Minnie Kennedy

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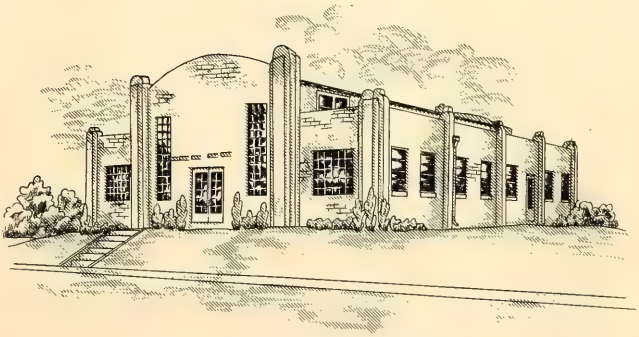

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President Alva J. McClain

Mrs. Roosevelt's Religion

For some time it has been fairly well known that the wife of the President is no orthodox Christian, and that she has some strange notions about the general subject of religion which she does not hesitate to air when occasion is presented. Therefore, those acquainted with her views are not surprised at her efforts to speak as an expert in a field of which she apparently knows little. But one of her recent utterances is unusually shocking for its sheer paganism. Referring to an article by the naturalist and author, Mr. Donald C. Peattie, Mrs. Roosevelt says that he has "expressed beautifully something which I have often wanted to say." And the following is the quotation from Mr. Peattie, which she thought was so beautiful:

"May my sons' religion be a reverence for all life. May they judge by this all things that come to them. May they never fail to feel that gratitude for being alive, which is indestructible happiness. May they worship, as the manifest glory of this religion, the natural beauty of the world, and see it through eyes never dimmed by materialism. So, true to an imperishable reality, may they become strong men for any fight, but sure of what they fight for."

All this, of course, is nothing but the baldest kind of pantheism. There is no mention of our Lord, no reference to His revealed Word, not even a hint of a personal God. Instead of calling upon the youth of this country to worship the one true and personal God whose eternal glory became manifest in the Person of Christ, Mrs. Roosevelt calls them to worship "the natural beauty of the world." This is a religion out of the pit of hell itself. If that seems too strong, let the reader study Rom. 1:18-32, where the Apostle Paul writes of the ancient pagan world, "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature (created thing ARV) more than the Creator" (25). Here we find men doing exactly what Mrs. Roosevelt asks her sons to do—worshipping what God has made instead of the God who made it. And if you want to know the end of men who practice such religion, read the rest of the chapter and you will shudder at the unspeakable degradation to which this kind of religion brought the ancient world at last.

Now it is bad enough for any mother to commend such a religion to her own sons, but when the First Lady of the land through her syndicated newspaper column commends it to the youth of America, we cannot help but feel that this has brought us to the very acme of tragedy. Some time ago Mrs. Roosevelt complained because of public criticism of her family and expressed the hope that both she and her children might be left alone to "live their own lives." Well, they have been living their own lives, even to the political embarrassment of their distinguished father. And since the actions of men are generally the fruit of the religion they hold, many of us will devoutly hope that the wife of the President will stick to the fied of politics in expressing her opinions in public, and leave the teaching of religion to the fathers and mothers who have come to know the true God and only Savior in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Morality and the Professors

The place of common decency and morality in the world of so-called higher education, and among the college and university professors in particular, is becoming increasingly evident. Consider the following:

On Feb. 26th, the College of the City of New York announced the appointment of the noted English scholar, Bertrand Russell, to the chair of philosophy. For the benefit of those who may not know this gentleman, it should be said that he is perhaps the most brilliant mathematician in the world today, a belligerent atheist, and the avowed foe of all Christian morality. In one of his many books, he actually recommends the practice of adultery in these words, "Americans should indulge in marital infidelity to preserve their own homes." And Mr. Russell also believes in practicing what he preaches, for he has been twice divorced on the ground of adultery.

When the College of New York announced his appointment as a teacher, there was a great outcry of protest from civic leagues, the city council, the leading newspapers, and even from the pulpits of modernistic preachers. Episcopal Bishop William Manning

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denounced Russell publicly, charging that he came to this country as "a recognized propagandist against both religion and morality, who specifically defends adultery." As a result of this tide of opposition, the New York Board of Education reconsidered its appointment, but after much discussion voted 11 to 7 to keep Mr. Russell on the college pay-roll.

But there was one courageous mother in New York City who did not propose to let her daughter attend an institution which retained such a teacher, and she filed a tax-payer's suit to restrain the Board of Education from its action to keep the learned adulterer on the faculty. Whereupon to the surprise of everyone, and to the everlasting credit of the judge who tried the case, the court sustained the plaintiff and revoked the appointment of Mr. Russell. With this the case seemed to be ended, but not so. There was still another party to be heard from.

There is in the United States an organization called the American Association of University Professors, which exists largely for the purpose of protecting the "academic rights" of teachers in American colleges and universities. Now it so happened that a few days after Bertrand Russell was fired from his position by the above mentioned courageous judge, the National Council of the Professors' Association was meeting in Chicago. And this Council of Professors voted unanimously to urge the New York Board of Education to appeal the case of Mr. Russell to a higher court. At this point it should be said that the New York judge in revoking Russell's appointment read an opinion which contained some blistering language regarding the morals of the professor in question. And regarding this, the National Council of University Professors passed a resolution which in part read as follows: "The Council feels that the court's decision and the supporting opinion may have such serious consequences for the administration of higher education that they should be reviewed by the highest judicial tribunal possible."

Now all this fine language boils down to a very simple thesis: The National Council of University Professors believes that the exclusion of an adulterer from the New York College faculty may hurt the cause of higher education, and therefore they propose that his right to teach there should be carried to the Supreme Court if necessary! This is "academic freedom" gone mad.

Only one other thing remains to be said: All over this country in state institutions and so-called Christian colleges there are professors who belong to the American Association. What will they do about this action of their highest official body? Are there so many as one hundred teachers in the whole United States who have the courage to stand up and serve notice that if the Association supports the resolution of its National Council, they will repudiate the entire organization and withdraw from its membership? If they do this, they will get their names in the newspapers. But thus far, there has not been the slightest indication of any public protest, not even from so much as one professor.

If we put together all these distressing facts in this one case, we shall begin to understand why a great deal of the so-called intellectual life in colleges and universities is morally rotten at the core. The Bertrand Russell case is merely a symptom of the underlying disease. Apart from the Lord Jesus Christ and His absolute control, all that higher education can accomplish morally is to send the world just a bit faster on its road to the pit of disaster and final doom.

REPORT OF GIFTS

to

GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Feb. 1 to April 1

Again, as this report of gifts for February and March is renderd, both students and faculty join in thanksgiving to God for His unceasing grace in providing for the needs of the school. Prayer has been answered very definitely. The Lord has honored the faith of His people. We are deeply grateful for the many friends who have prayed and believed.

"Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving unto God" (2 Cor. 9:11).

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"The more I find Him faithful,
And the more I find Him true,
The more I long that you should find
What He can be to you."

A Victory Revival at Palestine, Indiana

by Walter Mickley, Junior in the Seminary

Last fall shortly after I came from Philadelphia to enter Grace Theological Seminary, I was called to act as supply pastor in a little Christian church at Palestine, which is only a few miles from Winona Lake. Various things had worked to reduce the congregation to a low point both in active work and spirituality. But the people, nevertheless, were hungry for the Word and we felt that the greatest immediate need was for an aggressive evangelistic campaign. Some of the members rather felt that such an effort might be largely wasted effort, but standing on the promises of the Lord we announced a series of meetings to last for two weeks. Bob Hill, another Junior in the Seminary, volunteered to lead the singing, and we started out.

From the very beginning there was a fine interest manifested, and the attendance during the first week was good. Other students from the Seminary came out to help from night to night, and the gospel of the grace of God began to stir the hearts of the people. Christians were awakened and began to bring in the unsaved. People who had not done anything like that for years, came to church, and at the end of the two weeks there had been 19 first confessions. Feeling that the Lord was in the meeting, the folks urged the continuation for a third week, at the end of which there were a total of 22 who accepted Christ as Savior for the first time, besides the rededications of life. We praise the Lord for this victory. Attendance at the church has about doubled. And the people in the community have come to know and value highly the ministry of Grace Seminary through this meeting.

Gospel Teams Report

by Ralph Rambo

As the end of the Seminary year approaches, the officers and members of the Gospel Teams desire to express their gratitude, first, to their heavenly Father for His gracious blessing upon the services held; then to the churches and various institutions which have invited the teams to conduct services for them; and also to the members of the faculty for their wholehearted cooperation in this important ministry.

The services held have been mountain-top experiences in the lives of the students who have participated, and they feel that God has placed the stamp of His approval upon their efforts by blessing them with a rich harvest. The following represents a summary of the work of the teams for the year, but the blessing upon the ones who ministered cannot be measured by mere statistics. May the Lord Himself receive all the glory for all that was accomplished was done in His name and by His power.

Number of services held	77
Number of miles traveled	4105
Tracts given out	335
Gospels distributed	400
People dealt with definitely	104
Number of first confessions	40
Number of rededications	50
Total attendance	4367
Offerings for the teams	$191.24
Offerings for the Seminary	$60.07

(Note: The above figures do not include the results of the ministry of those students who are serving as pastors.)

EXCHANGE

All that is His is imputed to me.
O, lovely and fair is my Lord,
And He gives me the robe of His own righteousness
To cover my sins, says His Word.

All that I am is imputed to Him.
O, black were my shame and my guilt
Which were laid upon Him on Calvary's cross,
But precious His blood that was spilt.

Was ever a bargain so wondrous as this?
O, matchless His love and His grace!
My guilt for His glory, my pain for His peace,
My night for the light of His face!

—o—

"I thirst for springs of heavenly life,
And **here all day they rise;**
I seek the treasure of Thy love,
And **close at hand it lies.**"

PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF FRANK POTTS

(NOTE: In the Herald issue of Feb. 10, there appeared an account of the remarkable conversion of Frank Potts, a young man who was guilty of the most revolting crime ever committed in this part of the country. While he was being held for trial, Garner Hoyt, a Junior in Grace Seminary, secured permission to talk with him and was able to lead him to a saving knowledge of our Lord. The following account is the story of his conversion written by his own hand, a testimony to the infininte saving power of God's grace.)

"I am glad that I can tell the world what Jesus has done for me. When I had no one to talk to or share my burden, Jesus not only comforted me and shared my burden, but took my sorrow and burden from me altogether.

"My daddy and mother always attended church and taught all of us that church was the place to be when Sunday came. I'll never forget the little picture cards that I used to get in Sunday School. They stand out in my memory more than anything else. When I was about 11 years old I joined the church. I actually believed that joining a church could take you to heaven, which I now know was a terrible mistake. I remember that for a few days I was a very good boy. I tried to do everything that I was told to do, but it didn't last. I had never really accepted Jesus Christ as my own personal Savior. I couldn't see Him hanging there on the cross suffering for my sins. As I grew older I drifted farther into sin; yes, drifted. I had nothing to guide me. I really don't think I had a conscience, that is, a good one. I had put it aside so many times that it had no effect on me any more.

"Then once I was walking down the street, and when I came to the corner I stood there for a few minutes not knowing just what I wanted to do. As I turned and started down a side street and came to an automobile, I had a sudden desire to take it. Oh, how quick the devil strikes. If I had known what was going to happen I would not have walked down that street. But who knows what will happen in the future?

"After I had been driving for quite a while, I noticed that another car was following me, and thinking that it was someone after me I speeded up to about 35 miles an hour or a little more. As I started around a sharp curve, well over in the center of the road, another car suddenly shot around the curve coming from the opposite direction. I jerked frantically at the wheel to keep from having a collision. I barely escaped a wreck, and maybe death. As I was trying to right the car the lights went out. What an awful feeling passed over me. When I stopped, I found that the lights were only turned off. How they were turned off, no one knows. I know that I did not do it. Two narrow escapes from death, but all to no avail. How foolish I was not to realize where I stood.

"After I had left the car and had gone to another state I was arrested and sent back to South Carolina. I was sent to the South Carolina Industrial School until I would be 21. I was paroled in nine months. While I was there, I did everything I could to get a parole simply to get out. Oh, why did I not try getting out of the clutches of sin?

"I came back home and stayed for about four months and decided that I wanted to go to work. Finding no job close around home, I left home and started to look for any kind of job that I could get. Working nowhere long I soon drifted up into Indiana and neighboring states. Riding freight trains and sleeping in box cars, I soon took the attitude that every real bum takes. Eat, drink and be merry.

"Finally, I came up to Warsaw, Indiana. I was practically broke, and, trying to save enough money to get a shirt, I walked out in the residential section begging my breakfast. After I had eaten about all I wanted I decided to try to get an odd job of some kind so as to get me another shirt. I knocked on a door and when the lady, who was a nice motherly type, came to the door, I asked if she had anything that I could do. She said that she might let me dig some tulip bulbs. I set to work and soon dug all there were. Then I carried some ashes out of her basement.

"While talking with her I suddenly felt some strange power overcoming me. I had no control over myself at all. I lost all reasoning power that I had ever had. I attacked her and then killed her. Actually having no fear of being caught or anything else, I went down to another town about 35 miles south of Warsaw and stayed all night at the police station, giving my correct name, age, and description. Leaving there the next morning about ten o'clock, I went over to Fort Wayne. That evening I left and went to Hammond. I stayed there for about a week, out on the street begging, or panhandling, whatever you wish to call it, actually speaking to every officer I met. Later, I was apprehended in Kansas and brought back to Warsaw County jail.

"Sitting alone every day, having no one to talk to, I began to brood over what I had done. Only then did I realize the predicament I was in. Then I remembered the things I had been taught when I was very young. I remembered a verse that my mother used to say—something about, "Yours sins will surely find you out." My brother sent me the books of the Bible from Galatians to Thessalonians. I was reading Gal. 5:19, 20, 21, and when I came to the verse that says "Those that do such things cannot inherit the kingdom of God," my spirit was absolutely gone. I tried to reason with myself that that verse might be printed wrong or that I didn't understand it, but I still thought maybe I understood what it meant. I did not understand what I had read.

"After several days passed and I was hardly able to eat or sleep because of thinking of what hell was like, I wrote all of my brothers and sisters that I was going to hell and warned them to turn from sin be-

fore it was too late. Then I was intending to end it all by making strips of my blankets and hanging myself to the bars. I actually longed for death. I thought that death would have been better than the agony and horrors I was experiencing. What a living hell I was in!

The wife of the Sheriff gave me a Bible when she read my letters, as is the custom in all jails. I read verse after verse that she gave me, but I could get no peace at all. Later a minister came up to see me and I told him what I thought about Gal. 5:19-21, and he asked me if I wanted him to pray for me. I answered half heartedly, "If you think it will do me any good." I will never forget that prayer. I decided that if a preacher, who ought to understand the Bible, thought that I had a chance to enter heaven, that I would do my best to get there if I could.

"If there ever was a time when I poured out my every thought, feeling, want and hope, it was that night kneeling at a bench which I sat on during the day. I told God every sin that I had ever committed that I could remember. I admitted to Him that I was a hopeless sinner, unless He would have mercy on me and save me. I made Him a promise that I would serve Him from the moment He saved me. Immediately I had peace. But I still didn't think that I was saved. I prayed to God every night that came, also sometimes in the morning or during the day.

"What a blessing it is to have a God with Whom you need not get an appointment before going to Him! What a great blessing it is to have a God Who can hear your prayers anytime during the night or day! No matter what language you speak or how poor grammar you use, He knows what you want and need—your every thought. If one had to use proficient grammar when he prays, I'm sure God would not have heard one word that I said, but thank God He did hear me and answered my prayers! Every time I prayed to God I felt better, but I still wasn't saved and knew it. I wanted to be saved, but I wanted it to be my way. I actually didn't know how to be saved.

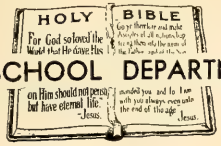
"Then on Dec. 31, 1939, a student from Grace Theological Seminary was admitted to see me and talk to me about my soul. While he was talking to me, he told me that the reason he came to see me was because he loved me. What strange words to come from the lips of a man that I had never seen before! I must have had a very peculiar expression on my face when he told me that. But he went on to say that since God loves me he should also because he is a Christian. He then read several passages of Scripture that said in order to have everlasting life I had to believe in Jesus Christ. He dealt with me for about an hour before I really understood what it means to believe in Christ.

"As he talked with me, it seemed that there was actually a light greater than the light of day shining from his face. Why shouldn't there be? He was bearing God's great message to one who needed it more than anyone else. I actually wondered whether or not he was an angel from God. I had never had anyone tell me so much in such a very few simple words in my life. How wise God is! He knew that there were people who could only understand the way to get salvation if it was in the most simple words. Jn. 3:36—"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." I thank God for putting that verse in the Bible for I can understand it better than I can any other verse in the whole Bible.

"The very moment I really believed on Jesus Christ a peace that I had never had before came into me. Yes, actually came into me, because it was unkown. I had always expected some strange power or weird feeling to pass through me. But now I know what real true joy and peace is. I have been transformed. That is all I had to do to be saved, simply believe in my heart on Jesus Christ, and that is all God tells us to do, and it is the only thing that He ever will ask anyone to do. God has given me everything that I have asked Him for and needed. He has withheld nothing that is good from me. He has filled me with the Holy Ghost that He promised to whomsoever will believe.

"You too can have everlasting life as yours right now if you will believe. You don't have to wait until after death to have eternal life. When you can picture in your mind Jesus Christ, with nails through His hands and feet, hanging there on the cross suffering for your sins, taking the punishment that should be yours, and believe in your heart that He was doing it to save your soul from hell, you can have everlasting life. Would you rather be tormented in hell eternally or be around the throne of God in joy that no mortal one has ever known or even dreamed of? The choice is yours. God's work is done. He gave His Son to us. Jesus Christ gave His life on the cross of Calvary. The rest is up to you. You have either to accept Him as your own personal Savior and be saved, or reject Him and be condemned as you are told in Jn. 3:36, and also Jn. 3:18, "But he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Which will you do?

(Since writing the above story of his conversion, the case of Frank Potts has been tried and he has been sentenced to life imprisonment. Due to the terrible nature of his crime, it seemed practically certain that he would be given the death sentence. Therefore he was advised strongly to plead insanity. However, while he was trying to decide what to do, he asked advice of Garner Hoyt who had led him to Christ. And Garner told him that this would be the test of his conversion, whether he would tell the truth to the court or try to evade the issue. And Frank Potts met the test as a Christian should. Understanding clearly that an admission of guilt with no extenuating circumstances would doubtless mean death, he came before the judge and said, "I am guilty." Definite prayer is asked for this young man that, as he enters prison to begin a life sentence, he may not fail in his testimony but rather witness a good confession during the days ahead—A. J. M.)



BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

by Tom Hammers

The Pastor's Duty Toward Child Evangelism

1. The Faithful Under-Shepherd and Evangelist

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 2:5).

"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (II Tim. 4:5).

In these two Scriptures, the task, duty and mission of the pastor is set forth. It is to feed the flock of God and to do the work of an evangelist. The pastor who contents himself in doing one, and not the other, is only doing half of what God intended that he should do. It is only by doing both that he "makes full proof of his ministry."

The pastor is the under-shepherd and evangelist of the church which includes, of necessity, the Bible School.

He must realize his personal responsibility for the welfare of the Bible School.

Although not usually the superintendent of the Bible School, he must be the power behind the throne directing, leading, organizing, and so shaping things as to bring them, as far as possible, up to his ideal standard.

If a Bible School is not evangelistic, the pastor is, to a large extent, responsible for this condition, especially if he has been on the field for any length of time.

2. Must Work for the Salvation of the Children

He must recognize the fact that the Bible School is his chief and best field for evangelism. He will devote much time, thought, labor and prayer in planning and executing the evangelistic program so that the children and young people may be won to Christ.

Dr. R. S. MacArthur, former pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York, says: "Experience leads many pastors to give their most earnest efforts now to the winning of the boys and girls to Christ and the church. It is pitiful to think how we often neglect the children and then labor with agonizing prayer and heroic appeal for the conversion of men and women. We have sometimes thought that we have honored the grace of God more when a man steeped in sin is brought to Christ than when a noble boy or beautiful girl lovingly submit to the call of mercy. Boys and girls, properly instructed, ought to yield their hearts to Christ as easily as a flower opens when kissed by the sun."

Spurgeon said that he had "more satisfaction in those who have decided before 10 than those at 40."

The ministry that overlooks the children is lacking in one of the vital elements of success.

The pastor who does not labor for the salvation of the children ignores the example of Jesus and disobeys His last great command: "Preach the gospel to **every** creature."

3. Must Cooperate with the Superintendent in Promoting Soul-Winning

The soul-winning desire must be strong in both the pastor and superintendent in order to have a soul-winning Bible School, and the closest bond of fellowship and sympathy should at all times exist between both.

The pastor should concur with the superintendent and advise him with regard to the literature, teachers, and decision day plans, in fact in all matters that have to do with the evangelistic and soul-winning program of the Bible School.

4. Must Regularly Attend the Bible School Sessions and Visit the Various Departments

This he owes to the officers and members of the school and to himself. It is only in this way that he can feel the pulse of the school, discover its weaknesses, make helpful suggestions, and contribute in the largest and most effective way to the evangelistic program of the school.

A little girl, when requested by the superintendent of her department to attend the Sunday morning service of the church, replied that since her pastor was not interested in her services she did not see why she should be interested in his. Of course Bible School teachers should see to it that the members of their classes do not fall into the error of assuming that the Bible School is a kind of children's church, and that the older people's church is an altogether different thing, in which they need feel no vital concern. It will be easier to do this however, if the children are assured of their pastor's interest in them and in the work which they and their teachers are seeking to do.

5. Must Conduct a Training Class for Teachers and Officers

Generally speaking, Bible School teachers are not soul-winners and this, in many cases, is because they have not been trained and instructed. It is the duty of the pastor to teach them how to present the lesson with an evangelistic appeal and to lead a soul to Christ. Nothing is more important or needed in the life of a church than a trained soul-winning teaching staff in the Bible School. This training class may be held at the same hour on Sunday evening that

Miss Estella Myers

ON AN AFRICAN SAFARI FOR CHRIST

BEING THE DIARY OF AN ITINERATING TRIP OF TWO MISSIONARIES.

By Miss Mabel Crawford, Missionary in Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Miss Mabel Crawford

JANUARY 4, 1940

At last the long planned day has arrived and Miss Estella Myers and I are on our way into villages and tribes very rarely touched with the gospel story. Who could ask for a better way to spend a vacation than in telling the "old, old story" in places where it is pathetically new? We left Bassai abou 8 A. M. and made a long run to Balawala, stopping to enquire about our classes and workers all along the way. Here at Balawala, we found David (one of my French School boys) doing a good job of teaching a group of believers he has gathered about him. We are planning to change porters all along the way to cut down the expense and difficulty of getting food for such a crowd. We have quite a retinue as it is.....six push boys, a cook, and another boy to help to set up camp.

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Christian boys in David's reading class, to earn primers for their reading class, carried our loads all the way through to Yagoussou (a big Banda village on the new auto road). We stopped at all the villages. Many new villages are coming to the roads. Where there are no roads, the government is building roads in order that they may move everyone within their reach by automobile. This will make evangelization much easier also. We ate lunch at the Banda village of Yeme where we found one of the Bassai Banda boys giving all the children a thirst for reading. Everyone wants to come to Bassai. We stopped at Lia, the big Catholic center, to try to interest the people in reading. The chief was not home. Spent the night at Yagoussou and found some of those who confessed Christ last year, standing faithful, and meeting for prayer together.

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Hired four porters here. When they arrived in the first village, they wanted to change loads. We persuaded them to carry to the second village, but they refused to go any further. All the villages were just moving to the road, and the men could not be persuaded to take our loads. There we sat in the middle of the road, not knowing what to do next. We had two extra push boys and the cook with us, but **four** loads. Finally, a Christian boy from Baindi came along, and agreed to help us. So we walked, and the boys got the loads on to the next village, where we found men willing to help us. Our run was not long, but we passed five new villages, four Banda and one Karre, coming from the bush to the road. We reached the village of Poumbe, Karre, coming from the bush to the road.

We reached the village of Poumbe, chief Kerasene-me, before noon. Found the rest house occupied by the Lia chief.....pro-Catholic.....but he moved out and was very nice to us. We hope he will be willing to let a teacher enter his big village. The soldier here has been in contact with the mission before and is very obliging.

Towards evening we were sitting in the shade of the rest house, Estella with a book, and I with my knitting. Estella suddenly felt impelled to go for a walk, and started off. I finished my row and started after her. About 100 yards from the rest house was a large hole from which mud had been dug for building purposes. It was partly filled with ashes and trash—a veritable town junk heap minus the tin cans and bottles so much in evidence in such places at home.

Down there in the dirt and filth sat a woman in childbirth. Two dirty old women were working with her. From the rest house we had no idea of the drama being enacted so near, because a house hid the hole from view. I arrived just in time to see Estella go down into the hole and take charge, like the good

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the young people's societies meet, that is preceeding the evening service.

6. Must Attend the Bible School Council or Teacher's and Officers' Meeting

In this way he can help in maintaining the closest possible intimacy with his staff of Bible School officers and teachers. He should seek, through his contact, to inspire them with the evangelistic passion and bring them to an increasing understanding and appreciation of the evangelistic program of the church and their responsibility in it.

We are not dealing here with the general duties of the pastor in relation to the Bible School, but merely suggesting some important things in connection with his evangelistic program for it.

The next in this series of articles will deal very definitely with the duties and responsibilities of both the superintendent and the teachers in the Bible School.

soldier that she is in such emergencies. She sent the "doctor" for a bunch of grass, with which she returned just in time for the baby to make her first bow to the world from a few blades of grass instead of a pile of ashes. The cord was cut with a sharp piece of grass and tied with a bit of straw.

The baby was very frail, and did not breathe for some time, but Estella used artificial respiration, wiped the phlegm from its nose and throat, and gradually coaxed the tiny spark of life into a bit of blaze. She asked for some peanut oil; and since there was none available, our cook quickly got our cooking oil, and with some of it the baby had her first bath. The presence of two white woman had drawn a large crowd of spectators, and all about us were "ohs and ahs" as the baby slowly responded to treatment. One more tiny mite of humanity was saved from a speedy burial!

The people all realized that without Estella's timely appearance, the little one would never have breathed. We hope they realize that One greater than she was standing by and working, that His name might be glorified in this untouched heathen village with not one Christian resident.

We could not understand why anyone, even in dirty heathen Africa, would pick such a filthy place to deliver a baby, and upon questioning we found that the woman herself had been seized with fear as her pains came upon her, and had run and fallen into the hole. There was nothing for the poor "flabbergasted" midwives to do but to follow their patient and deliver her where she fell. Once delivered of the child, the woman crawled out of the hole and sat calmly by with no one paying any attention to her, while everyone crowded around those who worked with the baby. When it was finally turned over to the native women, almost the entire village gathered for the evening service, among them the two old midwives and many other old people. Five accepted the Lord.

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Since this is Sunday, we are spending the day here. Had an excellent service. Several more accepted the Lord. After the service we went to see the new baby. We found their home clear accross the village. How wonderful the Lord did work to bring that woman into the village to fall in a hole so near our house that Estella could aid her. We arrived just as the husband was digging a hole just outside the door of the hut to bury the placenta. While we sat and looked on, the mother buried it and the father filled the hole. All such acts have a superstitious meaning for these people.

They asked us to name the baby, and Estella named it "Bassai." Then we prayed with them; and although they never before heard the gospel, they realized that God had given them their child, a first child although the mother is not young. They said they would offer the usual heathen sacrifices connected with naming ceremonies. Estella gave the mother a does of castor oil to counteract any ashheap infection, and as we left with both mother and baby gaining in strength, we were more conscious than ever that "God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform."

On returning, we passed the hut of the head midwife, and she came to meet us with a broad smile and a gourd full of nice fat grasshoppers as a little appreciation gift. Estella asked if we should eat them, and I said: "No, give them to the boys!" There are some times when I decidedly would rather give than keep!

This afternoon I had a long talk with the soldier and his family. He has been in contact with the gospel for many years, and seems very open to its truth, but he has three wives and 11 children!

JANUARY 8, 1940

Went to say goodbye to the soldier's family, and he gave me a chicken. The new mother came to bid us goodbye, and seemed so thankful. We crossed the Pende river on the shoulders of our boys. The water at the ford was to their waists. Preached along the way a number of times to bridge builders, soldier's retinues, etc. Found a Bozoum Christian who took a new stand for Christ. Arrive at Kone Mbame after a mile or so of walking through dense growth—some **auto road, this is!** The Christians resulting from Estella's last year's trip seemed glad to see us. The chief brought us a big python steak. At first I intended to eat a bit of it, just to prove that I am a good sport, but the closer the supper hour approached, the more my stomach "crawled." The boys finally got the whole thing, and I ordered fried chicken for us instead.

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OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

We have often wondered what boys and girls in other lands do when they go to church—whether they have departments and classes like we do, and whether they sing, and have stories and Bible drills and object lessons. Mrs. Maconaghy, one of our missionaries in South America, tells us all about it in this letter written especially for our Brethren Missionary Herald boys and girls:

Dear Boys and Girls in the Homeland:

We've been having such good times in our children's class here in Rio Cuarto, that I though you might like to hear about them. Then, when you pray each day, perhaps you'll remember these boys and girls who attend the children's class and the Sunday School, and also pray for the many, many boys and girls who do not know that the Lord Jesus loves them and died to save them from their sins.

Every Thursday night, the big folks have a Bible study class. During that time, the boys and girls have their meeting. They are just like you in that they love to sing, and especially do they enjoy choruses. Almost every time we say, "What chorus do you want to sing, children?" they shout, "La Biblia" or "Yo Tengo Gozo." I know that these are the favorite choruses of many of you, too. Their English names are, "The B-I-B-L-E," and "I Have the Joy, Joy." Perhaps you would like to see what one of these choruses looks like, written in Castellano, which is the language that these boys and girls speak.

Yo tengo gozo, gozo en mi corazon,
En mi corazon, en mi corazon;
Yo tengo gozo, gozo en mi corazon,
Gloria sea a El.

Do you think you could sing "I Have the Joy, Joy" with these words?

After a good sing, someone leads in prayer, and the saved boys and girls here pray to our heavenly Father just as you do. Then there is a new verse of Scripture to be learned, and others to be reviewed. The boys and girls are learning a Bible alphabet, and we shall soon be finished, as this week's verse begins with "U". When we have learned a verse for each letter of the alphabet we are going to have a contest, to see how many can say all the verses from memory. And perhaps there will be a little reward for those who have learned them.

Following the Scripture verse comes a Bible story, or Bible truth taught by means of an object lesson, the flannelgraph, or a chalk talk. Usually when we have a flannelgraph talk, one of the children will offer to tell it, at the same time placing the pictures on the flannelgraph, just as many of you like to do.

I am going to tell you about one blackboard talk that the boys and girls liked especially well. Two question marks were put on the blackboard, representing every boy and girl. Boys and girls are question marks to their parents, teachers, and to everyone, because no one, except the Lord Jesus, knows what they will become when they grow up. Using a few lines and putting in eyes, ears and a mouth, the two question marks became faces. You know our faces usually reveal the kind of person we are. The one face that grew from the question mark was that of a very sinful person. He had large ears which were always listening to unclean things, large eyes which were constantly looking at sinful things, a large nose which became that way from poking into other folks' affairs, and in his mouth was a cigarette. The other face was kind and noble and loving. That which made the difference between these two faces was the heart. The heart of the first was filled with sin, but in the other lived the Lord Jesus. When we asked the children which kind of face **they** wanted, they all answered, "The one which shows that the Lord Jesus lives inside."

Sometimes, when there is sufficient time, we have Bible searchings or some kind of Bible drill. Then another chorus and prayer, and another hour has passed all too quickly. In every class the boys and girls are told how to be saved, just as your teachers tell you. For there is only **one** way, by receiving the Lord Jesus as our Savior. Some of our children here have accepted Him, and so even if you never meet them here, you will be abe to become acquainted with them here, you will be able to become acquainted with Him.

Yours in the service of the Lord Jesus,

DOROTHY MACONAGHY

OUR BIBLE CHARACTER ALPHABET

Answer to I — Ishmael.

J was a king whose enemies were coming to attack him with such a large army he knew it was no use to fight them. He sent a choir ahead of his own small army and went out with his people to meet the enemy. Find his name and what happened in II Chron. 20.

To the Sunday School we go,
Hot, or rain, or cold, or snow,
Always there and on the dot—
Faithfulness does help a lot.

Some are big and some are small,
Some between, but one and all
Have their place, and high and low
All with studied lessons go.

Happy heart and shining face
Bring they all, and sing His grace.
Here they come where truth is sought
And the precious Word is taught.

—G. S. B.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DEPARTMENT

C. E. NEWS & NOTES

Well, well, well! If this isn't cooperation! One pastor writes us (since his Endeavorers have failed to do so), and along with his wife's birthday gives two for himself, his physical and his spiritual one. That's what we call exceeding our asking! We only wish those of you from whom we have not heard would show just half that much cooperation and send us just the physical birthday and the favorite Scripture verse of your pastor and wife. We must have this information ahead of time if their names are to appear on the monthly prayer calendar.

The meeting of the Ellet C. E. on Apr. 14 was very inspirational. There were 26 present, making a new high for this year. Mr. and Mrs. T. Parker had charge of the meeting. The Society hopes with the Lord's help to outgrow their present meeting place.

30 young people gathered in the basement of the Harrah, Wash. Brethren Church recently for a Spring Coming-out Party. The room was gaily decorated in beautiful spring flowers with a large floral C. E. sign as the main attraction. Guests enjoyed games with the spring motif. Light refreshments were served. A candle light devotional service, with "How a Sea Captain Found Christ" as the topic, concluded the evening.

In their Sunday night meetings the Harrah young people are trying the system of having a theme for each month, and following out that theme in the lesson topics. The theme for April was, "Comrades of the Quiet Hour."

The Allentown, Pa., C. E. again takes first place for promptness. Several months ago they were the first to respond to our request for the birthdays and favorite Scripture verses of the pastors and their wives, and now they are the first to send in the C. E. questionaire. If you and your society have not sent in this questionaire, which was printed on p. 14 of the issue of Apr. 13, please do so at once. Otherwise we will take it for granted that you want the C. E. Department discontinued.

A joint camp and C. E. rally was held at the First Brethren Church of Ellet, O., on Apr. 12. A group of girls from the Cleveland church and the Ambassador's Quartette of the Ellet church presented the special music. The speaker was Rev. E. Niswonger of Canton, O. There were "minute-men" (mostly women) from the seven churches represented, who gave reports of Camp Buckeye. The Northeast Ohio C. E. banners were awarded as follows: most mileage, Cleveland; highest number of points, Rittman; highest percentage of membership present, Ellet. The next rally will be during camp week in June.—Mildred Flatten, Sec'y.

Has your society entered in the C. E. Topic contest programs for some of your best C. E. meetings? This contest is open to societies of all ages, and either individuals or societies may make as many entries as they desire. See issue of Feb. 10 for rules. A C.E. Manual will be awarded for each program printed. Grand prizes will be awarded to both the contestant submitting the best program, and to the district from which the largest percentage of churches submits the best collection of topics. We hope that next month we will be able to report being "showered under" with entries from all the districts. Don't wait to send them in.

The C. E. at Dallas Center, Ia., reports a profitable evening spent discussing the work of our missionaries on the various stations in Africa. They are now able to pray intelligently for that work because of information gained from letters from the various missionaries. The young people's interest in their own church services and mid-week prayer meeting is showing decided increase. Also, once each month they go to the Dallas County Home and Hospital where their songs, prayers and testimonies are followed by a message by their pastor, Bro. James Cook. The society's Easter offering for "C. E." Kliever was $6.00, and with the help of the sisterhood, they are planning to give $5 for one of the doors in the new church in Clayhole, Ky. Their money is all raised by free will offerings.

Brother Polman's offer of $1 each for the ten best pictures of Bethany Camp and its activities is good only for two or three more weeks. You need not be an Endeavorer to qualify. Look over those snapshots you took at Bethany Camp last year, and send him the best ones at once.

You can help some shut-ins support missionaries by saving stamps of all kinds—common, uncommon, U. S., foreign, rare, old (if very old, save the entire envelope), Red Cross, T. B , revenue, or anything else in the stamp line. Cut postage stamps from the envelope on strips about 2x4 inches to include the postmark if it is clear; otherwise cut about one-eighth inch around the stamp to protect the edge of the stamp. Send these to Miss Susie Wysong, New Lebanon, O.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR JUNE 2, 1940

David, The Shepherd King

(Psalm 23)

Suggestions for the Leader

David represents a different type of man from Saul.

Really David's sin was greater in the sight of man than was Saul's; but David came back the way God asked.

David did something about his sin. God demands of us to do something about the sins in our lives.

None of the Old Testament saints were perfect. We do not pretend to follow their example in sinful things but profit by their good traits.

David became the founder of a great throne and a party to a great covenant. This shows how God can forgive the sinner and use the penitent heart for good.

He was called the man after God's own heart.

1. A Young Man Goodly in Heart. I Sam. 16:1-12

David had a sincerity of heart that Saul did not have.

Saul depended upon his own strength; David had a mind to trust God.

The outward appearance or boast is never as important as the condition of the heart.

Real Christian experience is the change that comes within us. We are made new in Christ.

2. An Outlaw Chief. I Sam. 22:1, 2

David had to wait for the Lord to bring to pass the opportunity for him to reign.

His life was filled with discouragement while he was being hunted as though he had committed crimes.

When division comes, either side may be a rallying point for many conflicting interests. We can imagine different kinds of people coming with David, even though they did not have a good record.

Saul's jealousy led him to chase David through the land.

Blessed are we when we are persecuted for righteousness sake.

3. Faithful and forgiving. 2 Sam. 1:17-27; 9:1-7

More than once Saul was delivered into the hands of David; yet he refused to kill him.

David had a feeling that it was wrong to hate the king. Even after Saul's death, he spoke well of God's anointed king.

It is a real test of character to discover how one feels toward his enemies.

David did not seek praise for his own goodness or merits; but gave the credit to the providence of God.

4. Truly Repentant. 2 Sam. 12:1-14.

Saul was sorry for his sins. David was more than sorry. His prayer of repentance indicated his desire to have God put it away.

Saul thought that sin was merely an outward thing. David realized that it was an inner condition of the heart and that he need a cleansed heart.

David, like saved men today, could claim the forgiveness which God gave and go on in the strength of that victory.

5. The Great Covenant. 2 Sam. 7:12-20

David was told how God would establish a covenant with him.

A wonderful kingdom was about to be established with David as the first of the line of kings.

David was also to preserve the line that would carry the kingly promise and bring in the Messiah.

How wonderful that God in his mercy could consider man and elevate him as he did. David is an example.

God has many things for us but first He must see a willing heart.

6. The Great Psalmist and Prophet. 2 Sam. 23:1-2; Ps. 16:8

David was used of God to write great psalms. The spirit must have blessed him in the work. It is natural to see David writing about shepherd life as he came from caring for the sheep.

Some psalms relate his experience. See Ps. 30, 51.

David is not classed as a prophet yet he did write prophecy.

Additional Scripture

The faithfulness of God in the matter of His covenant with David. Jer. 33:17-26; Amos 9:8-12. The Messianic prophecies include Ps. 22, the Good Shepherd giving His life for His sheep; Psalm 23, the Great Shepherd caring for His sheep; and Psalm 24, the Chief Shepherd, coming to reward His sheep.

IF THE SHOE FITS ---

A preacher at the close of one of his sermons, said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Presently every man, woman and child, with one exception, rose to his feet.

The preacher seated them and said, "Now let every man not paying his debts stand up." The exception, a careworn, hungry-looking individual, clothed in last summer's suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position.

"How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "that you are the only one not able to meet his obligations?"

"I run a newspaper," he answered meekly, "and the brethren here who stood up are my subscribers, and—"

"Let us pray," exclaimed the minister.—Kablegram.

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles

Many months have passed since our church sent a news report of any kind. It is only with a desire to give all the glory to our wonderful Lord that we are sending this one. Truly, "the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Some of these many "things" we desire to mention for the encouragement of our brethren.

Last Oct. 1, Bro. Paul R. Bauman began his 6th year as our pastor. The Lord has blessed the work under his ministry, and we are now rejoicing in that the Lord has sent us an assistant pastor, Bro. Walter A. Lepp, who is now standing by as Bro. Bauman's able helper. Bro. Lepp is a graduate of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Prior to the time he was called as assistant pastor he had been our director of music for a year and a half. With our two pastors now working together, we are looking forward to a year of great blessing in the service of the Lord.

The pastor's report at the annual business meeting, Jan. 1, showed an addition of 91 new members to our church during 1939. These additions were not the result of an intensified endeavor all at one time, but rather of consistent soul-winning throughout the year. Most of the number were received into the church one, two, or three at a time. We believe this is a wholesome condition in any church.

Our Bible School has shown a corresponding gain under the efficient leadership of our Supt. Bro. C. E. Reuter. There was an average attendance per Sun. during 1939 of 350. This represented an average increase of 18 per Sun. over the preceding year. In addition to this we were able to reach, from Jan. 1 to Mar. 5, 1000 children through our home classes.

The membership gains, both in the church and Bible School, have been made possible largely through the endeavor of our Workers Band. Last quarter this organization made more than 600 calls. Eternity alone will reveal the real work that has been accomplished through this organization, operating under the direction of Bro. P. A. Yerian.

Our C. E. work is also being blessed of the Lord. We now have six active C. E. Societies. These are to be comended especially for the way they are supporting the regular services of the church. Three of our societies are going once each month to take charge of services in the rescue missions of Los Angeles and San Pedro. A fourth has made arrangements to have charge of a service each month in the Los Angeles Jewish Mission, which is supported by The Brethren Home Missions Council.

Of special benefit to our church has been the work of our choir, under the leadership of Bro. Lepp. On Christmas Sun. evening the choir presented Handel's difficult oratorio, "The Messiah." Two weeks later they repeated it for the benefit of the First Brethren Church of Whittier. Easter Sun. night they presented the cantata, "Life Eternal" in our church. All of these programs were used of the Lord to His glory.

We have in our church a valued worker among our young people, Miss Ruth McClain, a sister of Prof. Alva J. McClain. Miss McClain is sponsor of the young people's class and also of the corresponding C. E. society. Her work with the young people, particularly in a musical way, has done much to hold them for the Lord. As a result of her work, we now have three excellent groups capable of conducting meetings here and elsewhere: a young men's quartet known as "The Four Brethren," a young ladies' quartet and a young ladies' octette. The first of these groups has held several meetings in our mission churches.

Our newest work in the church is the boy's work, which is now being sponsored by the Brotherhood. The boys meet once each week and are given wholesome recreation, practical instruction in various fields, and a full half hour of definite Bible instruction. A lot next to the church has been cleared and lights have been installed. Inasmuch as a complete account of this work will be sent in soon, further mention of it will not be made at this time.

Because of the provision of the Lord in a financial way, our church has been able to undertake recently several improvements to our property. These will be continued throughout the year. The projects completed include the partitioning off of a new Intermediate Department auditorium in the basement, a hundred new chairs for our growing Bible School, a new sidewalk along the entire length of our church building, and other minor improvements.

One of the unique additions to our church during the past two years has been a complete amplification system. It embodies speakers for the auditorium which may be used especially at times of special programs when children speak or sing; a loud speaker in a room to the rear of the auditorium, used by mothers during the services; earphones in the pews for those who are hard of hearing; equipment for playing recordings; and, most recently, the installation of three large speakers on the tower of the church. Through these is sent out over the community each Sunday evening over a half hour period, just before C. E., sacred instrumental music. At the close of this period announcement is made of the C. E. services and the evening church services. These speakers can be heard for a radius of at least a half a mile, and they have already proven a most effective means of bringing cheer to the shut-ins of the community and of bringing people out to the services. Recently a lady appeared at an evening service and said to the usher, "I was sitting at home, tired and discouraged, when I heard your music coming out over the air. I decided to come to church!"

We, here in Los Angeles, believe that the blessings mentioned here, and the many others God has sent us during the months past, have been largely due to the increased missionary spirit of our congregation. Six years ago our offering to Foreign Missions was $512.11. Last year our total offering was $1808.75. Our

Easter offering this year, to date stands at about $1650.00. We are hoping to see it go beyond last year's when it is all in. Six years ago our offering for Home Missions was $298.57. Last year it went over $1,000. We believe the Lord always honors a church with a missionary spirit and trust that there may be some things in this report that will serve to stimulate other congregations throughout the brotherhood to engage in the kind of a program that the Lord has promised to bless.

Martha Kelly, Correspondent.

RIVER PARK MISSION, SOUTH BEND, IND.

"A MISSION OF MISSIONARIES"

God is working in River Park! Praise the Lord for this! The six-month-old mission is thriving. It has a wonderful opportunity. It's message is, "____how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3,4). We are much encouraged with the answers to prayer and the gospel message, which has been neglected in South Bend. Souls are being saved in the home and in the mission.

Recently the Lord laid it on the hearts of some of us to pray definitely for more workers and the consecration of all in the mission. The Lord heard and has given both. Praise His holy name! We have never seen as faithful a people—some driving in winter weather 15 and 25 miles each way to attend the services every Sunday.

The home mission offering was one which I believe surpasses most churches considering the number and ability of the donors. The mission gave $136.-41 to home missions when it was only six weeks old and needing money to meet current expenses and for getting started. The Foreign Mission offering is now about $75.00 and it is not all in. We believe it will "top" the hundred mark.

The Financial Board cannot be beat. They love the Lord and give by example. They have prepared a budget which will meet the needs of the mission for the present. If every one tithes, as set forth in the Scriptures, we will not only meet the budget but meet it one-half over. We praise the Lord for the devoutness of the workers of the mission, for they not only give of their money but give of their time and talents, inviting, bringing, phoning and writing to friends in order to interest them in the Lord.

The attendance is increasing. New faces were at Bible School because those already interested had brought them. Sunday night we had 50% increase in attendance. We know we can have a good Sunday evening service if all work together.

The prayer meeting is a source of joy—holy joy, comfort and strength. Every week we are having prayer meeting in the various homes — sometimes in South Bend, other times in North Liberty or Goshen.

Church organizations often are too large or too small to properly serve their church but the mission has adopted a very good constitution, with a competent personel. The committee went over much material and formulated the constitution which was passed article by article by the mission.

The W. M. C. is functioning well. Some are traveling long distances to help in the much needed work of convassing and taking Christ into the homes and in the distribution of tracts.

Alton M. Witter, Pastor.

De man dat's always kickin' ain' got any real trouble on his mind. When real trouble comes you is ginerally too stunned to kick.—Uncle E ben

Roanoke, Va.

A long silence from the Ghent Brethren does not of necessity mean that we have been in hibernation for a year or more. In fact we've been quite busy as a hasty resume of the past year will show.

Early last summer our Bible School board rather hesitatingly recommended to the church that we try the unified service for three months; having the worship service at 9:45 a.m. followed by the Bible School classes at around 10:40. We started the middle of July. Most of our people liked the change so well that by common consent it was extended several times. At our Jan. official board meeting it was decided to continue as long as it seemed good. During this time, the Bible School attendance has shown a little increase, and the church attendance a decided increase. So of course, our pastor, Bro. H. W. Koontz is very favorable for the unified service.

In July over 40 persons from our church attended one or more sessions of the Bible conference held in the Covington church. We were so much enriched by the Bible lectures and the Christian fellowship that many of our people are already planning to go to the Bible conference at Winchester this coming July.

Last fall was the first time since our church has been built that we were able to raise the annual curtailment on the first mortgage and semi-annual payment of interest, without a special drive for this heavy obligation. The amount was nearly $900 and we are truly thankful for the Lord's leading in this matter. Our second mortage has been reduced some $600 during the winter.

Our hearts were rejoiced by the fact that our home mission offering showed an increase of about 25 over the previous year.

The first Sunday in Jan. we had another representative from the American Board of Missions to the Jews. This year it was Rev. A. B. Macklin from Buffalo, N. Y. The weather man tried to make him feel right at home by giving us some of the coldest weather we've had in recent years. Our offering for Jewish missions also showed an increase over the previous year.

We have just recently redecorated our church audi-

torium: painting the interior, cleaning the woodwork, shellacing the floors and polishing the pews. Several of the classes have also painted their rooms.

The last Sunday in Feb. we had a rather unique service, different from any we have ever had, and we will probably never have another like it. Each of our 15 classes told their name, the Biblical reason for their name, class colors, and in most cases what their colors stood for, class song and motto (if any), name of teacher, and in some cases in a sentence or two any other information of general interest to the whole congregation. Their banner was then given to the secretary who pinned the banners all on a large canvass covered frame. Following this, Bro. Koontz gave a short sermonette, at the close of which one young man accepted the Savior. It was a very interesting and impressive service.

On Mar. 31 Rev. R. Paul Miller closed his third meeting in our church. It was a joy to renew our friendship with him, and truly an inspiration to hear his stirring messages. The singing was led by several different persons, including our pastor, Rev. Malles from Buena Vista, Mr. A. C. Jefferson (a widely known song leader from Lynchburg), and Mr. J. B. Huffman and Mr. E. V. Parcell from our own congregation. Several times Mr. Parcell had his young people's chorus of over 30 voices in the choir, and how we did enjoy their selections! During the meeting, we had visiting Brethren from Hollins, Buena Vista, Red Hill, Covington, and Waynesboro and Martinsburg, Pa.

Our people seem to like to go to Covington, for just recently about 60 of our number went there to fellowship with the Brethren and to hear Bro. Miller preach while holding them a meeting. In our group that night were 38 from our young people's chorus, and they and their leader were pressed into service by singing songs of praise to our Lord.

We are happy to read of progress made in the various churches, and we greatly rejoiced to hear Bro. Miller tell of so many new opportunities for the Home Mission Council. Our prayer is that all these may be grasped, and led by Spiritfilled pastors, soon welded into self supporting churches.

W. V. Findley.

La Verne, California

Last evening we had an inspirational message by Mrs. Kradjian, an Armenian who suffered persecution by the Turks in the world war. She told how Rom. 8:28 worked in her case many different times and ways, and how she was reunited with her loved ones except her mother who suffered death rather than give up Christ.

Apr. 9 was our quarterly business meeting. Reports from officers were good, and finances in good condition. A plan to provide recreation for our young people was considered. Several new officers were elected, the writer being elected church correspondent.

Our church has been built up spiritually by our loved young pastor, Don Carter, and it is a pleasure to work

It aint no disgrace for a man to fall but to lay there and grunt is.—Josh Billings.

with him and his wife and also to have baby Lois Jean in our midst.

We had the Eureka Jubilee Singers with us two nights recently. Dr. Lockyer was with us two nights in January. The "Navigators," a group of about 20 Christian navy boys who do definite Christian work on the battleships and love to go out to churches to witness for Christ and try to win souls when on shore leave, were with us one Sunday evening for both services. It was wonderful to hear their testimony and it put some of us older Christians to shame for doing so little for our Lord and Savior.

Brother Lynn preached for us Mar. 31 in the morning. After preaching by Brother Carter in the evening, we had a reception for Brother and Sister Lynn, whom we were glad to welcome in our midst after four years' absence.

Our W.M.C. is growing, and 21 of our number went to Long Beach First Church to our district conference April 5.

We are glad to have the Sickels with us yet. Though he is away preaching almost every week end and Lorraine is busy in "Biola" Institute through the week, all are ready and do help us when they can.

Brother Carter has a Bible class in San Bernardino, 26 miles away each Tues. night; also here on Sat. night for our young people. He is our district moderator.

We have prayer meeting on Wed. nights, and also a small group meet on Tues. A. M. We are surely blessed with spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus, for besides our pastor's work he brings us so many good speakers and extra talent in the pulpit.

Two little girls about 10 years old were baptized recently; others have asked to be baptized soon.

Our Easter offering to foreign missions was $456.48 with pledges for more.

We surely enjoy **The Brethren Missionary Herald** very much, and pray the Lord's blessing on the editors and all who help make it the paper it is.

Mrs. Lydia H. Frantz.

Touring The Churches

Several years ago I traveled about quite a bit with my Bible chart lectures but because of ill health my work along that line has been greatly curtailed in recent years. However I have now placed three of those messages into Bible screen lectures, "When the Creator Became the Redeemer," "The Second Coming of Christ," "Old Testament Pictures of the Cross."

Mar. 7, I faced the south. Arriving at Winchester, Va., toward evening, I found Bro. Uphouse with a ball of putty, putting the finishing touches on the parsonage, and joyfully anticipating the time when he would lead his young bride into their new home—

and what a home it will be, new, beautiful and modern in every way.

It was also a happy privilege to be in the home of Bro. and Sister Rohart for a noon meal. I lectured two evenings in the Winchester church and again journeyed southward.

,Passing through Roanoke, Va., I stopped at the home of my old friend Bro. Herman Koontz. I found the church taking on a new coat of interior decoration. This, with a rare river scene at the baptistry, makes a beautiful auditorium indeed.

Again heading south, I arrived toward evening at the home of Mary Pence, who has led the Limestone, Tenn., church into paths of truth. Here I also met Bro. Lewis, the man with a strong musical voice and the pastor of the church. I lectured two evenings at the church, and veering westward arrived at the William Jennings Bryan University where my son Jesse is in school. I also met the two Hoyt brothers and a couple of my former students in the Altoona School of the Bible.

There is a wonderful Christian spirit at the Bryan University. Pres. J. Rudd is a fine Christian gentleman and anyone interested in this line of work can well remember this place with their prayers, their purse, and their children. I spoke three times at the university and once in a Southern Methodist Church both of Dayton, Tenn.

Turning toward the frigid zone and cutting through a blizzard, my long journey came to an end at the home of my mother at Flora, Ind. This is my old home town; the place where my father labored so long in the vineyard of the Lord.

Dodging great burrs and slipping carefully between tall weeds, I entered the old church building. Although dilapidated and neglected, enough of the old building remained for me to visualize before my mind the scenes of long ago.

It was through that door that I entered Sunday after Sunday, year in and year out. There is where the pastor stood and here the people sat. There is the very ceiling that vibrated with song and praise. Down that isle I walked to accept the Lord, over 34 years ago. It was within those very walls that many of earth's weary pilgrims met the issues of an endless eternity. It was from these scenes that many of those dear faces have paled and passed away, and are at this very moment reaping the harvest of those years, whether it be gain or loss. And as I stood thus looking back upon the fearful issues that confronted those eternal souls, and considered the awful responsibility that now confronts me as I face an audience that must some day meet its God, strange and deep emotions surged across my soul; and I crawled through a window with a renewed resolution to continue preaching the gospel at any cost.

I spoke three times at Flora and again headed north. Arriving at Winona Lake, I spoke to the seminary students on Tues., evening.

Bro. Sandy and Bro. Hoyt combined their classes, and I spoke Wed. morning on "Old Testament Pictures of the Cross."

Again entering the highway, I arrived at Ft. Wayne in time to enjoy the noon meal with Bro. and Sister Leo Polman. I also entered the Ft. Wayne Church with its rare decorations in the auditorium and the office of the Herald at one side.

Journeying on, I found Miss Kimmel busily engaged with the affairs of The Home Missions Council in the office at Berne, Ind. Five miles farther on I arrived at the home of Bro. John Parr, pastor of that famous country church at Berne, Ind. I lectured here two evenings and again headed toward the rising sun.

Arriving at Ashland, O., I had the privilege of speaking two evenings in that marvelously healthy youngster, The West Tenth Street Brethren Church, of which Bro. Mayes is pastor.

With temperature almost at zero and glaring sun in my eyes, I journeyed to Canton where I found Bro. Niswonger recovering from an operation. Visiting with him a few moments and stopping a short time with Brother Aeby at Middlebranch, I journeyed on until I arrived at the home of my old friend, Geo. Kinzie, at Kittanning, Pa.

I spoke that evening at Catogan, Pa., in a Sunday School Union church, and back to the Kittanning church for two evenings. Then setting my face steadfastly toward home I arrived at my starting place almost three weeks after I started out, completing a circuit of nearly 1800 miles.

As we now sit in the comforts of our own home and remember the welcomes we received on every hand and the wonderful kindnesses we met from every one of you, we thank you one and all and know that God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love (Heb. 6:10).

R. I. Humberd, Martinsburg, Pa.

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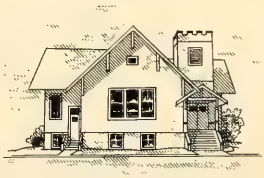

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National Brethren Bible Conference at Winona Aug. 26 - Sept. 1

Just think—a whole week at beautiful Winona! Aug. 26th will soon be here. That's the date The National Brethren Bible Conference convenes at Winona Lake. Don't forget that date—Aug. 26 to Sept. 1! There are so many **good** things in store for you. Activities of interest are scheduled for all ages.

The **best** Bible teachers and lecturers will be there to participate in the program; there will be fellowship for ministers, for laymen, for the women, for the boys and girls and young people. Dr. Harry Rimmer and Dr. V. C. Kelford, both men of national renown as Bible lecturers, are included in the program; besides these, many of our illustrious Brethren pastors and teachers will appear. A few of these are Professors Alva J. McClain, Herman A. Hoyt, Home Kent, Conard Sandy, Rev. A. V. Kimmel, Rev. A. L Lynn, Rev. C. H. Ashman, Dr. Louis S. Bauman, Rev R. Paul Miller, and Rev. R. D. Barnard. The **Biola Trumpeters**, a brass trio from Los Angeles, will be a magnetic feature during the entire week. Nationa Brethren youth at Bethany Camp under the directior of Leo Polman is anticipating the greatest youth camp for spiritual growth, fellowship, and fun known in our history.

"On to Winona Lake—and The National Brethrer Bible Conference!"

Watch the columns of The Brethren Missionary Herald for a detailed program soon to appear.

OUT OF STATE'S PRISON

There is a trophy of grace in Indiana State Prison at Michigan City. Several months ago Brother Garner Hoyt, student at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., held a service in the Wabash County jail. There he found a young man by the name of Frank E. Potts, under indictment for murder. He led this dear young man to Christ. On April 14 the secretary of the Home Missions Council received the following letter from this young man. It is enough to make every Brethren heart to rejoice at the wondrous grace of God. It is also sufficient to make each of us ashamed of the little we do for our Lord under the most favorable circumstances. Here is the letter:

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Wabash, Ind.
April 12th, 1940

Dear Brother in Christ,

I heard that you were trying to get enough funds to build a little church down in the m't's of Kentucky, and as my tithes are really overdue I felt that this would be a very good time to turn them in. Although they aren't much the money belongs to our Lord and I must give it to Him.

Brother Garner Hoyt mentioned that you were building a church down in Kentucky. He is from Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake.

May the Lord bless and help you in your work for Him. Where there is a will, He will prepare the way.

Yours in our Lord,

FRANK E. POTTS.

P. S.—I'll go to Michigan City, to the State Prison pretty soon. I'll either get life or the chair.

F. E. P.

$2 enclosed.

Now that you have read this letter and felt the sting of sympathy and the pull of devotion in your heart, won't you remember to pray for Brother Potts that our Father God will work mightily for him according to His grace, and then add to your offeirng for Kentucky a gift worthy to place beside his?

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Courage is a virtue that the young cannot spare, to lose it is to grow old before the time: it is better to make a thousand mistakes and suffer a thousand reverses than to run away from battle.—Henry VanDyke

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The man who says he never makes a mistake probably doesn't know one when he sees it.

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AN EMERGENCY LETTER

Dear Brethren:

The directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council here desire to express our sincere appreciation of the wonderful way in which our Brethren have so generously provided for our home mission work last year. We asked for $22,000.00 and have received since July 1st $22,775.75. You have not only given what we have asked but in the true spirit of Christ, you have sent more. May the blessing of God rest upon you for it. We believe that it is but an indication of the love and confidence that our Brethren have in this great work.

At our annual meeting at Winona Lake last August we had 10 mission points and our budget was arranged for them. Since then, the favor of God has so rested upon our work that 10 new and promising fields have been opened to us.

Here is our problem. While we have received all that we asked for to cover our apparent needs last fall, the doubling of our fields has practically put us back financially to where we were when we began the year. Believing that God will not send us more fields than He will provide for, and that to reject any field, because of present lack of funds for them, would be an act of unbelief, we have accepted them after careful consideration. Now the question is, will we as Brethren rise up to the greater opportunity we have asked for and which God has generously sent us?

By the barest kind of support, designed merely to hold these new fields and not to lose them, the directors feel that with $3,000 additional this year, we can get by, without any loss to the work of the Lord. It was felt that the only thing to do is to set our case plainly before our people and before the Lord and ask for this additional help in an offering in the month of June.

We desire, however, to say this is not the procedure we plan to follow each year, but the appeal is being made to meet that which we have considered an emergency situation.

Now you know the whole story. A special emergency offering envelope for your gift will be supplied by your pastor. Pray over it and give as He leads you. It will be enough.

Most faithfully yours,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INC.

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Emergency Offering for Home Missions June Sixteenth

The special emergency offering for Home Missions to be taken among our Brethren Churches to care for the many new mission points that have come to us since our budget was made up last fall, will be lifted on June 16. This is the general date, however, if this date interferes with any other work of the local churches, the offering may be taken either the week before or the week after June 16.

While the needs of the work are much greater, yet we are only asking for

$3,000

Emergency offering envelopes in red color are being supplied to all our churches for this special offering. We are depending wholly upon our pastors to care for the matter and present it to their churches. We have not the slightest doubt but that every cent we are asking for will be supplied. It is the Lord's work. He has sent the fields to us. We have learned that our people are largely led of the Spirit of God in their giving, and we expect to receive all we need. May our Father God glorify Himself in this offering.

R. PAUL MILLER, Editor

America's Distress—

In Lk. 21:25-28 our Lord gives a significant list of indications that would accompany His return, or rather that would immediately precede His return. Among these is one that most clearly marks the present. He said, "And on the earth **distress of nations with perplexity.**" That this is one true condition of the nations of the world today is beyond question. There is not a nation of Europe but which is all but bankrupt due to debts incurred because of the world war of 1914-1918. Now we see them in a wild orgy of war preparations that are plunging them yet further into the deep morass of financial distress. The secretary of the League of Nations reported that all of the nations in that organization were in actual bankruptcy except one. After the war dogs have been let loose for 12 months the financial state of Europe will be incalulable.

It has been the characteristic feeling of Americans that no matter what happens to Europe, that it can't happen here. The conviction is that we can't be defeated, we can't be exhausted of our wealth, we can't lose our freedom, we can't lose our liberties. A blind simpleton could realize the future of America with the open forces of communism and destruction boldly organizing in every city of the land., defying our congressional investigating committee with an arrogance that is based upon favor in high places in our government, organizing communistic groups among the students in colleges all over the land. While Christianity is forbidden and the Bible is locked out of our universities and public schools, atheism and communism are welcomed.

Now comes the report of federal finances that is enough to startle the most sanguine. During the last seven years our federal government alone has spent **$60,000,000,000!** During that period our national debt has risen to **$44,000,000,000.** And it is still going on at a dizzy pace with our legislators unwilling to stop it. The report further declares that our annual expenditures are $70.65 for every man, woman and child in this land. Our annual receipts from present taxes are $43 per capita. That leaves a continuous piling up of debt yearly of $27 for every human being in the land. That means $150 for every family in the land. The total debt now stands at something over $300 for each person, young and old, and $1,500 for each average family. There is no indication that our national leaders intend to stop this headlong course into national bankruptcy, and with **10,000,000** unemployed calling for public support, with business men afraid to expand their business for fear of the crushing taxation, America is swifty joining the 'nations in distress.'

But all of these things are what our Lord has foretold us would come to pass before He returns. This present world system is destined to crash and disappear utterly before the incoming day of our glorious King of kings and Lord of lords when peace and righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. The one must go before the other can come. Let us not weep over the passing of Babylon. Rather let us rejoice that the new Jerusalem is coming!

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The Bible of the World—

The Viking Press, in New York City, announces that it has now published an entirely new book called, "The Bible of the World." It has 1344 pages devoted to gathering "into one book the essential elements of all the living source religions of the world." It is a general mixture of parts of the writings of Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Hinduism, Confucianism, Zoroastrianism, Taoism, Judaism, **and** Christianity.

The devil has tried for a long time to destroy the Word of God in the eyes of men. Fifteen years ago he brought out "The Shorter Bible" which eliminated all that established the reality of the supernatural. The aim was to make it appear as a merely human book. Now he comes out with a 'longer bible,' adding all the miserable and puerile drippings of the human religions that now exist in the world. The idea is to get men to lose sight of the true Word of God. We dare say that copies of this so-called "World Bible" will not so much as be seen in heathen lands. It is only for the purpose of injuring the faith of men in lands where the Bible has been accepted that this new affair has been concocted.

Remarks the Religious News Service, "It is no accident that "The Bible of the World" should be published at just this period in the world's history." Indeed it is no accident. Nothing that the old devil does is by accident. He hates the Word of God and has labored ceaselessly for 2000 years to destroy it. He is now putting on his supreme effort to crush Christianity and this is one of his acts to that end. Says the Religious Press further, "At no time has western civilization been so receptive to the cultural heritage of the rest of the world," Maybe this is so, and maybe not, but one thing is sure that heathen mysticism and religious ideas of all kinds are spreading through America as never before.

Until Hinduism produces a Savior who can satisfy the demands of a Holy God upon the sinner; until Mohammedanism can bring forth a Victor over the grave; until Buddhism can produce one who can live without sin and can give a sinner a spiritual power that will free him from the power of sin; until Confucius can write some Odes that reveal the will of God in the lives of men; or until Toaism establishes and describes with authority the nature of life after

death, and Zoroaster reveals the future thousands of years in advance without failure of any detail; Jesus Christ will never be looked upon as on the level with such pitiable religious leaders, nor will the Bible, the true Word of God lose its place as the only revelation of God to this world of men. As Cowper so fitly wrote:

'A glory gilds the sacred page,
Majestic like the sun;
It gives a light to every age,
It gives, but borrows none."

"Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."

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It Is Not The Jew, It Is God

Dr. Samuel H. Markowitz, noted Jewish Rabbi, in addressing the Fort Wayne, Ind., Ministerial Association, declared recently,

"The world does not face a Jewish problem, but a religious problem. It is the moral principles today that are involved."

Here is one Jewish leader that is not fooled. He realizes that all this outward Jewish hate is not against the Jew but against the God of the Jew. This is the real fact back of all the present persecution of the Jews in the world today. It is not insignificant that the present world war, for that is what it really is, began amid the fires of hatred and persecution of the Jews. It is this same fiery hate that will drive the Christless nations under anti-christ to rush upon Jerusalem to utterly destroy that hapless people, not because they are Jews but because they are related to Jesus Christ Whom antichrist hates. "Ye shall be hated of all nations for **my name's sake.**" And just as truly as the Jews are paying a terrible price for the kinship to Jesus Christ according to the flesh, so also are the true Christians beginning to feel that wrath of Satan in these last days. Never have such tremendous efforts been made by Satan to attack those who are really carrying on the work of Christ, as are being made today. This old world is getting to be a place where there is no room for anyone who worships Jesus Christ the Son of God. Thank God we have a city that has foundations, whose Builder and Keeper is God. There we may serve our Lord and none shall hinder us. Blessed day!

THROUGH SUFFERING TO CHRIST

Elias Zimmerman, our missionary to Israel in Los Angeles

God indeed works in strange and mysterious ways in our lives, and it is only when we look back and see the whole picture and realize the hand of God leading and directing those whom He loveth that we can understand the why and the wherefore of sickness and suffering and pain and hardship.

Just about a month ago two young Jewish women hesitatingly walked into our mission. They were strangers in a strange land. One came from New York City, the other from Chicago. They were both homeless, friendless, and penniless. They were bewildered, not knowing where to go and what to do. We are not surprised when we see men and even boys in their teens in such a sad plight, but it is seldom that Jewish women find themselves in such a pitiful condition. Our hearts were deeply touched and moved. We were confronted with great human distress and need. They were hungry, for they had nothing to eat all day long, so we fed them. They were homeless, not knowing where to lay their heads that night, so we provided temporary lodging places for them. We could not help but think of what our Lord and Savior said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my (Jewish) brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40). "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water in the name of disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matt. 10:42). But it was not reward that we were seeking. Deep down within our hearts we could not help but feel that perhaps the Lord had sent them to us in this pitiful condition that through kindness and helpfulness and Christian love in this their sad plight, we might win them to the Lord Jesus Christ. For our "heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."

It was several days later that we heard their sad story piecemeal. Her home broken up, and finding herself broken in health and in spirit, Mrs. P. was advised by her physician to go West. After disposing of all her belongings she found that she had something like $400 in cash. She started out, but was compelled on account of her health to stop on the way and rest. By the time she reached Los Angeles she found that the hotel and doctor bills had used up all her cash. And here she was in a big, and strange city without a friend in all the wide world, wondering if it might not be best to make an end of it all.

Miss L., a young woman of about 25 years of age, told her story. She had prepared herself in New York University for the teaching profession, but unable to find employment as a teacher, she decided to come West. She expected to stay with an uncle, but on reaching Los Angeles she found a broken up home and her uncle out of the city. Mrs. P. and Miss L. evidently met in an office of a Jewish welfare agency where they applied for assistance. They were refused. Hopeless and despondent they walked the streets of Los Angles. They passed by our mission, and in their desperation they decided to come in. We befriended them and helped them, the Lord spoke to their hearts, and two weeks ago they made public confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and Redeemer.

How often the Lord drives us in a corner that we might face Him and that He might deal with us. God indeed works in divers and mysterious ways in bringing some of the lost sheep of the house of Israel into the fold.

"Even in suffering He is merciful and kind,
He gently whispers, Be patient and resigned,
Bear up, bear on: the end shall tell.
The dear Lord ordereth all things well."

1939—

What It Should Have Taught Us

by R. E. Gingrich

This article was designed to appear in January, but due to many unforseen problems in getting our new magazine started, it has waited till now. It is a strong message, and is still as potent as then.—Ed.

Was the past year but another 12 months in our experience, or will it be recorded in the record as a period in which we were taught some vital and lasting lessons? Perhaps to some the former is true, while to others the latter describes the actual situation. What should 1939 have taught us? While we cannot speak authoritatively for others, nor can we cover the field exhaustively, we nevertheless wish to suggest two or three valuable lessons that we should have learned as a result of the experiences of the past 12 months.

I. 1939 should have taught us not to boast or trust in the arm of flesh.

One of the most difficult lessons to learn is not to trust in the flesh. We are so likely to trust either in self or in others, rather than depend upon God. Hard indeed are the experiences through which the Lord at times leads us in order to teach us that we must trust in Him alone. In the end, however, these times of chastening prove to be but the wounds of a Friend.

As we look over the past year we are impressed with the indisputable evidence of the abundant blessing of the Lord. Reluctantly have we seen both property and personal rights torn from us. Today the Lord has overruled to His glory and praise, and to our blessing and good. The replacement has more than compensated for the loss.

A study of the experiences of God's people through their experience of centuries confirms the above observation. We dare not trust in the arm of flesh. When Noah, so marvelously rescued from the waters of the deluge, neglected his intimate dependence upon the Lord, he became a victim of drunkenness. When Lot, so graciously delivered from the jaws of death at Sodom, forgot of the Lord, he leaned upon his own understanding, becoming a victim of both drunkenness and incest. Abraham, counselling within himself instead of with God, left the place of blessing and added to the sin of disobedience the sin of lying. Israel, in spite of the blessing of God for centuries, forsook the arm of the Lord for the arm of flesh and plunged to her distruction amid the yawning jaws of Assyria and Babylonia. It was in anticipation of the conquest of Nebuchadnezzar and for the purpose of giving much needed counsel to Judah that the Lord through Jeremiah utterred these solemn words: "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh the flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord" (Jer. 17:5). While spoken directly to Judah, its solemn counsel is vitally applicable to us today. 1939 should have taught us not to trust in the arm of flesh, for it is accompanied by a curse.

II. 1939 should have taught us that the separated life is a prerequisite to divine blessing.

Rejoicing over the marvelous bestowal of divine blessing upon us as evidences in the magnificent offering for home missions given by many of our churches this past fall and winter, a very dear friend of ours remarked in a letter to us recently: "It just goes to show that a pure church is a powerful church." This observation is in harmony with the content of God's Word. Throughout its pages God insists upon moral, social, and doctrinal purity as a prerequisite to the bestowal of His blessings.

Certainly the past few years have witnessed a sifting and separating process within The Brethren Church. To be sure the process was vigorously resisted, but God moved irrestistably forward, and today the cleavage appears clear-cut and decisive. Two groups stand within the confines of the church: one dedicated, among other things, to the separated life; the other, to say the least, apparently uncommitted to this proposition.

What has been the result? God has opened the windows of heaven and poured out such a blessing upon us that we have been unable adequately to receive it. More opportunities for Brethren Churches to be established where none now exist present themselves than the Home Mission Council can adequately care for. Fine, consecrated Christian souls from without are seeking a Christian home within our local churches. Young men are responding to the challenge of the Christian ministry. Six are in the preliminary stages of preparation for that profession from Ellet alone. Two or three others are seriously considering the call. God is moving in mysterious ways His wonders to perform, but He **is moving;** and if the Lord tarries in His coming, a glorious future for His people awaits us, **if we live separated and consecrated lives, trusting,** not in the arm of flesh, but in the arm of the Lord. A stirring demand is presented

in view of this promising background—gifts in the form of large offerings for the promotion of church expansion; but when a people is dedicated to the Lord, its offerings are liberal. We have no fear for the future.

III. 1939 should have taught us that, though a child of God may lose many battles, he never loses the war.

We do not claim originality for this observation. Somewhere in our reading it appeared and has never faded from our mind. It has been a source of genuine encouragement to us when temporary defeat stood in our way. The child of God may lose many battles, but he never loses the war.

In the conflict within the denomination; in the conflict within the loyal church; in the conflict with external forces; in the conflict with internal foes, you and I may lose, and indeed have lost many battles. But by the grace of God and His irresistable power, **we shall win the war.** Amid the darkest hours God works out His every plan and purpose. Persecution purifies; controversy educates; opposition stimulates; conflict quickens.

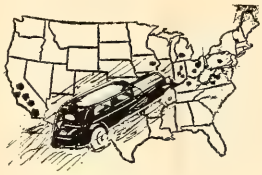
It was the persecution of the period of the early Christian martyrs that purified the church and made her powerful. Those immortal martyrs lost many battles but they did not lose the war. Listen to the words of our Lord as He spoke to those heroes of the faith. Said He: "Be thou faithful unto death (and they were) and I will give thee a crown of life." Even in death and apparent defeat they won the war. Personally they won the crown of life. For the church they won countless numbers of converts, for "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church."

It was the controversy between Arius and Athanasius of the fourth century, together with their colleagues, that clarified the issue surrounding the deity of Jesus Christ, and educated the church in that vital problem. In that controversy Athanasius and his followers lost several battles, but they won the war.

It was the terrific opposition of Romanism that stimulated the Reformers to search the Scriptures, translate them into the language of the common people, and set the world on fire with their doctrine and labors. In that period the Reformers lost many a battle, but they won the war, thank God!

It was the conflict between dead, barren orthodoxy and the missionary zeal of Wm. Carey, Robert Morrison, Adoniram Judson and others of the 18th and 19th centuries that sent the arm of Christian missions into every continent and isle of the sea. Conflict does quicken God's people, and stimulate them to unprecedented activity. Carey, Morrison, and Judson lost many battles in the fray, but they won the war; and their names have become immortal in the annals of both earth and heaven.

In the year of our Lord 1939, we have lost some battles. None can dispute that fact. But, thank God, when the records are complete and we stand before our omniscient Judge, we shall have won the war.



ACROSS THE NATION

with our secretary

Another Revival at Covington, Virginia

For the third time, we have been privileged to assist in an evangelistic campaign in Covington, Va. There is no doubt that each meeting has increased in power and in results. Greater attendance and increased numbers of souls being saved has characterized each succeeding meeting. It has been a great privilege to have had a part in this wonderful work. We found things in fine shape and all was ready for the campaign. The blessing of the Lord was apparent upon our meeting from the start. Originally we had planned a campaign of two weeks. During the latter part of the second week it was felt that it would be a mistake to close the meeting and cut off the working of God's Spirit so quickly. Therefore, we continued for the third week. The decision was certainly a wise one, judging from the results. One of the developments of this meeting was the demand for special morning services. These morning meetings were greatly blessed of the Lord and more than a score made decisions at these services.

There were delegations from Roanoke, Va., Buena Vista, Va., and Hollins, Va. We greatly rejoiced in the fine spirit of fellowship with these Brethren. During the meeting we spoke in the new Covington High School. We can honestly say that we had never found more reverence and respect than from these High School boys and girls.

One morning during these meetings we had the pleasure of a visit from one of the leading men of our Roanoke church, who has felt a definite call to the ministry. His present plans are to enter Grace Seminary this fall. Many of us have been much concerned about the lack of preachers to care for the increasing fields that are coming to us. However, it is evident that our God will take care of the needs from that angle.

Bernard Schneider, the pastor, has done a great work in Covington. It was not quite five years ago that he answered the call to this field. No one except those who saw the small beginning could possibly appreciate the tremendous growth that has followed. The church itself is really four years old. Now there is a Sunday School of 225 and a congregation of about the same number, not including those who came during this last campaign. It will likely be very near to the 300 mark from now on.

The congregation has been growing spiritually, and this is manifest in every way. Souls are being saved right along throughout the year. It is the transformed lives of men and women that puts the appeal

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schneider and Lucy

back of the gospel which the pastor preaches. Drinking men made sober, gamblers made honest, men who previously cursed have now become pure of speech, men who were slaves to tobacco are now free from it. It is a testimony that the entire city respects. The church is known to the whole community.

There is undoubtedly a great future for the Covington church. There was a time when we thought that it had reached its limit. We have changed our minds. There seems to be an endless stream of prospects being drawn to the Lord there. The community itself is not more than half developed, and there seems to be no limit to the possibilties. The Sunday School now crowds its quarters and they must have more room very soon. Their debt is almost paid and it will be completely cancelled in a couple of months. The hearts of the people are full of confidence and they are ready to expand. This congregation has now been entirely independent from home mission aid for over a year. They gave $400.00 to home missions this last year.

The hospitality of these Covington people is superb. Our home was with Brother and Sister Schneider and we certainly enjoyed the Spirit of Christ there. All of our days were happy ones and we greatly rejoice in the fellowship in service with them.

Winchester, Virginia

On our way from Covington we stopped at Winchester, Va., to look over the new parsonage being built there. It is now nearly completed and it is surely a beautiful home. The congregation is to be commended for their fine spirit of progress and foresight. The work of this congregation is growing and there are greater prospects now than ever before. The Southeastern Brethren Bible Conference will meet in Winchester during the last week of July. It promises to be the greatest gathering to date in that section.

Hagerstown, Maryland

From Winchester, we drove on to Hagerstown where we closed the deal for the purchase of four very fine lots for our new work in that city. Brother William Clough of Uniontown, Pa. had just closed a very fine revival in this little church and the Lord manifested His favor in every way. Brother Clough is greatly enthused over this work and believes that there is a great future for The Brethren Church in this field. Brother Ralph Rambo will take this field for the summer but will return to Grace Seminary when school opens in the fall. A permanent man will be placed in that field at this time.

Vinco, Pa.

Leaving Hagerstown, we drove on to Waynesboro and had lunch in the home of Brother and Sister Robert Crees. We had a very profitable time of discussion of the affairs of the district. After a little time of rest we drove on that afternoon to Conemaugh, Pa., for supper. After a brief conference with William Schaffer, Archie Lynn and Ord Gehman we got a bit of sleep that night. Before we left that section we drove out to see the new building site that the Vinco congregation plans to purchase. They hope to get their structure completed before winter comes. The new work is growing, even under adverse circumstances. They have to meet in an old dance hall that has been fitted for religious meetings. The community is extremely sympathetic because of circumstances which have developed during recent months. Their Sunday School is growing, and they have a very fine outlook.

Flora, Indiana

This new congregation has now been definitely accepted by the Home Missions Council. Lots have been purchased for a new church site and plans are under consideration now for the new building. The attendance at their services is growing continuously and God's favor is upon it. One thing is certain, these people mean business for God. They are destined to bear a great testimony to that community.

Cleveland, Ohio

We had not had an opportunity to look this work over for quite a while. The new location looks better to us now than ever. The congregation is very happy in their new accommodations and the work is growing right along. Souls are being saved and the Sunday School is increasing. The service at which we were present gave prominence to one young lady who that day had brought six to Sunday School with her. That spirit is increasing among that people. They are now preparing for a real campaign of soul winning, on the 12th of May with Brother Bernard Schneider of Covington, Va., leading them. Please pray for these meetings.

AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

e singing of saws—the cracks of hammers—the ping of tools—the sliding of materials—mingled the laughs of men—and then add to this the ing" for the superintendent to give further in-tions—thus we can best describe what you would heard had you dropped in on The Third Breth-Church of Los Angeles, during the recent remodel-campaign, under the direction of Brother George baum.

means of all this activity, the barren, unsightly, sed studding of our auditorium has been con-d and the walls finished. Plyboard was used from floor up about four feet, and from there on to ceiling we used Celotex. The windows and doors all been completely cased, and all the woodwork been painted in ivory. A baptistry has been in-ed, and since completion, 10 have been taken into baptismal waters. The baptistry has been built tly in back of the pulpit. An old red brick fire-e, which one time graced or disgraced the inter-f this converted beer parlor, has been modernized tiled on the face, which is an asset to the general arance of our auditorium.

ying our tools aside, we went on the outside of building to pursue another line of endeavor. Fol-ng a team of mules, we raked and dragged, drag-and raked, and then we could all but drag our-s. Yes, we planted a lawn around the church. added much to the exterior of our building. At ent we are working on a Neon Bulletin Board h will be placed in front of the church to adver-our services. Such a sign will be an advantage to work for we are located on the great six lane way between San Francisco, Los Angeles and San o.

Jan. 29, we had a capacity crowd of 225 to hear Eureka Jubilee Singers.

ring the week of Mar. 25-31, we had the privilege aving the Biola Trumpeters with us from the Institute of Los Angeles. Our hearts were stirred with their music and testimonies to the praise of the Lord Jesus Christ.

On Mar. 31, we held an "open house" service, and delegates from most of the neighboring Brethren churches were present. Dr. V. C. Kelford was the speaker of the afternoon. In spite of unsettled weather there were over 200 present for the service, and to see our recently finished auditorium.

Just three months from the date that we first arrived on the field, Dr. Kelford began a one week Bible conference. The conference is now in session, and we are being literally "fed" on the deeper truths of God's blessed Word. How marvelous is the matchless grace of God! This is all that fills the heart and mind as Dr. Kelford speaks. Dr. Kelford closes his meetings next Sunday, Apr. 14, after which he is returning to his home in Waterloo, Iowa.

The Lord is blessing our work, and we are especially praising the Lord for the many visitors and strangers who show much interest in our work. Each Lord's day brings new faces into our midst. The names of these are secured so they might be contacted through the "Two and Three Groups" and pastoral visitation.

Averages for the last three months since our having arrived on the field reveals that the average Sunday School attendance has been 118; the average for the morning service is 56; and the evening service, 42. The Lord is blessing in our transportation work in the Sunday School; in fact, we do not work as hard as we might on this because of lack of Sunday School rooms.

Once each month we hold a service at the Los Angeles Mission. At our last meeting two men accepted Christ and several others came forward for prayer. Several of our men are engaged in jail work.

The Lord has richly blessed our new work by bringing into our midst men and women who are fully persuaded that the only life that can count for our Lord is life which has been completely dedicated to Him. As a result of this conviction in the hearts of our people, they are busy working to win the lost to Christ. Realizing that the Lord is the only One Who can bring the victory, we are going forward by His grace, praying that we might ever be faithful in making clear and simple the message of salvation to the lost.

ARNOLD R. KRIEGBAUM, *pastor.*

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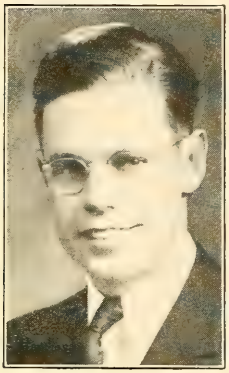
Third Brethren Church Building at Los Angeles



A CONFERENCE WITH GOD

By Don F. Carter
La Verne, Calif.

Isaiah 1:18. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

"I'll have nothing to do with your God! He is a hateful, unjust, jealous monster who delights in threats of torment upon helpless fearful men." These words were bitterly spoken by a man rejecting the offer of the glorious gospel of our Lord. Thus speaking, the man angrily stalked from the room. Strange it is that this man is an example of thousands of poor lost sinners who consider God to be a vindictive beast, delighting in an unreasoning torture of helpless men. Forgotten is the truth of the magnificent justice of God. Forgotten is the truth that man is in his sinful lost condition purely because of his own blind refusal to receive the freely offered mercies of God. Forgotten is the truth that "by one man's disobedience many were made sinners." Forgotten is the truth that the same unchangeable God is still pleading with men to repent and be saved. Despite all rebellious caviling of sinners, love is still the watchword in God's dealing with men. God, through the centuries, has been calling for **a conference with men:** "Come now, and let us reason together." He desires to meet and deal with men to consider their pitiful condition of sinfulness and plan a way of escape. But, oh, how few have been the replies to that invitation! The urgent call has fallen upon deaf ears. The conference is poorly attended. The "come now" of God draws few men into the halls of divine justice for they are too busily occupied waiting their turns in the antechambers of the "god of this world."

We witness the sad picture of an Almighty God vainly waiting with outstretched arms while heedless men, the flower of His creation, flock into the courts of the "god of this world" who "hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

I. The Invitation to the Conference.

In the midst of this sin-stricken world the voice of God speaks: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." These words were spoken by God, Whose heart was grieved, to His own people who had apostasized and drifted far from Him. In the day of Isaiah this message was addressed to "a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters" a people whose "whole head is sick," a people who "from the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment," a people of whom God says, "your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate as overthrown by strangers." These sad conditions brought the invitation of God for a broken, heartsick people to come back into His loving presence.

In like manner, this text has become in these days of grace a standing invitation of God to an entire world which, like Israel, has become debauched with the ravages of that greatest of all enemies and invaders, sin.

The Invitation Is to All Men: "Come."

God stands today with outstretched arms pleading with men to come to Him. He can never apply His saving work until men come. Oh, the sadness and tragedy that men will not heed the invitation but persist in their own self will. The open arms of God are a symbol, today a symbol of grace: "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." The day will come when these same arms will be a symbol of judgment, barring the way into God's presence. The words then shall be: "Depart from me for I never knew you."

The Invitation Is Imperative: "Now"

"Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." The call is urgent. Come before it is too late! Many are they who have rejected the call of the Spirit and before that call was given again had gone to a Christless grave. Unsaved man, before you lay your body in repose this night, accept God's invitation. Come to Him now!

The Invitation is for Mutual Discussion: "Let Us Reason Together"

Here we have a great thing, wonder of wonders, the Almighty God reasoning with men! Man is the crowning glory of God's creation, a creature of will, volition, and reasoning power. God thus desires that man come to Him for mutual discussion of the great problem of eternal life.

The great difficulty with the unsaved man is that he is an unreasoning sinner. He refuses to include God in his considerations. Unsaved man, will you accept God's invitation to reason with Him? Will you reason with Him about Himself? about yourself? about His purpose in the world? about sin? about your own personal relationship with Him? about the sin offering that has been provided? about heaven? about hell? No man who has thus reasoned with God will come forth from that conference chamber a lost man. To reason is to be saved. Come now, meet God honestly, sincerely, and be ready to reason with Him

regarding the greatest fact in history, salvation. Will you listen to the pleading voice of the Holy Spirit as He deals in your heart asking you to be saved? Will you give God an opportunity to reason in your heart regarding divine truths that are yours to know?

II. The Condition of the Conference.
"Though your sins be as scarlet."

God has one condition that stands as the basis of beginning of fellowship with Him, confession of sin. God's great edict to the world is: "All have sinned." He calls men to come to Him and reason together regarding the sin question. He faces men with the stark fact that they are sinners and has as His primary demand a frank and open confession of sin. This is the door to salvation. My friend will you face the facts? Will you make that one most difficult confession, "I have sinned?" God's eternal unchangeable Word says you are a sinner. The world points a finger and labels you a sinner. The very deeds of your life rise up in accusation to call you a sinner. Your own conscience renders the verdict: You are a sinner. Your heart betrays you and confesses that you are a sinner. Heaven and earth proclaim it: you are a sinner. Not very pleasing is this indictment to the proud worldling, yet it is true as God's Word is true. God, whose omniscient probing finger discerns the innermost secrets of your heart, has thundered forth the accusation: you are a sinner! "There is none righteous, no not one." All men, good and bad alike, fall under the same category and we witness this great truth of Scripture that forever silences the voices of objectors: "all the world—guilty before God."

God can only reason, can only promise, can only save as men recognize that they are sinners and confess that sin to Him. Will you now, my friend, face the facts, break down that stubborn will, and reason with God on the grounds of His almighty condition? God desires "a broken and contrite spirit." Christ came to bring, not the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Will you now admit the fact honestly and sincerely: **Lord, my sins are as scarlet,** I am a helpless sinner and need thy salvation!

III. The Blessings of the Conference.

God is more willing to forgive than you are to be forgiven. In His great love He has provided a wonderful salvation. Those sins which were many and which burdened your soul may be forgiven. If the guilty sinner will recognize his bondage to sin and plead forgiveness at the hand of the Almighty God there shall be a way of escape. See that way of escape in the words of this old gospel song:

If you from sin are longing to be free,
Look to the Lamb of God.
He to redeem you died on Calvary's tree,
Look to the Lamb of God.

Yes, my friend, there is a sacrifice for sin. May your burdened, weary, darkened eyes look up and truly "behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Jesus, the only begotten Son of God was offered on the cross to bear your sins that you need never have to bear them yourself. See what God's Word says: "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree." Through accepting His sacrifice you may be freed once for all from the guilt and penalty of sin to become a beloved child of God.

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh, the wonderful work of regeneration that will be yours through a simple childlike trust in Him. In the words of Spurgeon written many years ago there is a fourfold work accomplished in the life of the man who accepts the Christ of the cross:

1. He will remove forever the guilt of sin—free forgiveness.

2. He will discharge the penalty of sin—full atonement.

3. He will destroy the dominion of sin—regeneration.

4. He will prevent the return of sin—constant sanctification.

What a wonderful privilege it is to enter the council chamber and reason with God. Come now, ye who are burdened with the weight of sin, enter these blessed portals. Catch a glimpse of the one altogether lovely who is your seeking Savior. Crown Him King of your life and enter the joy of a redeemed blood-bought saint of God. Then shall you be able to join that redeemed throng in these words: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be. But we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is."

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A little opportunity is a **big** chance to do your best.

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What man can look at his child without wishing that he was all his child thinks him to be?

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Life is a struggle but not a warfare: it is a days labor, but labor on God's earth, under the sun and stars with other laborers, where we may think and sing and rejoice as we work.—John Burroughs.

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THIS MONTH'S HOME MISSION STORY

by Mrs. Earl Virts

You have already heard that so many new home mission churches need your help that a special offering will have to be taken in July. Of course, you have been saving all the pennies, nickles, dimes and quarters possible to help make the offering large. You will be glad to learn that God is blessing your past gifts in such a wonderful way. Aren't you glad you can help boys and girls like Reta find Christ?—Ed.

Reta Loutzenhiser, a member of the Junior Department of the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, has really been separating her life for Christ during the last few weeks.

Reta definitely gave her heart to the Lord during a recent evangelistic service conducted by Rev. Bob Monroe. A few nights later the Sunday School class of which she was a member planned to attend the services in a body.

Reta had a previous engagement. She had been chosen the best speller in her school. On that night she was to appear at the radio station with contestants from every other school in the city to determine the champion speller of the city. Did Reta go? No, she had given her heart to the Lord and she thought it more important that she serve her Lord by being with her class at the service. The honor of being a contestant for the champion speller had dimmed in importance.

Reta was also a soul winner. Now that she knew the joy of belonging to Jesus she wanted her mother to become a Christian also. For two weeks she and her mother prayed and talked. Now that Reta had taken the step, she was very desirous that her mother should find the same peace and joy.

After much praying, on the last day of the campaign Reta's mother walked down the aisle and gave her heart to Jesus. Reta's joy knew no bounds. Her prayers had been answered, and she and her mother were walking the Christian pathway together.

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What Other Boys and Girls are Doing

A few years ago when there was need for a church in one of the mountain villages of Korea, the children responded to the appeal and in less than eight months the much-needed church was built.

Since that time they have sent money for twelve other churches. God has wonderfully blessed the boys and girls as they have prayed and given.

Are you praying with us for the new home mission churches? Are you giving all you can that other boys and girls may know Jesus too?

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How Thankful We Should Be!

Did you ever wake up tired on Sunday morning and wish you didn't have to go to Sunday School? Perhaps you never have stopped to think what it would mean if you **could not** go. The following letter was written by an unsaved girl to a Christian friend who had invited her to Sunday School. Don't you think you should get on your knees right now and thank God that you **can** go to church to worship Him?

Dear Friend:

You sent me a little invitation. I would and do like to go to Sunday School. I realize now how you felt when you were sick and couldn't go. I thought you were a funny girl when you told me, but now I realize how you felt. Just one little week ago I wanted to go very bad. I did as much as get up at 5:15, but I had to stay at home.

For a while we went to a Norwegian church two times a month. The services were in Norwegian and I couldn't understand a bit, only a few words. My parents are Swedish, you see. Sunday School was in English of course as we were only a few little boys and girls. But we stopped after a while.

Sometimes we have services in a school near here. I usually went. You see, we haven't had any lately, in fact for several years.

We used to go to church on Easter. I have never been on Christmas.

You understand now all about my religion. A week ago Sunday I cried all day because I was so disappointed. I wish I could get my father to go to church, but he seems to think it bores him. I suppose it isn't right for me to say what I have said, but I can't help it. When father read your little message he didn't say anything.

You are one of my best friends. I wish I could say as Elsie in the book, "Elsie Dinsmore," says, "I love Jesus best, then you."

From one who wishes she could do right.

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HE CAN HEAR

by Rawley Lemley

Jesus listens to your prayer;
He can hear, no matter where.
Even if your voice is weak,
He can hear each word you speak.

When you bow your little head,
He will hear what you have said.
If it's but a whisper small,
He will listen for your call.

If you pray a silent prayer,
It goes winging through the air.
Every child to him is dear;
Every wish of yours he'll hear.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DEPARTMENT

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR JUNE 2, 1940

Buddhism

(Ps. 39:1-7; 40:1-3)

Suggestions for the Leader

Try to read some article on Buddhism. It can be found in the library. Make notes on the rise and spread of the religion.

Buddhism was the first religion in the world to become international. It has nearly 300,000,000 followers. Some figures show that they have less. The founder set out to save himself from a world which was thoroughly infested with misery. Though he discouraged any dependence upon any kind of divine being, his followers made an idol out of him.

Buddha taught a system of ethics and good works. There were five things regarded as prohibitions: do not kill, do not steal, do not commit adultery, do not lie, do not drink intoxicants.

We do not combat false religions because they have good ethics but because they refuse to honor Christ as God. A comparative religion which says we ought to save the best of all religions will bring trouble, since there can be no agreement over the Lord Jesus Christ.

In this day some discredit foreign missions as unnecessary. Yet we need to stand for our conviction that if salvation is to come to foreign lands it must come through Christ.

1. Teaching vs. Practice.

Buddhism had its origin in a man and his teachings. He taught that one should renounce the pleasures of this life. He surmised that self-denial would bring merit to a person to the extent that he would be one with the infinite. His followers believe in reincarnation or that Buddha was here before in other animal forms. They do pray for things like healing and prosperity and only pretend to renounce the world. The system has not been helpful to the average man or woman.

2. Buddhism and Christianity.

All religions are either evolved (man made) or revealed (given from heaven). Only Christianity is revealed from heaven. Some false religions fight Christianity by opposing it. Buddhism simply adopts the methods of Christianity but exalts Buddha instead of Christ. Buddhists put on great demonstrations to win the people to themselves. We must regard Buddhism as a false religion of the Orient which never can deal with man's need for salvation.

3. Buddhism and Nationalism.

Buddhism is a religion closely related to the national life of several countries. The Far East has frequently fought against Western civilization as well as Christianity. This means that they defend Buddhism as they defend their own nationalism. Christianity is as much for the Orientals as for any people since it is universal. Our solution of the problem is to preach the gospel without tying it to the affairs of the nation. Preaching must go on in the Orient as it has in England or our own country.

4. Buddhism and Christ.

The followers of Buddha have defended his teaching and claimed that he had a supernatural birth. The doctrine cannot be supported like our Lord's virgin birth (Lk. 1:35). Buddha claimed that he lived before in other forms; but that this would be the last. We do know that Jesus did have preexistence (Jn. 1: 1,14). Buddha never worked miracles like Jesus did (Acts 2:22). He fails to deal with sin satisfactorily. On the other hand Christ came to bring salvation.

Additional Scripture

Read and give a summary of all the material in Romans 1, 2, 3.

Questions

1. In what respect is Christianity a universal religion?
2. What are the chief differences between Christianity and all false religions?
3. Has the connection between nationalism and many Oriental religions helped promote the system?
4. Why is it that only Christianity can satisfy and deal with sin?

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JUNIOR-INTERMEDIATE C. E. TOPIC

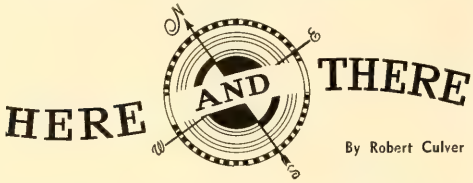
For May 26, 1940

The Miracles of Jesus—Power Over Nature

Information for the Leader: A miracle is something produced by supernatural or divine agency. The New Testament used three terms to denote miracles—namely, signs, wonders, and power or mighty works. The recorded miracles of Jesus are only a small part of all those He actually performed. He performed these miracles, not only to help everyone, but to show His power and glory to all men. As Christ was God, we might say that God used these unusual ways of revealing His personality, or Himself, too. When we read **Mark** 6:55-56 we suppose that Jesus spent many such days, healing the sick and casting out many devils.

Topics: Those who take the following topics should read them carefully, and tell them to the group, giving especially the part of nature over which Christ used His power.

1. Water turned into wine. (John 2:1-12.)



By Robert Culver

Brethren A. D. Cashman and R. D. Barnard are leading in a new and very interesting Bible class at Middleton, Ohio. The class, organized about six weeks ago, meets every Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. building. The lowest attendance has been 16 and the highest, 32. No Brethren people from the community have attended but a large number of Bible lovers of the city attend regularly. It is requested that any Herald readers who have friends in Middleton please send their names to the leaders of the class and a letter to the friends telling them of the class. Bro. Barnard is teaching from the Book of Romans, and Bro. Cashman is teaching in the field of Bible Prophecy. Pray for this work, that it may he helpful in this field where there is certainly not an oversupply of sane Scriptural teaching.

Sunday, April 21, ten car loads of people from our new church at Fremont, O., drove 60 miles to the West Tenth Street Church of Ashland, O., for a baptismal service. The Fremont church has no baptistry, so that day their pastor, Phillip J. Simmons led 21 into the waters of baptism. The Fremont church has a well-organized and well-equipped Sunday School. Since its beginning five months ago the Sunday school has grown to the place they now have an average attendance of 80, with a record of 102 for Easter Sunday. After May 10, Brother Simmons(a student at Grace Theological Seminary, will be giving the work his full time till school begins next fall.

Vinco, Pa. "Things are moving along splendidly here. We have reached the 117 mark in Sunday School. Rejoice with us in a conversion in our morning service."—Pastor Ord Gehman.

Garwin, Ia. Sunday, April 28, 1940: "We had a blessed communion service today. The presence of the Spirit was greatly manifested. The attendance was very good in spite of rain before the service. There were 28 young people present from the age of 8-17."—H. S. Parks, pastor.

The First Brethren Church of Tracy, Calif., has has been in the process of a series of meetings with Dr. J. C. Beal, April 28-May 12.

Increased Membership and Communion Attendance at the First Brethren Church of Long Beach has so overtaxed the facilities of the equipment that at the last two communion services the church has had to serve half the congregation at a time. All those whose surnames begin with the letters from A to K meet on one night and those from L to Z the next night. A well-known speaker said some time ago that nobody but a few old-fashioned and ignorant hill-billies conduct the three-fold communion service any more. Evidently his statement was a little too broad.

At the First Brethren Church of Ellet, O.:—last week there were 46 at prayer meeting; pastor R. E. Gingrich spoke at the Stark County C. E. Convention, May 5; men of the church have been doing volunteer work on the church property.

The last Quarterly Report of the pastor, (Elias D. White) of the First Brethren Church of South Gate, Calif., bore the following information: "Rededications of life, 15; confessions of Christ 12; additions by letter 2; additions by baptism 8; lost by letter 2."

The following Brethren Pastors were scheduled to appear on the program of the Los Angeles County C. E. Convention May 3-5: W. A. Ogden, Albert Flory, and Charles H. Ashman.

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2. Draught of fishes. (Luke 5:1-11.)
3. Storm stilled. (Matthew 8:23-27.)
4. Five thousand fed. (Matthew 14:13-21.)
5. Walking on the waters. (Mark 6:45-52.)
6. Money in the mouth of the fish. (Matthew 17:24-27.)
7. Four thousand fed. (Mark 8:1-9.
8. Fig tree blasted. (Matthew 21:18-22.)
9. Second draught of fishes. (John 21:6-11.)

Conclusion: Can you find:
Miracle number 3 in Matthew, Mark, and Luke?
Miracle number 4 in all the Gospels?
Miracle number 5 in Matthew, Mark and John?

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JUNIOR C. E. TOPIC FOR JUNE 2, 1940

Over Disease:
Nobleman's Son. (John 4:46-54.)
Healing of Peter's Mother-in-law. (Matthew 8:14-18.)
Leper Healed. (Matthew 8:1-4.)
Paralytic Healed. (Mark 2:1-12.)
Man with Withered Hand. (Matthew 12:9-14.)
Impotent Man at Bethesda. (John 5:1-27.)
Centurion's Servant. (Matthew 8:5-13.)
Issue of Blood. (Matthew 9:18-22.)
Deaf and Dumb Man Cured. (Mark 7:31-37.)
Woman with Spirit of Infirmity. (Luke 13:10-17.)
Dropsy Cured. (Luke 14:1-6.)
Healing of Ten Lepers. (Luke 17:11-19.)
Ear of Malchus. (Luke 22:47-53.)

Over Blindness:
Two Blind Men. (Matthew 9:27-31.)
Blind Man at Bethsaida. (Mark 8:22-26.)
Man Born Blind. (John 9.)
Bartimaeus at Jericho. (Mark 10:46-52.)

Over Death:
Widow's Son at Nain. (Luke 7:11-18.)
Raising of the Daughter of Jarius. (Matthew 9:18-26.)
Lazarus at Bethany. (John 11:1-46.)

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

Limestone, Tenn.

The members of the Brethren Church of Limestone, Tenn., have been the recipients of many of our heavenly Father's choicest blessings during the past months. He has favored us with a number of spiritual treats in the nature of visiting speakers.

In October we were very happy to have with us one Saturday evening The Sunshine Gospel Trio of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. The young ladies who compose this trio demonstrated by their wonderful music and testimonies just what the Lord Jesus Christ can accomplish in the lives of young people who are willing to yield themselves wholly to Him.

Also during the fall months, we were delighted to have as our guest speakers two missionaries, namely Brother Clarence Sickel of South America and Miss Elizabeth Tyson of Africa. Having heard the excellent messages of these consecrated missionaries, we have a greater passion for the lost souls in those dark lands than ever before.

Our spiritual blessings reached a great climax when Brother R. Paul Miller came on Dec. 5 to conduct

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts to May 1st, 1940 — Brethren Home Missions Council

NOTE: All funds for general fund except those designated as follows: (Cl) Cleveland; (E) Evangelism; (Ju.P.) Juniata Pews; (Ky.Bldg) Clayhole Kentucky building; (Win) Window for Ky. Bldg.; (T) Tent.

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Florence Gribble Class (Ju.P.)	25.00
Gifts less than $5.00	39.27
Gifts less than $5.00 (Cl)	2.00
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East Central District Brethren Mission Board, Ohio. District Missions for Cleveland	36.50
1st Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind. District Missions	50.00
Magnify Men's Brotherhood of California (Tent for S. Calif.)	20.00
Berne, Indiana, W. M. C. (Ky.Bldg)	5.00
Berne, Indiana S.M.M., Jr. & Sr. (Win)	5.00
Berne, Ind. Young People's Class (Win)	5.00
Rev & Mrs. Paul Davis, Winona Lake, Ind.	2.00
1st Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. District Missions	115.25
Danville, Ohio Sunday School (Ky.Bldg)	10.00
Miss Mary Pence, Limestone, Tenn. (T)	4.67
1st Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Young People's C. E. (Ky.Bldg) (Win) & (Door)	15.00
1st Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif. Women's Bible Class (Ky.Bldg)	3.50
1st Brethren Church, Covington, Va. Men's Gospel Team (Ky.Bldg) (Win)	5.00
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National W. M. C.	25.56
The Women's Bible Fellowship Club, 1st Brethren Church, Dayton, O. (Ky.Bldg) (Win. & Door)	15.00
Women's Missionary Council, Williamsburg, Iowa (Ky.Bldg) (Pt.)	2.90
1st Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio (W.C.S.) Dorcas Ladies Bible Class	6.50
1st Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa. Florence Gribble Class (Ky.Bldg) (Win)	5.00
Young Peoples Missionary Band, Grace Brethren Chhurch, Flora, Ind. (Ky.Bldg) (Win)	5.35
Women's Missionary Council Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind. (Ky.Bldg) (Door)	10.00
W. M. C. of the 1st Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa. (Ky.Bldg) (Roofing)	2.25
1st Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio (Ky,Bldg)	100.00
Miss Laura Beth Miller, Berne, Indiana	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. J. McConahay, Honolulu, T. H. (1st Bre. Church, Long Beach, Cal.)	15.00
Altruist Class, 1st Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa. (Ky.Bldg) (Win)	5.00
Mrs. Clara Siefer, Brookville, Ohio (Ky.Bldg.)	5.00

Respectfully submitted,
R. PAUL MILLER, Sec.

our evangelistic meetings which closed on Dec. 17. I am very happy to include a report of these meetings with my general report on visiting speakers. For a number of years we had looked forward with a great deal of joy to the time when Brother Miller might serve as our evangelist. Words are inadequate to express our appreciation for the great messages he delivered while here. Only those who have heard him speak can know just what a mighty servant of the Lord he is. His passion for souls, his prayer life as well as all his other qualifications as an evangelist, can't help leaving a lasting impression upon any congregation. These surely were two delightful weeks, and since that time we have been more delighted with our wonderful Savior than ever before. We certainly trust that the Lord will be pleased to send Brother Miller back again soon.

There were more than 40 desisions for Christ. Some of these were first time decisions, the most of whom have been baptized and received into the church. Then there were a great number of reconsecrations among our young people. Also a number of fathers and mothers rededicated their lives to the Lord. We can't praise the Lord enough for the great manifestation of His grace during these two weeks.

On the evenings of March 10-11, we enjoyed Bible lectures by Brother R. I. Humberd of Martinsburg, Pa. We feel that the membership of our church was greatly strengthened as a result of his clear messages on the person and work of Christ and His second coming.

Again we praise the Lord for the spiritual bread which has been broken to us by these visiting speakers as well as the bread of life which is so faithfully broken to us from week to week by our pastor.

LELIA ARNOLD, Church Sec'y.

Second Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

On April 7 we opened a two weeks soul saving campaign. Elder Wm. H. Clough of Uniontown, Pa., was the evangelist. The meetings from the beginning were well attended and a high spiritual atmosphere maintained.

Bro. Clough fearlessly preached the Word, and the Word returned not unto Him void. All our brethren at church on Sunday, April 14, came forward and rededicated their service. Thirteen were baptized and three came by letter, making a grand total of 66 decisions. The greater number of new converts were adults and heads of new families. Our church was greatly strengthened and ready to go forward.

On June 2 the present pastor, Eld. Roy S. Long is turning the pulpit over to Eld. Ralph Rambo of Grace Seminary, who will serve us until a regular pastor can be secured. We are acquainted with Bro. and Sister Rambo, and extend unto them a warm welcome in our midst.

We have outgrown our present building. In a week or so one of our Bible School classes will meet in the home of one of our new converts. We are planning and praying that the Lord may lead us to a new house of worship. Ground has already been secured for this building. Brethren, this is a new work, and we solicit your intercession in prayer.

ELD. ROY S. LONG, pastor.

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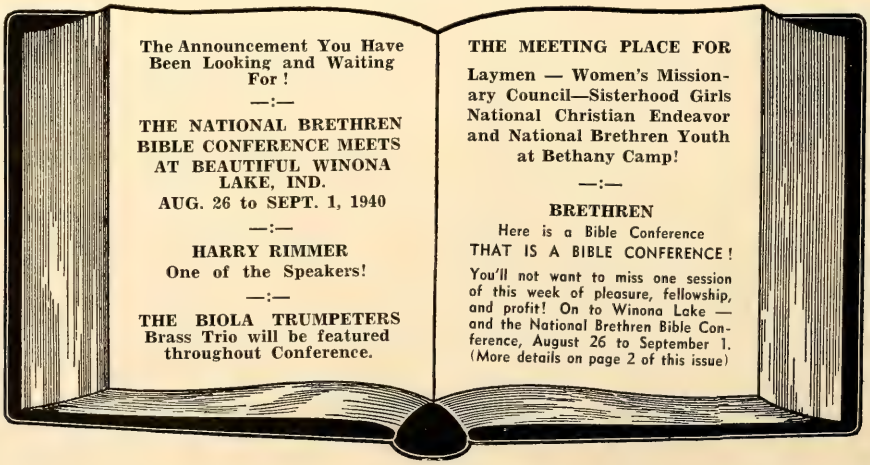
To make the most of dull hours, to make the best of dull people, to like a poor jest better than none, to wear a threadbare coat like a gentleman, to be outvoted with a smile, to hitch your wagon to the old horse if no star is handy—that is wholesome philosophy.—Bliss Perry.



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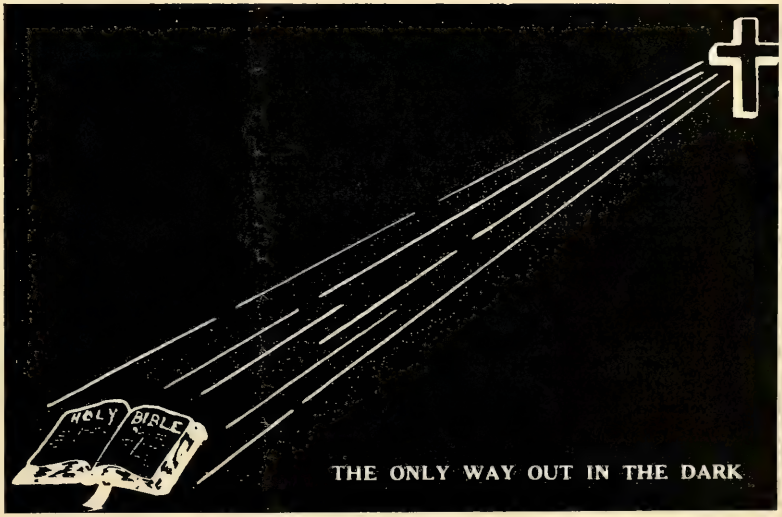

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LATEST LAWSUIT AGAINST THE BIBLE

Dr. Harry Rimmer

You can have $1,000 if you will prove that there is any scientific mistake in the Bible. This offer was made to the public last October by the Research Science Bureau, Inc. The offer still holds good. The President of the Research Science Bureau is Harry Rimmer, Sc. D., D. D., and when the offer was published as an advertisement in the New York Herald Tribune, within two days Dr. Rimmer received a personal letter setting forth certain alleged errors in the Bible. Forty-eight hours later the writer of the letter brought suit against Dr. Rimmer for the $1,000 which had not been paid.

In due time this lawsuit against the Bible was tried in court. The plaintiff was William Floyd, publisher of a magazine called the Arbitrator. He said he had furnished 51 inaccuracies to be found in the Bible, and that Dr. Rimmer had refused payment.

The major contention of the plaintiff was that, according to the Bible God sent too many quail for the people of Israel to handle, and that the record in Num. 11 was a scientific fallacy.

Still another contention of the plaintiff was that, in one account in Genesis, Noah was directed of God to bring into the ark two of every sort of animals, and in another place was told to take seven.

After several weeks of legal skirmishing, the case came to trial. James Bennet of New York, the eminent lawyer who, like William Jennings Bryan, is a staunch Fundamentalist, defended Dr. Rimmer and the Research Bureau and the Bible in this now famous suit. The court proceedings were interesting! Some humorous incidents occurred during the trial, as when the judge told the vice-president of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism not to let his ego run away with him! Mr. Bennet's wit is inimitable, as his friends well know, and his brilliant intellect and life-time study of the Bible came effectively into play.

On Feb. 16, 1940, the Municipal Court Justice before whom the case was tried dismissed the suit on the ground that a prima facie case had not been established. This result was a complete victory for the defendants, and, as Dr. Rimmer puts it, "The Bible emerged from this unique trial with shining glory undimmed by the venomous attacks of unbelief."

Dr. Rimmer is well known for his brilliant lectures and writings in the field of science and the Bible, in which he has massed convincing scientific material showing beyond denial the truthfulness of the entire Bible as the inspired and inerrant Word of God. The story of the lawsuit is unique as a narrative of present-day attack against God and the divine vindication of the Scriptures.

Dr. Rimmer Will Speak At Brethren Bible Conference

Dr. Rimmer will be one of the speakers on The National Brethren Bible Conference program, Winona Lake, Ind., Aug. 26 to Sept. 1. You will not want to miss hearing this defender of the Faith.

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The years of depression have revealed that the church is the most secure of all institutions. 1 out of every 6 banks failed, 1 out of every 22 business ventures, 1 out of every 47 hospitals failed, but only 1 out of every 2234 churches closed it's doors. There's a reason! Jesus Christ "loved the church, and gave Himself for it" (Eph. 5:25).

America Vs. Russia

In Russia they destroy churches by force. In America we do it more effectively—by indifference. More churches in proportion have been closed in our rural districts than in Russia. Seventy millions of our people in America have no church connections. Only one child in four receives any Christian training. Is it not time professing Christians wake up to a sense of their responsibility?—N. L. B.

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Some people visit Christ; some abide in him. Are you just visiting today, or do you abide every day? It is a sad man, indeed, who has no abiding place!

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The above directory is for the information of our new Councils in articular. For your membership cards and sample constitution rite to Mrs. Kent; for missionary literature to Mrs. Monroe. end your president's name and address to Mrs. Kidder for devo- ional topics. All Council funds are to be forwarded to Mrs. Koontz.

OBJECTIVES SUGGESTED OR THE YEAR 1939-1940

. Regular monthly devotional meetings.
. Missionary prayer circle.
. Bible reading—entire New Testament, or a chapter a day of your own selection.
. Missionary project—Support of Bouca Station, with dime calendars turned in not later than Feb. 25.
. Special offering lifted in January and July (for administrative purposes).
. Thank offering received at National Conference for Home Missions Council.
. Public service held and offering lifted for Grace Seminary not later than May 1st.
. Mission Study Class using "Biographies of Brethren Missionaries"—Study 11.

he Value of the Commonplace

How prone we are to undervalue that which is or- inary in our lives! The unusual experience stands ut in our memory, and we attach great value to it; nd many times rightfully so. But there are two real angers to us in our outstanding experiences, against hich we should carefully guard ourselves.

Peter on the mount of transfiguration is a case in oint. First, it was all so wonderful that he wanted o stay there, ignoring whatever duties were waiting or him elsewhere. How difficult it is to go back to he humdrum and ordinary affairs of our lives after e have been given a look at the glory of our wonder- ul Savior, and have been privileged to see the work- ng out of His grace for a sin-cursed world. Things ove so slowly where we live; it is so easy to see the rdid in the familiar, and to overlook it entirely hile on the mountain top; the daily round is so onotonous; why cannot we stay and enjoy this won- erful experience forever?

Second, Peter failed to make proper use of the nowledge and inspiration gained on the mountain o help him in the events of his life which followed. ow easy for us to see where Peter failed! The writer is reminded of all this because we so recently went through a double mountain top experience and must be doubly mindful of the dangers mentioned.

We had the high privilege of spending three days at Grace Seminary, feasting the soul upon the things of the Lord and enjoying rare fellowship with the faculty and students. We returned renewed indeed in body and mind, and with the heart tuned to the Word of God; and then plunged immediately into a Bible Conference with Dr. W. L. Pettingill as the speaker. As an officer of the group in charge of the conference, we were lifted to the heights again as we drank in the truth of the Word, saw the crowds increase nightly, and finished up the business of the conference with assurance that we had at last awakened our city to a real interest in knowing the Word of God. Then—we had to settle down to routine duties once more; they awaited us with inexorable demands; how we needed to rely upon Christ as our Sufficiency to see us through those first days! It will only be His strength which will enable us to give out to others what we ourselves have received.

All of this applies in our W. M. C. work. As we attend our rallies or put on some special effort in meeting our objectives, we are indeed lifted above the world and get a view of the glory of the great commission to which our Lord has called us. Then how prone we are to be like Peter; longing to stay right there and ignore the needs around us; failing to carry the inspiration into real activity for our Lord. The daily Bible reading and prayer, the opportunities for personal witness, the attendance at our monthly meetings—these **are** humdrum and ordinary; but our abilities lie mostly in the range of the ordinary, and **there** our Lord is counting upon us. Peter was a fisherman and the Lord promised to make him a "fisher of men;" we are W. M. C. members who, if we yield ourselves unto Him, may be made "fishers of women," to draw others into fellowship with the Lord this great work which has been committed unto us as women. Let us enjoy our mountain top experiences to the full, and then descend into the valley equipped and determined to carry out faithfully the duties of the daily round as unto Him Who so loved us that He **gave Himself.**

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PROGRAM FOR JUNE

Christ Our Sufficiency for Trials

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading: 2 Cor. 4:8-18

Season of Prayer (remembering especially the trials of our missionaries at this time)

Topic: Christ Himself Suffered All Trials

Hymn

Topic: Christ Is Present With Us in Trials

Special Number

Topic: Christ's Appearing Will Turn Trial to Glory

Business Session

OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

First Pennsylvania W.M.C. Rally

The first Missionary Rally of the W. M. C. in Penna., was held in The Brethren Church at Meyersdale, Apr. 26, 1940. The meeting opened at 10:30 A. M. with a song service led by Mrs. Noon of Johnstown First Church, and Mrs. Stanley Hauser at the piano. Mrs. R. D. Crees, State President, had in charge the meeting, and after a few words of welcome turned the meeting over to the Waynesboro Council for the morning devotions. Following a duet by Mrs. Noon and Miss Nan Miller the meeting was given over to Mrs. Bertha Morrill who gave a most interesting message about the customs and work among the Kabbe tribe in Africa. Before the luncheon hour a round table discussion was presided over by Mrs. Crees, due to the absence of Mrs. Schaeffer because of illness in the family. Our future work and the problems of the W. M. C. were outlined by Mrs. Schaeffer and sent to the meeting. This discussion proved of interest to all.

An enjoyable noon hour was had, covered dish luncheon being served. The ladies of the Meyersdale and Summit Mills churches had this in charge and did all possible to make it a time of fine Christian fellowship. 160 were served, including the ministerial group present.

The afternoon service was opened with a roll call of Councils, each answering with a passage of Scripture or a word about their councils. Mrs. Nowag of Listie church took charge of the afternoon devotions, and intercessory prayer for our missionaries was held in charge of the Meyersdale W. M. C. A missionary song was sung by Mrs. Robertson of Juniata, followed by another very interesting and enlightening message of Africa by Mrs. Morill. Her messages were most inspiring and helpful and the time seemed to slip by too fast.

The closing number on the program was an evangelistic-missionary pageant, "Who Will Go?", given by the Uniontown Council.

135 women registered, with a few more present as visitors, and an offering of $17.17 was received. The following Councils were represented: Meyersdale, Summit Mills, Johnstown First, Vinco, Conemaugh, Mundy's Corner, Waynesboro, Uniontown, Listie, Martinsburg, Altoona, Kittanning, Juniata, and also visitors from Leamersville and McKee.

MRS. ERNEST PINE, Secy. Pa. W.M.C.

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Dallas Center, Iowa, Reports

We are very happy to report some of our activities since we became a Women's Missionary Council last September. Our members are enjoying reading the Missionary Herald, and we find the topics which are sent us for our regular monthly meetings very interesting and inspirational.

Since taking freewill offerings there is more money in our treasury. A number of the women have said it is much easier now to give a quarter than it used to be to give a dime.

On Fri., Mar. 29, an all-day meeting was held, combining our January meeting, which had to be postponed because of bad weather, and the Mission Study. Twenty-seven were present. Our President, Mrs. Gordon Carter, conducted the meeting in a pleasing and well-planned manner. All were much interested in the life stories of the fine group of missionaries that represent us on the foreign field. May we give them ample support by our prayers and our gifts.

A number of new members have recently been added to our Council. At present, plans are being made for our public service program some time during the month of April. By the close of the year we hope to have completed all the objectives suggested for this year.

We pledge our hearty co-operation and support to our national officers and pray that we may accomplish more in our Master's service this year than ever before.

MRS. J. O. GRING, Cor. Secy

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Canton, Ohio, is Heard From

The Women's Missionary Council of Canton Brethren Church gave their first public service since becoming a Council on Sun., Apr. 21. It was held during the regular Sunday morning worship period. We had as guest speaker for the occasion, Prof. Herman Hoyt of Grace Theological Seminary. He spoke on the subject, "Can a Man Repent Twice unto Salvation?" using as text Heb. 6:1-9. Needless to say he brought us a marvelous message and study from God's Word in a manner such as only he who understands both the Hebrew and Greek could bring. The young people filled the choir and added greatly to the service. A beautiful message in song was brought by our pastor's wife, Mrs. E. B. Niswonger. Mrs. A. Y. Robinson, President of the Council, led in prayer. A large number were present and all greatly enjoyed the service. An offering for Grace Theological Seminary was lifted, which amounted to $30.50. This fine offering was greatly appreciated and we feel sure was well pleasing to our Lord. It was the first offering to be taken for Grace and I personally might add this is my first attempt at writing a report to be printed.

Just an added word about our Council. We have been having splendid monthly meetings, all well attended and there has been a great interest shown and a real desire on the part of all the members really to go forward in the Lord's work and to do those things that are pleasing in His sight and that will bring honor and glory to His holy name.

In His service,

MRS. J. A. DuBAR, Asst. Secy.

FROM OUR MISSIONARIES ON BOTH FIELDS

SOUTH AMERICA

Mrs. Loree Sickel

A DAY WITH THE BIBLE COACH COLPORTER

The people with whom the colporter comes in contact include people of various walks of life, ranging all the way from the humble peon, who tills the soil or herds the cattle on the Argentine plains, to professional and business men. Not a home remains untouched by the work of the Colporter when the Bible Coach leaves the town. Great as is the desire of the missionary, through the pages of the magazine and deputation work, to make the home friends acquainted with the people with whom we labor, he can hope to convey at best a meagre knowledge of those we have grown to love so much.

If the reader will aid us a little by the use of the imagination, we shall be able to give a small glimpse into the work of the Bible Coach and the people it reaches, accompanying the Colporter in one day's work as reported to us recently by one of the present staff.

We come first to the door of a little adobe hut. At the side of the house we see a young girl washing clothes. We offer her the Bible and in answer she says, "Pardon me but I cannot buy it, I am too poor. The meeting last night was very nice, I like the Bible pictures so much. I have a New Testament and I read it. It is the best inheritance my mother left me. I don't know what I would do without it with my little brothers such little rascals, and my older brother having to go out to earn the living for us. Sometimes I am downhearted, but then I do what my mother always did. I find comfort in the reading of that Book. And what a help it is!" The Colporter takes advantage of the wonderful opportunity to tell of Him Who sees, hears and pities and, of His greatest gift, the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The next place finds us at a brick-mason's home. The knock is answered by the man himself, and in response to our question he answers: "I have a copy of the Bible here in the house. I was a Socialist and after reading the Bible through I talked about it to my Socialist friends, telling them of Christ and His socialistic ideals, for that was the way I then interpreted them. They made fun of me and avoided me as much as possible. Then hard times came and I did not have work. It was then I began to read the Bible more. I cannot read it enough. It is a Holy Book to me, for in it I found not only Christ, the idealist, but Christ, the Savior, and my Savior—praise God!"

At the next house we offer some tracts by way of introduction to offering the Bible. The lady who had answered our knock, takes them and asks: "Are you one of those who showed Bible pictures on the street?" We answered in the affirmative. "Just hold these papers for a moment, will you?" she said. The colporter takes them and as she steps inside of the door, closing it, she calls, "Now get out of here, we don't belong to your religion." And the door closes on us.

We pass on to the next door where in response to our conversation, we hear: "We have a Bible and we read it. When we were small we went to Sunday School in another town. We can still remember much that the pastor taught us. It is a great pity that we could only go for a year and one half. Why I even owe my pretty braids of hair to the Sunday School." Somewhat surprised the Colporter asks, "How is that?" And she answers, "I was once almost persuaded to cut my hair, but before doing so I asked the pastor if it was right. He asked me who among my friends cut their hair. I named a few and he asked, 'Do you want to be like them?' I told him I didn't and so I have never cut my hair. All that I learned in the Sunday School was good. If we don't live like other folks around us, it is because of what the Sunday School did for us." The Colporter asked what Sunday School she had attended and she answered, "Deheza," giving the pastor's name. The pastor had been the Colporter himself. Though 12 years had gone by, she had not forgotten. Praise the Lord! "So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth, it shall not return unto Me void."

The next door finds us at the entrance to a garden, where a dear old lady is sitting with her grandchildren. She invites us to come in and sit down. Such a greeting leads us to believe that this is the home of believers and we come in and take the seat offered us. The old lady continues, "Pardon me if I am a bother to you. I have been waiting here hoping you would come. But had begun to fear that I had missed you when I was napping a while ago. Yesterday I listened to a discussion between two neighbors. One said that the Book you carry is good and the priest bad—the other holds that the priest is good and the Book false. If the Book is really good, I want to buy one, but if it isn't you had better tell me straight out. I cannot read, but my husband can. Please be patient with me. Tell me the whole truth. Don't deceive me for I will find it out if you do." She takes a copy of the Bible from the Colporter's hand and opening it said, "Read this." It was Luke 15. He reads the story of the prodigal son and when finished she says, "How good the old man was and how bad the son who would leave his old father and go away." The Colporter then shows her how the son has many like him today and how the love of God waits to welcome home. She says, "Make a check here and another one where this story finishes. This is beautiful." Taking the Bible again she opens it at the story of Joseph sold by his brothers. The Colporter again reads, explains and makes some more checks. She says, "Read me more. It is so nice." So he turns to the story of the rich man and Lazarus, marks the last verses of Rom. 8, turns to the Philippian jailer and reads. "Oh, yes it is all so beautiful and what does the Book say about the virgin?" More explanations and the rest of the

afternoon goes, but the time has been well spent. There the Bible sold will be read, and if believed and obeyed, they will come to a personal knowledge of Christ, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. We leave with the prayer that hearts may be opened to the Savior's call. A "Praise the Lord" rings through our heart, as we say good-bye and return to the Bible Coach to prepare for the open-air meeting in the evening.

AFRICA

Miss Mabel Crawford

THE BOZOUM BIBLE CONFERENCE

The Christmas season was a very busy time for the Christian workers of the Bassai-Bozoum district. It was decided to have a Bible Conference at Bozoum for all the married men in Christian work; teachers, catechists, evangelist, throughout the extensive district under our care. The younger unmarried men were left at their posts to "keep the home fires burning" while all the older men with their wives gathered at Bozoum. Some of them had to walk several days to get there but they all came, making a total of 31 men. The wives thought it a real treat that they were included in the conference this time.

Saturday, Dec. 23, was arrival day. The Fosters had stayed over after our own conference for a little vacation and Brother Foster came to Bassai for Miss Myers and me that afternoon. We were sorry to find Mrs. Foster ill when we reached Bozoum but God graciously answered prayer and soon raised her up.

Sunday was a blessed day for all of us. For the morning church service the chapel was packed to its utmost capacity for the very fine message Brother Jobson gave on "The Annunciation to Mary." The Bozoum church is one of deep spirituality. They, with the cream of the Bassai field, made an audience who would inspire anyone to give his very best. At 4 P.M. we had another well-attended service with one of the native workers giving the message. It was a blessing to us all. Then at 7 o'clock we had moonlight vespers out in the open. For this service the men and women separated, Brother Jobson and Brother Foster taking the men and we ladies taking turns with the women.

Monday, Christmas day, opened with a brief service at six o'clock followed by recreation, breakfast, missionary gift exchange, etc. At 8 o'clock we met for a blessed Christmas service where Brother Jobson gave us an excellent message on our Savior's birth. At the close of the service there were a number of confessions, among them 19 who confessed Christ for the first time. We then were free until 4 in the afternoon to celebrate Christmas as we desired. The missionaries enjoyed a duck dinner while the natives went off happily to butcher the beef which was our Christmas gift to them. The 4 P. M. service was again led by a native and at the close of that service the women were divided into two groups for chalk talks. Miss Myers took the Karre speaking wives of the visiting workers and I took the Sango speaking women of Bozoum. To many of them such a method of teaching was new and impressed them greatly. At the close of my message three women in my group accepted the Lord. Evening vespers were again held at 7 P. M.

On Tuesday morning the first message was at 6 o'clock. When we gathered at 8:00 we were divided into three groups. Brother Jobson took the men, giving the studies on the methods of the Apostle Paul, followed by reports of their work, advice to them, etc. Miss Myers had the wives of the workers, in Karre, and I had the Sango women. At 4 P. M. we again had our joint service followed by the chalk talks for the women with the vesper service to close the day.

The Wednesday program followed the same outline as that of Tuesday. During that morning Brother Jobson presented to the workers his New Year covenant and offered the opportunity to any of the workers who wanted to seek "higher ground" with him this coming year. Thinking it will be of interest to you I here incorporate a translation of the covenant which we as missionaries and a majority of our native workers have signed for this New Year.

"I wish to begin the New Year with a clean heart in the eyes of God" (1 Jn. 1:9, 10).

Because I wish to grow in the grace of the Lord I now make these five rules:

1. Every day I will place Jesus first in all things.
2. Every day I will pray morning and evening.
3. Every day I will read one chapter of the Word of God.

(If I do not know how to read, I will hide away one new verse in my heart each month.)

4. As He gives me strength, this year, I will find five others to become His disciples.
5. Every Sunday I will give a gift to Him.

I promise my Savior to do this.

Signed .....

The theme that was struck at the beginning of our missionary conference and carried through it, "Jesus First," is the theme that we are passing on to our native church as their incentive through this new year. Brother Jobson gave to all of them attractive blue cardboard Bible markers bearing those words in Sango, "Jesus First."

One great item of the conference has been purposely left to last because it deserves special attention as the "power plant" of the conference, of the Bozoum congregation, and will be, we hope, of the entire field. Every morning from 4 till 6, when the morning message was given, Brother Jobson met in the church for a time of prayer with the faithful. It was worth while to see that many were ready to give those morning hours to the Lord. On Christmas night

JEWISH DEPARTMENT

By Arthur Carey

John 10:16; Matthew 18:12-14 and 10:6; Romans 1:16 and Acts 15:26

The Neglected Race for Whom Christ Died

DIVISION, DEVITALIZATION, DEFEAT —JEWISH CHURCH AND STATE

Inception

The beginning of confusion and of the distortion of worship and ethnic solidarity must be traced to a liberal Solomon, who by taxes beleaguered his people that he might sustain a magnificent court, and erect suitable places of worship for the sundry gods and goddesses his wives desired. The heart that loudly proclaims its loyalty to Christ and the church, and yet keeps a corner of itself isolated from Christ and devoted to the lust gods of this world, is no better than an adulterous Solomon. Whoso follows such course must of necessity see from history the rending apart of one's spiritual nature and the inception of division in kingdom leadership (Jno. 18:36; Mt. 12:25, 6:24).

Momentum

Rehoboam following in fatherly footsteps, but hearty, accomplished what his father had sown. The kingdom split into North and South. With the political split came a division of religious ties. Jeroboam would not allow his northern people to worship at Jerusalem, so he made calf altars at Bethel and Dan. His successors "walked in the ways of Jeroboam." Later under Ahab, rather Jezebel, persecution of God's prophets took definite, unrelenting, punitive form. Many were put to death. Temples to Baal and Astarte were erected. Hosts of Baal priests and ecstatic dervishes traversed the country. Jezebel's daughter, Athaliah, became queen mother in the southern kingdom by marriage to Jehoshaphat's son. The cultus of Baal and Astarte were there introduced; murder also. Jehoram killed all his brothers. Afterwords Athaliah had all the house of David killed, save one hidden baby. Prosperous as the reigns of Jeroboam II and Uzziah appeared to be outwardly, the religious and moral condition of the people was highly unsatisfactory. This is the testimony of Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, and Micah.

Canceration

Although Hezekiah was a godly man, and purified the worship of its heathenish influences, idolatry all along had been growing secretly. At his death, Manasseh persecuted the faithful prophets of Jehovah and erected Baal altars, even to the placing of an image of Astarte in the temple. He sacrificed his son to Molech in the valley of Hinnom. To such depths of sensuality and immorality had Jerusalem, the holy (?) city, fallen. Josiah, his son, after the law had been found, cleaned up the outward corruption and instituted at least an outward devotion for the law. But with his death, the inward corruption of which Jeremiah spoke broke out again. The cancer of the soul like the cancer of the body may be stayed temporarily by outward applications, but sooner than one thinks, it will break out afresh and in more terrible form.

Internment

God's hospitalization program was a cure for Israel's idolatry as later history shows. Seventy years they spent watching the vulgar, barbaric idolatry of the hated Babylonians. Oh, how their hearts burned in shame when they saw what they had been copying! They instinctively turned to the blessed old forms of Jehovah's worship. They observed the Sabbath, the right use of meats, circumcision, etc. Here they began to understand the missionary calling for Israel among the nations of the world. They understood how utterly true had been God's watchdogs, the prophets. Out of their number emerged prophets, envisioning great things for Israel in the future (Ezekiel) and Gentile world history (Daniel). Daniel symbolized the plain life and religious piety of vast numbers of the Jews who had set their faces toward Jerusalem. The mingled emotions of shame, remorse, longing, and determination of a homesick people are most adequately depicted in the plaintive 137th Psalm.

Reconstruction

Under Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah, the temple and wall were rebuilt. This did not occur without several attempts, however. Zerubbabel started the building. At the urgent appeal of the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, building work was again taken up following some delay. Ezra's part was to bring the nation under the teaching of the law. Nehemiah began and successfully completed the rebuilding of the

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a group of the Christians, on their own initiative, decided to have a midnight prayer meeting. After that some of them couldn't see the logic to going home and returning so early so they slept the rest of the night in the church to be there for 4 o'clock. With a group of faithful Christians ready to give the best hours of the morning to the Lord we can look to Him to do great things for us. Will you at home join with us in praying that this year 1940 will be the greatest year of victory that the Oubangui-Chari Mission has ever known?

As our workers' conference closed on Thursday morning with a wonderful message on Faith to inspire us and spur us on into the New Year we left the chapel with a feeling that God was preparing to use us as never before for the spread of His Word and the calling out of His own in this land of deep darkness. We stand upon the threshold of a New Year with faith in our hearts and a light in our eyes as we listen for His marching orders for these days before He comes.

wall. But even with these gains, the moral status was, at best, not sufficient to deter political deterioration. Mixed marriages, condemned by Malachi, and stringently dealt with by Nehemiah, brought a loosening of the sacred family ties.

Division

The remaining history of the Jews until Christ, tells of a sad division of the Jewish people. The surface roots of this division lay in the Alexandrian period, when the priesthood assumed a political aspect. Between the Seleucids in the North and the Ptolemies in the South, Israel was persecuted, and impenetrated with Hellenism. Hellenistic thought spread amongst the aristocrats and the politically prominent, and even formed adherents among the priests. Against this political group was arrayed out of the ranks of the common people those who adhered strictly to the Mosaic order of life and religion and the traditional ordinances. These were called the Hasidim. Open rupture was occasioned by an act of the Syrian king, Antiochus Epiphanes, who in 168 B. C. dedicated the temple of Jehovah to Jupiter and offered a swine on the altar. Many became martyrs, although a great portion of the people adjusted themselves to such tyrannical heathenism.

Then came the Hasmoneans or the Maccabees, leading an armed resistance. Judas freed the country of Syria, with nine victorious campaigns always against greatly superior numbers. Jonathan and Simon followed in turn, and lastly John Hyrcanus. The Hasidim broke with the Maccabaean brothers because of their worldly aspirations, and Hyrcanus repudiated the Pius (Hasidim) but came to an inglorious end. The kingdom then fell to the Idumean Herod in 37 B. C. who by the help of Rome ruled until the time of Christ.

Conclusion

Israel under the law had failed. Christ came upon a citizenry bearing a heavy Roman yoke. The extortioner and tax farmer drained the country. The Pharisees, outward keepers of the law, reflected the highest product that the law had produced. We must not overlook individuals as Simeon, Anna, Joseph, Mary, and others who inwardly tried to keep the law, looking for that blessed hope. But for Israel under the law, the time for conclusion had come (Mt. 5:17).

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For One Who Is Tired

Dear child, God does not say today, "Be strong."
He knows your strength is spent; He knows how long
The road has been, how weary you have grown,
For He who walked the earthly roads alone—
Each bogging lowland, and each rugged hill—
Can understand, and so He says, "Be stil,
And know that I am God." The hour is late,
And you must rest awhile, and you must wait
Until life's empty reservoirs fill up
As slow rain fills an empty upturned cup.
Hold up your cup, dear child, for God to fill.
He only asks today that you be still.

CHRIST

The Light of the World

A DOCTRINE OF CHRIST DEPARTMENT

By Frank G. Coleman, Jr.

GOD—OR NOT GOOD!

An inquiring young man once addressed our Lord as "Good Master" and found himself faced with the striking question and statement, "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God." So far from being a disclaimer of His sinlessness, our Lord's answer seeks to elicit a testimony both to His goodness and His deity. For the sinlessness of Christ and the deity of Christ are bound up together so inseparably that we may affirm with all confidence that **either He is God, or He is not, and was not, good.**

Let it be noted that the Scriptures set Him forth as One Who was God manifest in the flesh; Who was conscious of this fact; Who permitted His followers to believe it; Who, upon his going away, gave the promise of another Comforter Who should guide them into all truth and glorify Him. If, then, He is not God, He must have been either deceiver or deceived. If deceived, then His self-delusion would stamp Him as a weakling. If deceiver, then He could have had no claim to moral perfection. And if He was neither good, nor God, His followers, under the inspiration of that Spirit Whom He sent, testified to a lie, for in the Scriptures that came from their pens they glorified Him as God. We prefer to believe with John that "This is the true God, and eternal life" (1 Jn. 5:20).

The Doctrine of His Deity

In the Scriptures He is called God. 1 Jn. 5:20, quoted above, is unequivocal. This same John, in the first verse of his gospel, says that "the Word was God." Another writer, in recording a conversation between two members of the Godhead, reports it in these words, "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever" (Heb. 1:8).

In the Scriptures Old Testament descriptions of God are applied to Him. In Jn. 12:37-41, the inspired writer quotes the prophet Isaiah: "He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them." And in the next verse he says, "These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him." Turning to Isaiah we discover that the quotation is from Isa. 6:10, and that it is a part of the record of Isaiah's vision of the "King, the Lord of hosts." John tells us that Isaiah, upon that occasion, was witnessing the glory of Christ, and that he "spake of Him!"

In the Scriptures He is represented as possessing the attributes of God. "I am.....the life," He said (Jn. 14:6). Self-existence is His (Jn. 5:26; Heb. 7:16). Im-

mutability is His (Heb. 13:8). He said, "I am the truth" (Jn. 14:6). Holiness is ascribed to Him (Lk. 1:35; Heb. 7:26). Eternity is His (John 1:1). Omnipresence is His (Matt. 28:20; Eph. 1:23). Omniscience is His (Col. 2:3). Omnipotence is His (Mt. 28:18; Rev. 1:8).

In the Scriptures the works of God are ascribed to Him. He is represented as the Creator of "all things" (Jn. 1:3). And again in 1 Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:10; Heb. 3:3,4; Rev. 3:14, His work as Creator is set forth. More than that, in Col. 1:17 and in Heb. 1:3, He is represented as the sole ground of cohesion in the universe. How glorious His person! How majestic His power! What a mystery that He should be given as God's most precious gift to men! What consolation there is in the knowledge that He Who created the worlds, can make a new creation in the human heart! What confidence we may have in the knowledge that He Who upholds all things by the word of His power can keep that which is committed to Him!

In the Scriptures honor and worship due only to God are given to Him. He Himself said that, "All men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son, honoreth not the Father which hath sent Him" (Jn. 5:23). Stephen, with his dying breath, called upon God, and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:59). Paul, in Rom. 10:9, 10 ARV, affirms that salvation is contingent upon confession of "Jesus as Lord." In Heb. 1:6 the angels of God are enjoined to worship Him. In Phil. 2:10 we are told "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth." In Rev. 5:12-14 the whole worship of heaven is given Him. And let it not be forgotten that our Lord Himself, quoting from the law, restricted the worship of men and angels to God alone, when He said, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve" (Mt. 4:10).

The Scriptures affirm His equality with God; and associate His name with that of God on an equality. His enemies, on one occasion, sought to kill Him, "because he.....said also that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God" (Jn. 5:18). Paul says of Him, that He was in the form of God, and "thought it not robbery to be equal with God" (Phil. 2:6).

In the baptismal formula, baptism into His name, as well as into that of the Father and of the Holy Spirit, is commanded (Mt. 28:19). Likewise do the benedictions in the epistles give Him equivalent standing with God.

Again and again, beneath the surface of the printed Word, the consistency of the Scriptures' teaching is manifested. One of the many instances of this consistency treasured up in the original language of the text, one that bears on this specific point of our Lord's equality with God, is to be found in 2 Thess. 2:16, 17: "Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father.....comfort your hearts." Here the verb is singular, though the laws of Greek grammar ordinarily would demand a plural verb if the two names were not equal and one. But Paul was not given to the use of faulty Greek, nor is this a grammatical lapse. His knowledge of the equality and unity of God the Father and God the Son demanded the construction he used. So minutely does the Spirit of God inspire His prophets!

True or False?

Is the teaching of the Word true, or is it not? If it be false, then we have no sinless Sin-bearer; we have no God the Son; we have no trinity of persons in the Godhead; we have no hope. If it be false, then we must believe that the most perfect Being who ever walked earth's pathways was either a mental weakling or a moral degenerate; for He propogated a falsehood, if this be not true. If it be false, then His apostles, deluded, went to horrible deaths believing a lie; and though they were sustained by an unfaltering faith, yet that faith was misapplied, if this be not true.

Thank God, it is true. The consistency of His person, the consistency of the lives and testimony of those who walked and talked with Him, the consistency of the record, connot be denied. He is God, and He is good. "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life" (1 Jn. 5:20).

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POINTED PARAGRAPH

Simon Peter was worth 10 Andrews, so far as we can gather from sacred history, and yet Andrew was instrumental in bringing him to Jesus. You may be deficient in talent, and yet be the means of drawing to Christ one who will become eminent in grace and service.—Spurgeon.

Indiana Brethren to Meet August 6th to 8th

The date of the Indiana Brethren Bible Conference (Tri-State Conference) scheduled to be held Aug. 6, 7, and 8 has been changed to meet June 18, 19, and 20. Let all cooperating pastors please notify their congregations at once of this change so that their people will be able to make their plans accordingly. The reason for this change is: to hold two conferences so close together would mean a loss in attendance of one or the other. Program for the Indiana Bible Conference will be published very soon.

JESUS CHRIST

The One Key to Scripture

STUDIES IN THE HEBREW EPISTLE

"Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have Eternal Life; and they are they which testify of me"—John 5:39.

STUDY NO. 1 — By ORD GEHMAN

Chapter II.

On the basis of the former revelations there is an urgent apeal for earnest heed to the things of God's latter revelation. For the consecrated child of God there is no "court of appeals" beyond the Word of the living God. The intellectual world may choose to question the integrity of God's Word, or sneeringly laugh at the idea of blood atonement or other like precious doctrines of the Word. But for God's children His Word is the final arbiter. Our heed is to be given to the things of God's Word lest haply we drift away from them. A great musician once said, "If I refrain from practice one day, I notice it; for two days, the master's notice it; but if three days without practice, everyone notices it." So it is in our spiritual lives. A laxity and staying away from God's Word will most certainly result in a drifting away from the central figure presented therein, Jesus Christ. The fruitage of the spiritual life bears evidence to the reality of the profession. Christ said, "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be My disciples" (Jn. 15:8).

The argument of the writer here is from the lesser to the greater. "For if the Word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (2-3a). The writer bases his question on the relation and effect of the former and latter revelations of God. Some people have the idea that God simply winks at sin and lets the matter go at that. But here we are reminded that "every transgression and disobedience" was reckoned with in the infinite wisdom of God. Sin is sin; it is a breaking of the law, a transgression before God. Sin must be dealt with in a manner that is acceptable to God. In the 7th chapter of this same Epistle we are reminded that "if there was perfection through the Levitical priesthood (for under it hath the people received the law), what further need was there that another Priest should arise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be reckoned after the order of Aaron?" (Heb. 7:11). And again, "If that first covenant had been faultless, then would no place have been sought for the second" (Heb. 8:7).

It is God's eternal purpose in Christ to choose a people worthy of His glory. Man failed in the garden of Eden. Man failed under the law. But now under the new and better covenant mediated through Jesus Christ unto the church, the manifold wisdom of God and His eternal purpose in His Son is made known (Eph. 3:8-12).

This new revelation of the grace of God in Christ Jesus the Lord of glory was not an afterthought in the mind of God. It was made according to His eternal purpose which cannot be altered. He in Whom is the yea and amen has spoken unto us in His beloved Son. What a glorious revelation God has vouchsafed unto His sons in Christ Jesus!

Not only did God choose to mediate this new and better revelation of His grace through His Son, but He also confirmed it by "bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will." The record of the gospel given by Matthew supplies abundant testimony to this fact. In the introductory chapters, 1-4, the Spirit records the facts regarding the Man Jesus and His eligibility to be the Messiah-King of the Jews, God's chosen people. Then in the sermon on the mount He lays down the underlying and basic principles of His kingdom. Beginning with chapter 8 and following through 12 we witness the "signs and wonders" mentioned here which were to accompany the coming of the kingdom and to identify Him as the worthy recipient of Israel's honor. Chapter 13 presents the mysteries of this age. From then on to the close of the Matthew account we see Christ in conflict with those who should have been His closest adherents, but who became His bitterest enemies and the perpetrators of His death on Calvary's tree. When such a perfect revelation which speaks forth the marvels of an infinitely Holy God fails to move sinful men to repentance, how shall we expect to escape, if we become negligent in the matters of so great salvation?

There was a great purpose in the mind of God Who sent His beloved Son into the world to be made for a little while a little lower than the angels. He was sent forth by the Father to taste death for every man. It was God's eternal purpose to bring many sons unto glory through Jesus Christ by making the Author of our salvation perfect through the things which He suffered. Our oneness with Christ Jesus in God's plan resulted in His acceptance of flesh that for us He might, through death, bring to nought him that had the power of death, the devil. We are by nature subject to bondage; we are spiritually made heirs of God through Jesus Christ. Our oneness with Christ is not the result of our worthiness to be the recipients of His love, but because of His great love for us. Paul suggests that "God commendeth His own love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Our blessed Lord not only died on Calvary that He might redeem us from sin, but that He might also become a "merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people." We witness the Pharisee and the publican in the temple at the time of prayer. The Pharisee reminded God that he fasted twice in the week

The Growing Christian

"Grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—2 Peter 3:18

LETTERS TO A COUSIN.....By Art

Dear Cousin Bert:

Did you read in the Jan. 17th issue of **The Brethren Missionary Herald** that Scripture illustration "Don't Wake the Beast Up?" That certainly was fine and should caution every believer who reads it to be on his guard. But what I want to call to your attention is the fact that when the tiger got his first taste of blood, he had a real longing for more. When I read in your recent letter how the Lord used you to bring salvation to your new insurance collector and your eagerness to get some help on the subject of soulwinning, I thought of that.

How wonderful it is for the Christian to have a holy appetite aroused after tasting the thrill of leading his first soul to Christ. That tiger had access to what was needed to arouse his beastly nature for weeks and months. But there he lay, as meek as a lamb, content and sleepy-eyed. How characteristic that is of thousands of lazy, sleepy-eyed Christians. They have for years been rubbing elbows with multitudes of hell-bound sinners without the slightest attempt to witness to them of the saving power of Jesus' blood and righteousness. And here you are, less than three months old, spiritually speaking, writing with a joy that knows no bounds. It is my hope that your joy of this type will have no end; that this initial experience will be followed by many others.

My last one just came the other day when an elderly woman past 75 years of age prayed and wept her way to saving faith after I had dealt with her for nearly an hour. What a victory that was over Satan who had kept her bound for so many years.

I can imagine your wonder and amazement when the young insurance agent, about whom you wrote, broke down under powerful conviction when you talked with him about his relationship to the Lord. You say you don't understand it! Well, I believe I can explain why it all happened so beautifully and effectively. Keep in mind, Bert, that there is absolutely no soul-winning done apart from the work of the Holy Spirit. Some years ago I learned several simple conditions one has to meet before he can secure the Holy Spirit's cooperation, and I have never forgotten them. I believe that unconsciously, you met those conditions.

First, one must know for certain he is saved before he can be used to lead others to salvation. Luke 22:32 shows that Peter had to be properly converted himself before he could help others to get right with God.

Then, too, one must be through practicing sin in his own life and live a clean, surrendered and separated life for God. Note 2 Tim. 2:21, "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

I also learned that one had to lead a life of prayer to be a successful soul-winner. In Prov. 11:30 we read, "He that winneth souls is wise." One cannot get soulwinning wisdom apart from prayer (James 1:5). You will find in Acts 11:5, 12 that it was while Peter was praying that he received instructions to go to Cornelius about his salvation.

Also, one must have a love for lost souls and a desire to win them to Christ. This important ministry is not accomplished by just reasoning that because one is a Christian he must speak to the unsaved in one way or another just to fulfill a spiritual duty. Turn to Romans 9:2-3 and you will discover the kind of compassion Paul had for those who rejected Christ. When you realized that that chap was a condemned, hopeless sinner apart from Christ, I just know that you revealed such a love for his soul that he could not resist your sincere interest in him. When you pointed out the truth to him that Christ is able and willing to save him, even as He had saved you, and that the accepted time to let him do it is **now**, then the Holy Spirit honored the met conditions and blessed your efforts.

Let me caution you, Bert, that every case will not be as easy as your first one proved to be. The Lord will allow you to deal with those who will try to resist every attempt to bring about their new birth, difficult cases like the one recorded in Mk. 9:14-29.

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and gave tithes of all that he got (Lk. 18:12). Jesus' comment is: "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself....." He prayed because of who he was. But the poor publican smote upon his breast and pled, "God, be Thou merciful to me a sinner." The publican's plea was not based on his own merits, but on the basis of the sacrifice being offered at the time of prayer. It is exceedingly interesting to note that in these two passages, Lk. 18:13 and Heb. 2:17, the same root word is used for making propitiation and being merciful. We plead the mercies of God on the basis of the sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Not only did Jesus make propitiation for our sins by His death in our stead; but because of the fact that He "suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted." He is our Advocate before the Father's throne. Confession, confidence and courage are ours because we trust in His precious blood which is able to redeem us from sin.

(To be continued)

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

Mrs. Sickel

BURDEN BEARERS

By MRS. CLARENCE SICKEL

One of the first things that attracts our attention in Latin American countries is men, women and even children who go about the streets carrying large bundles, sometimes heavy ones, upon their heads. We have seen men carrying wood, suitcases, small trunks and bundles of varied sizes and shapes in this way. We have watched women coaling a steamship, a long line of women with baskets of coal on their heads going slowly up the gang plank into the hold of the ship, emptying the coal and then coming down another plank; a steady stream of women coming and going for hours, each with her burden, not in her arms, as we would carry it, but upon her head. In Rio Cuarto we frequently see a little boy carrying a whole week's washing on his head—his mother being wash lady for some rich family. If we would watch for him we could see him a few days later carrying those same clothes in the same way, now neatly washed, ironed, folded and wrapped in a clean towel, back to the owner.

That sounds very difficult and is difficult as you will discover if you try it. Perhaps you will feel very sorry for those little boys and girls who are compelled to do this. But you do not need to be, for they receive something in recompense for this work of which any boy or girl could be very pround. They do not need to be reminded to sit or stand correctly. They have beautifully straight and graceful bodies through the exercise of carrying bundles on their heads. That kind of burden-bearing will do the same for you if you will try it.

There is another kind of burden bearing that makes our Argentine boys and girls tall and straight and beautiful in another way. It isn't an easy thing to belong to Christ in a Catholic country, where there are yet so few Christians. But when the finger of scorn is pointed, our boys and girls try to take it as a burden to be borne for Christ. When the Catholic priest comes into the school room to teach false doctrines, the law permits our boys and girls to leave the room. Doing so makes them objects of ridicule many times, and makes them fall into the dispeasure of the teacher, who makes it hard for them, even making them fail in their grades sometimes. But that is just another burden to be placed in the basket, the carrying of which is pleasing to the Lord and beautifying to their souls. Witnessing for our Lord, meeting temptations without wavering will do the same for us, and Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you."

Won't you pray each day that God will bless all of the little burden-bearers of South America?

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There is no such thing as a little sin. A tiny grain of sand will stop the finest watch. All sin is big.

Beware of the "little foxes that spoil the vines."—Song of Solomon 2:15.

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Places Mentioned in the Bible

A was a valley, where Achan was slain;
B was a city, that cradled the King.
C was a mount, where a prophet prayed;
D was a plain, where an image was made.
E was a country, of which Pharaoh was king;
F was a harbor, to which Paul once came.
G was a desert, where an eunuch was saved;
H was a mountain, where they dug Aaron's grave;
I was a town, where Paul preached the truth;
J was a city, loved by the Jews.

These experiences encourage the worker to greater consecration, more prayer, more intense faith and a greater love for the lost.

I recommend that you order for yourself three splendid books by two present day successful soul-winners. Two of them are by Dr. Walter Lewis Wilson. One of them, "Let's Go Fishing with the Doctor" gives an abundance of wonderful advice on how to deal with the unsaved, while the other one, "Miracles in a Doctor's Life," reveals the plans in actual successful operation. The other one, "Evangelize or Fossilize," by Herbert Lockyer is being a great blessing to many Christian people. The total cost of the three is less than $1.00. These, and any other books of a spiritual nature, may be obtained through **The Brethren Missionary Herald Co.**, 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Say, but I was glad to learn that you had the courage to give your testimony at the mid-week service in the little white church I recommended to you. Some people belittle this practice, but let me tell you that it is the devil who is against it, for he knows that this is one of the ways by which he is overcome. Read in Rev. 12:10-11 about the accuser and his being overcome by the saints through "the blood of the Lamb, and by the **word of their testimony.**" I am aware that many insincere church members make loud testimonies to try to hide the "skeleton in their spiritual closets" but that is no license to hush up those who have a **life** to back up their testimony. You keep on telling what the Lord has done and is doing for you. It is not only a blessing to those who hear you but it is also good training for you.

Yours in best bonds,

Cousin ART.

K was a fountain, to which Israel did go;
L was a mountain covered with snow.
M was a desert, where some sheep were kept.
N was a town, where a widow wept.
O was a mount, where our Savior once stood;
P was an island, where John worshipped God.
R was a city, where Paul was tried last;
S was a province, through which Jesus passed.
T was a city, where a vision was shown;
U was a town, that was Abraham's first home;
Of V, W, X and Y we've not read;
Z was a town, where Elijah was fed.

Solution

A—Achor, B—Bethlehem, C—Carmel, D—Dura, E—Egypt, F—Fair Havens, G—Gaza, H—Hor, I—Iconium, J—Jerusalem, K—Kedesh, L—Lebanon, M—Midian, N—Nain, O—Olivet, P—Patmos, R—Rome, S—Samaria, T—Troas, U—Ur, Z—Zarephath.

—The Junior King's Business.

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GOD'S DARK

The dark is kind and cozy;
The dark is soft and deep;
The dark will pat my pillow
And love me as I sleep.

The dark is mooth as velvet,
And gentle as the air
And it is good to children,
And people everywhere.

And God can see and love me
Without a ray of light.
He gives me dreams and resting;
He brings the gentle night.

God made the dark, so daytime
Could close its tired eyes
And sleep a while in comfort
Beneath the starry skies.

The daytime, just like children
Needs rest from work and play,
So it can give us children
Another happy day.

God made the dark for children
And birdies in their nest.
All in the dark He watches,
And guards us while we rest.

—John Martin

THINK IT OVER

Happiness comes from WHAT you are, not WHERE you are.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

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SOLOMON, THE WISE

(1 Kings 9:1-9)

Suggestions for the Leader

Solomon was one man whose life had a marvelous beginning but did not end well. Once he asked God for wisdom to judge the people aright and to be the kind of person God intended him to be. His reign was the golden age of Israel's past. Solomon had wonderful advantages as a wealthy king and spent great sums for happiness. He learned that the things of this life pass away and all is vanity under the sun. He was wise in some things but unwise in others. The latter brought him down in defeat. Read Mt. 6:28, 29, also Lk. 11:31. How carefully we should guard our lives day by day.

1. Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom. 2 Chron. 1:7-12.

Solomon began to rule under favorable conditions. David, his father, left a wonderful kingdom for him. He first felt a need for wisdom and prayed for it. Wisdom is so wonderful that it will bring other blessings too.

James instructs us about our need for prayer for wisdom (James 1:5-7). Spiritually speaking, we must depend upon other strength besides our own.

2. The Glory of the Kingdom. 2 Chron. 1:15-17.

Many nations sent tribute money to Jerusalem. Some kings sent fine gifts to win Solomon's favor. Palestine was a natural meeting place and crossing for the caravans. Solomon received pay for the use of these trade routes.

While God blessed the kingdom, it grew and prospered. God will prosper the nation today that honors Him. Righteousness exalteth a nation.

3. The House of God. 1 Kings 8:1-11.

David had hoped to build the temple but he was denied the privilege because he was a warrior. Fighters do not make good builders. Solomon carried out his father's dreams and plans for a beautiful temple. The dedication prayer was marvelous in recognition of God's leadership and providence and represents Solomon at his best (1 Ki. 8:22-61). The temple be-

came the center of the empire and the rallying place for the people.

Today we need to bring back the church to its place in our activity. It ought to be the center of our living.

4. The Covenant Renewed. 1 Kings 9:1-9.

God is the covenant-keeping One in heaven. He confirmed to Solomon His covenant that He made with David. The Lord warned against turning away from true worship. Faithfulness on Israel's part would be required to enjoy the blessing of the covenant. Unconditional covenants may not be enjoyed until we show faithfulness. God did not permit the Messiah to be born through Solomon but through another son of David, Nathan by name.

5. The Foolish King. 1 Kings 10:26; 11:1-8.

Solomon began a traffic with heathen people, trading horses and cattle. Mixing with unbelievers will do us no good. What agreement can we have? Solomon made his kingdom like other kingdoms although he was supposed to be different for God. The world may call us foolish for living a separated life but that is what God expects of every Christian. Noah was called foolish too but he was saved from the terrible judgment.

Questions

1. Tell of the visit the Queen of Sheba made to Solomon. 1 Kings 10:1-13.
2. Did Solomon find true happiness in the pleasures of this world?
3. What caused Solomon's downfall? 1 Ki. 11:1-14.
4. What do we mean when we say the love of money is the root of all evil?

Search the Scriptures

Where did the riches of Israel go once the nation began to slip? 1 Ki. 14:25-27; 15:18-19; 2 Ki. 12:17-18; 14:13-14; 16:5-9; 24:10-13.

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JUNIOR-INTERMEDIATE C. E. TOPIC

for June 9, 1940

Miss Miriam Gilbert, Topic Editor

The Miracles of Jesus—Power Over Demons

By Miss Mabel Donaldson

To the leader:

Demons are spirits of the wicked; fallen angels. Satan is their leader. They will finally be cast into the lake of everlasting fire which has been prepared for them and the devil. They are able to enter both people and animals and make them do just as the demons want them to. They are powerful, and many people have not let the Lord Jesus come in to put them out of their hearts. Christ and demons do not live together. They fight one another. Christ wants to have everybody become a Christian but these demons never stop work, and persuade many that it is foolish to follow the Savior. Study these miracles to see how Jesus fought them long ago.

1. Man with "Unclean Spirit."—Mark 5:1-20.
2. Two Possessed with Demons.—Matthew 8:28-34.
3. Demoniac Who was Dumb.—Matthew 9:27-34.
4. Demoniac Dumb and Blind.—Matthew 12:22-30.
5. Syrophenician's Daughter.—Mark 7:24-30.

Points for Discussion:

Are demons alive today? (Mt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10).

Can the one in sin overcome them alone?

Can Christ overcome the demons today, just as well as He did long ago?

Has He driven them out of your life? Does Christ live in your heart, or does Satan reign there?

Who is your spiritual father—God or the devil?

How can your friends know that demons do not live in your heart and rule your life?

LIGHT ON TRUTH

By Bernard Schneider

"O GOD, FOR A BIGGER BOAT"

The many tragedies at sea, caused by the present war, and the heroic effort put forth to save the lives in each instance, calls to mind the disaster of the Princess Alice which collided with another boat in a dense fog on the river Thames half a century ago. The boat was crowded with excursionists and the loss of human lives was great, about 600 perishing in the dark waters. Mr. Herbert Lockyer tells of an interesting little sidelight of the tragedy concerning two ferrymen, which is worth repeating.

It appears that these two ferrymen were mooring their boats for the night close at hand, when the crash happened. One heard the crash and the cries, and said, "I am tired and I am going home; no one will see me in the fog." At the coroner's inquest, both had to appear. The first was asked:

"Did you hear the cries?"

"Yes, sir."

"What did you do?"

"Nothing, sir."

"Are you an Englishman? Aren't you ashamed?"

"Sir, the shame will never leave me till I die."

Of the other the coroner asked:

"What did you do?"

"I jumped into my boat and pulled for the wreck with all my might; I crammed my boat with women and children, and when it was too dangerous to take even one other, I rowed away with the cry, 'O God, for a bigger boat!'"

There are thousands of men and women shipwrecked in the waters of sin, lost and doomed to an eternal death and punishment in hell. The Christian who has been gripped by this fact, and who is earnestly trying to save some out of the many, may well cry: "O God, for a bigger boat." The apostle Paul was having a feeling something like that when he cried: "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren," for they were lost without Christ.

THE PROPHECY OF OBADIAH

By Albert Flory, Pastor of First Brethren Church, San Diego, Calif.

(Continued from issue of April 6)

II EDOM DESERVES TO BE BROUGHT LOW (Vs. 10-14)

In this little section the prophet lists those things which Edom has done which show that she is deserving of judgment. Vs. 10 gives the summed up reason for the judgment, and this verse holds good today. "For thy violence against thy brother Jacob, shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off forever." The sin of Edom surrounds their treatment of God's chosen people. It would be well for the leaders in Europe who are in the midst of their Jewish persecutions to read the book of Obadiah. The type of ill treatment is analyzed in the following verses of this section.

1. She gloated over Israel's destruction. (Vs.11-12.)

In the day that God visited judgment on Israel, Edom stood in the door and laughed. The scene can be compared to a little boy standing in the doorway of the woodshed and laughing while his brother gets a whipping. When the father turns around and sees the gloater, he too is subjected to the same miseries of the rod. Well, God is here telling Edom that He has turned around and will soon lay the rod on Edom; for Edom did more than laugh in the gate, he cast lots to see who would get the greatest of the possessions that were left behind (vs. 11). This God utterly condemns.

In looking on the day of Israel's captivity, Edom rejoiced in it, and spake loudly of it. (vs.-12). This attitude on the part of Edom helps to explain why God was forced to pour judgment upon her and bring her low.

2. She seized the land and the substance (Vs. 13.)

In v. 13 God condemns Edom for seizing the land of the Israelites. When there was left but a remnant in the land and it was an easy matter for Edom to seize it and place even the remnant in slavery, the Edomites were ready to do it. Perhaps it is hard to understand how it was possible for Edom to do such atrocious things to the inhabitants of Judah. But let us remember that the seed of the hatred ran all the way back to the mess of pottage, and that hatred had been seething and boiling down through the centuries. Here, when an opportunity offered itself, the Edomites rushed in with all the violence at their command and "laid hands of the substance in that day."

3. She offered no assistance to those in need. (v. 14)

The Edomites stood in the crossing to cut off those that did escape. A graphic picture of this is found in Num. 20:14-22. The Israelites merely asked for permission to pass through the land, promising that they would touch nothing, not even water from the wells, but the Edomites said, "Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against thee with a sword." (Num. 20:18).

In addition to prohibiting escape, they "delivered those that remained in the day of distress." (Obad. 14). They entered into league with the enemy of the Israelites here to aid them in the captivity of Judah. It might be well to say a word here about an apparent problem. Why would God punish **Edom** for aiding Babylon in carrying out a judgment on Israel **that God Himself had decreed?** The answer is simple. God **used** Babylon and Edom to punish Judah; and then He turned right around and punished Babylon and Edom **for doing that which was wrong.** It is to be remembered that God did not **direct** Babylon and Edom to punish Judah, and so **God cannot overlook the sin of Babylon and Edom** any more than He could overlook the sin of Judah.

III. Other Nations Will Be Brought Low. (v. 15-16).

We come now to a phrase that occurs often in the prophets; namely "The day of the Lord." We believe that here in the book of Obadiad in v. 15 we find the first occurrance of that oft repeated phrase. The term, "The day of the Lord," refers to the period of time during which God will visit judgment on the heathen nations and bring blessing to Israel in the millennium. This "day" will thus begin sometime during the tribulation period, or the time of Jacob's trouble, and merge into the eternal state.

These two verses (14-16) refer to the judgment that the day of the Lord shall bring upon the Gentile (heathen) nations, "near upon all the heathen" (v. 15). He further states that these heathen nations shall "drink on my holy mountain and they shall swallow down and they shall drink as though they had not been" (v. 10). There is an unmistakable reference here to the battle of Armageddon.

IV. ISRAEL SHALL BE EXALTED (v. 17-21)

1. The House of Jacob Shall Possess Their Possessions (v. 17-20.

Israel shall have all the land that was promised to her centuries before in the covenant that God made with Abraham. When Christ does Israel's fighting for her in that day, and becomes her King; she will have no trouble with the enemies that once bothered. The house of Esau (v. 18); the Philistines, Ephraim, Samaria, and Gilead (v. 19); the Cannanites and the cities of the south (v. 20); all these nations shall be destroyed before the Lord rules from Jerusalem with a rod of iron. Israel shall then have all the blessings that God has promised her.

2. The Kingdom Shall Be Jehovah's (v. 21).

Little need be said about how the Christ of the New Testament is the Jehovah, the covenant God of the Old Testament. This statement in v. 21 thus clearly declares that the kingdom will belong to Christ when Israel possesses her possessions. It will be a great day when the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever" (Rev. 11:15). In that day the mountain of the Lord's house (kingdom of Israel) shall be established and **exalted** above the hills (little kingdoms) and Israel shall have her blessings and possess her possessions.

Let us remember that the sins which brought destruction to Edom will bring destruction to our own individual lives, but the Christ that shall exalt Israel is willing to exalt us when we yield our lives completely to Him.

AFRAID?

A little Chinese girl, who escaped from bandits, tells how, gun in hand, they asked the missionary, J. W. Vinson, if he were afraid. "No," he replied; "if you shoot, I go straight to heaven." His decapitated body was found later.

Afraid Of what?
To feel the spirit's glad release?
To pass from pain to perfect peace,
The strife and strain of life to cease?
Afraid—of that?

Afraid Of what?
Afraid to see the Savior's face,
To hear His welcome, and to trace
The glory gleam from wounds of grace?
Afraid—of that?

Afraid Of what?
A flash—a crash—a pierced heart;
Darkness—light—O Heaven's art!
A wound of His a counterpart!
Afraid—of that?

Afraid Of what?
To do by death what life could not—
Baptize with blood a stony plot,
Till souls shall blossom from the spot?
Afraid—of that?

—E. H. Hamilton.

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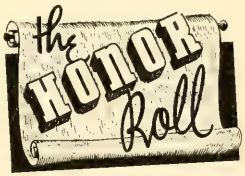

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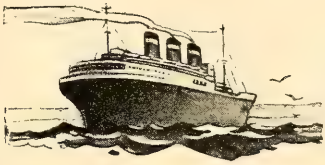
To The Rescue



By Alice Louise Cary, Dayton, Ohio

Across the troubled waters
A vessel made full speed;
A distant ship was burning
And there was direst need.
A submarine in hiding
Had done its deadly deed.

The life-boats soon were sighted,
Exposed to wind and wave,
Each bearing precious cargo
The vessel went to save;
It's only thought was "rescue,"
And timely help it gave.

The submarines of Satan
Are lurking everywhere;
Dark legions do his bidding—
The ruler of "the air"—
To "drown men in destruction"
When taken unaware.

So many souls are sinking,
For light and life they grope;
Am I "a chosen vessel"
With God's unfailing rope
To bring them safe to harbor
"In Christ," their only Hope?

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What Other Boys and Girls are Doing . . . .

Many people do not like to do without things, but not so with the boys and girls at the Third Brethren Church of Philadelphia. They have a "Do Without Offering." Their pastor, Bro. W. A. Steffler, writes:

Will you come with me tonight into the Junior C. E. room and listen to the children as they worship their Lord in this part of their service? We enter quietly. The seats are all taken, so we must stand in the rear.

A little seven-year-old girl goes to the "Do Without Bank." Listen to her words: "My aunt gave me 5c. I gave three of them to the Salvation Army to help in their great work, and here are the remaining 2c. I give them to missions." She drops the coins into the "Do Without Bank" and goes to her seat with a happy smile upon her face.

Another child goes to the bank. "I was just getting ready to spend my penny for recess the other day when I thought of our 'Do Without Bank.' I told my girl friend I would do without candy that day so I could help the Lord's work." She adds with much pleasure, "I did not have to do entirely without, for my girl friend gave me some of her candy."

Another child says as she drops several pennies into the bank, "Mother gave me lunch money. I did not spend it all. I bought less lunch and I am happy to give these pennies for missions."

Several others have done without ice cream. Others also did without their recess. Our heart is touched upon hearing such wonderful testimonies. These children range in age from 3 to 13 which makes it appear all the more wonderful. Giving up ice cream, candy, etc. means something real to them; yet I am sure their heavenly Father took note and blesses such willing hearts in a real manner.

Brother Steffler's church tries to teach children that when they keep **all** for themselves, they lose; while the things they give to Jesus and His work they really save. Wouldn't it be fine if we would all learn the lesson to do without more so His gospel may be carried to the uttermost parts of the earth?

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IT IS FREE !

Do not forget that if you have not yet sent for your picture poster of Anne Kliever, you may have one by writing for it. If you have been helping to support her, you will want these pictures of your junior missionary. If you want something to remind you to pray for the missionaries and their children, you will want to hang this attractive poster in your bedroom. All you have to do to get a copy is to write the Children's Editor, 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind. If you have anything interesting to tell us about yourself, or what you and your friends are doing in your church, be sure to mention that too.

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OUR BIBLE CHARACTER ALPHABET

Answer to J — Jehoshaphat.

K was a man who boasted that he had as much right to be great as the leader God had chosen for Israel. The earth suddenly opened and swallowed him. Find his name, and what the people did when they heard him scream, in Num. 16.

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CAN YOU SOLVE THIS PUZZLE?

Can you put the letters in each word in their right order, and find the verse in Gal. 6?

Adn elt su ont eb aerwy ni elwl igndo: orf ni deu aenoss ew ahlls aerp fi ew afint ton.

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God Keep the Children

Mabel Reynolds Makepiece

God keep the children in His care—
The little children everywhere:
The Indian boy in the brush tepee,
The yellow child across the sea,
The fur-clad brothers of the snows,
The black boy who through the jungle goes.
And may we with our playmates here
Remember all to Him are dear,
And treat them kindly of every land,
Who make with us one children's band.

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EDITORIALS

By Louis S. Bauman, Editor

A Real Need For Prevailing Prayer

The Board of Trustees of The Foreign Missionary Society went into a special session at Winona Lake, Ind., on May 10, to deal with problems demanding immediate attention. All members were present, except Ashman and DeLozier. Never in the 36 years that the editor has sat on this board has he seen the board face to face with graver and more difficult problems. They would seem almost to defy solution. But—God!

Our troubles are the troubles that confront all foreign boards in this present troubled world. The European War is making the task of carrying the gospel message to all the world, and especially to Africa, an exceedingly difficult task. Transportation across the seas has become a major problem. The strongest and most influential boards, as these boards touch governments, seem to have no advantage by reason of either strength or influence. Our board has five missionaries in Africa, much over-worked, whose health demands that they take their furloughs. They have the money in hand to come home. But, when a $10,000.00 fine is placed against any American citizen travelling on the ship of one of the belligerent nations, and when nearly all the nations whose boats travel to these African shores, are belligerent, then what? And if the boat of a neutral nation **should** happen to call at one of those ports, the berths are turned over to the important military and political personages, and the ambassadors of the cross must wait. We have nine African missionaries at this writing, who are praying for some way to go to the aid of their brothers and sisters at the front! If ever prevailing prayer for the work of our Society was needed, it is **Now! Prayer changes things!**

The one great off-set to the discouraging features of the work at present, is the marvelous way in which God is opening the hearts of the souls in Africa for whom Christ died, to the reception of the gospel. Read the continued story of Miss Crawford's and Miss Myers' itineration trip, continued herein from The Herald of May 11. **There** is the evidence that the Spirit of God is at work in spite of the follies of men! But pray for the strength of those on the fields!

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"The Effectual Fervent Prayer Of a Righteous Man Availeth Much"!

Between 50 and 60 years ago, a thick-set bearded man knelt in a Chicago alleyway to talk a bit to the Lord. He said to a friend: "I was just asking the Lord to give me this lot on which to build a dormitory for men." A year later, God answered that man's prayer, and with that vacant lot, God gave that man not only a dormitory for men, but some offices and classrooms, and The Moody Bible Institute was born!

But God went further in answer to that prayer. In a few more than 50 years since that time, other lots with more than 30 structures upon them became a part of that Institute. A handsome new 12-story administration building is the most recent gift of God to that great institution.

Today, wih a faculty of 42, The Moody Bible Institute is the largest training school for Christian service in all the world. Its day school, offering seven courses, stands with an enrollment of more than 1200 students. Its evening school, offering training for residents of Chicago and its suburbs, last year had an enrollment of 1721. Its correspondence school, offering 16 home study courses, enrolled more than 13,000 students last year. It has a Radio School of the Bible instructing thousands in 12 courses a year. Its Extension Department supplies Bible teachers, evangelists, and song leaders for evangelism all over the United States and Canada. Its 5,000-watt radio station is on the air with a Christian program for more than 40 hours each week. It puts into the mails each month nearly 40,000 copies of the **Moody Monthly,** one of the finest and most outstanding evangelical magazines in all the world. Tuition is free, and board and room is furnished to students at cost, making it possible for thousands of young men and women to equip themselves for service for Christ, most of whom otherwise would never get into such service. "In one year, students of the day and evening schools conducted 11,669 religious services, distributed 952,618 tracts, spoke on spiritual things to 86,909 persons, and reported 12,947 conversions." All in all, this great institution has trained for Christian service, more than 40,000 students, 2,163 of them as missionaries to the foreign fields. Yet, there are those who call themselves Christians, but declare they do not believe in the Bible Institutes! May the Lord from heaven be merciful to them!

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A Resolution of Confidence

Elsewhere in this issue, we are printing a "Resolution" that was passed unanimously by The Board of Trustees of our Foreign Missionary Society at its meeting in Winona Lake, Ind., on May 10th. It is not necessary here to state what it was that inspired this "Resolution." We quote from the "Resolution":

> "We condemn without reservation all efforts to divert to organizations other than our Society the contributions which have been providing for their (our foreign missionaries) support in past years, and that we call upon all Brethren churches and pastors to continue their support of our Society under whose direction these faithful missionaries are serving the Lord."

There are more than 40 missionaries working under the direction of The Board of Trustees of The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church. For many years, most of these have faithfully toiled in

the darkness of heathenism, rescuing perishing souls for whom Christ died that they might have life. So far as we know, no voice of criticism from the homeland has ever been lifted against the missionaries now serving under our board. It would seem impossible that any one professing to love the Lord Jesus Christ, would suggest an action which, if the suggestion were to be carried out, would completely wreck the work of making Christ known to these millions perishing in the night, and compel us to call our missionaries home, leaving them to their fate. But just such a suggestion has been made, and it came from the one source from which we had a right to expect better things because of past association and because of solemn agreement—from one who was himself a missionary for 30 years, supported and sustained by our board, and who was retired at his own request, and given the most liberal pension ever given to any retired servant of The Brethren Church.

Just imagine, if you can, what would happen were all our Brethren churches, or even a goodly number of our more missionary-spirited churches, to follow the suggestion of this former missionary, and divert the funds necessary for their support to another board in no wise responsible for their support to a board that has dismissed from its own employ those preachers in the homeland who will not swear allegiance to a certain educational institution because of its modernistic tendencies—a demand to which the vast majority of these missionaries, if not all of them, would never accede—yes, just imagine what would happen to these missionaries over there in a land that is suffering and torn by a war that is growing more terrible every passing day! As matters now stand, it seems impossible to bring even a small number of them home across the sea. If our churches were to heed this suggestion and leave the Board of Trustees, as it is now organized, without funds for the coming year, these missionaries would either have to swear allegiance to a group of religious dictators and bow the knee, or be left to their fate whatever that might be. Knowing them as we do, we believe they would prefer to accept the kindness of fate!

However, we do not believe that the present unreasonable heat and passion within the church is going to keep our Brethren churches from continuing the support of as fine a band of missionaries as ever any church could boast. We believe that the Christ still dwells within, and controls enough Brethren life, to prevent the wrecking of the fine mission work built up through the years. Who knows but that these missionaries, bearing tremendous burdens out there in that heathen darkness, may yet take upon themselves the task of saving the church in the homeland from disunion and death? Perhaps it will yet be their voice that shall call us all away from the heat and the passion, and persuade us to sit down again together around the sacred board, at a feast of love, and be in deed as well as in name—**Brethren!**

So Keep on Blowing Your "Piccolo"!

A great musician of a famous symphony orchestra was carrying on a rehearsal one evening. The organ thundered, the drums rolled, the violins wailed, and the trombones resounded. Far off in a corner of that orchestra that one man, playing the piccolo, said to himself, as he stopped playing: "In all this noise, what does it matter what **I** do? Suddenly, the great conductor stopped, flung up his hands. Everything became deathly quiet. "Where," he cried out, "is that piccolo?" How often do those among us feel just like that piccolo player. What do we amount to, anyway? The whole universe resounds with great crashing music, praising the Creator of all. But, Christians, remember that Jesus said the very hairs of your heads are numbered. He does not lose in the mass. Not a sparrow can fall to the ground without His notice. This being true, certainly if you fail to praise the Lord, even though you are His smallest child. He will miss your voice. His ears are open for the praise of all those who are His own. So, keep blowing your piccolo!

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Training Up a Child

A family, living in Los Angeles, but members of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, sent to the pastor their Easter offering. The first paragraph of the letter accompanying the offering read as follows:

> "Due to illness, we were unable to be in Long Beach yesterday, so are sending our Easter offering. The children wanted us to be sure and mention that their offering amounts to a tenth of their savings. They are beginning young to tithe their allowance—thanks to the teaching at Fifth and Cherry in all the departments."

There were three envelopes in connection with this remittance. One contained the offering of the parents. The other was the offering of little Anita, aged six. She had carefulyy printed her name on her envelope, and the envelope contained 20c—not much, but it was a tithe. How many of the readers of this article gave as much, i.e., the tithe?

And then, written in his own hand on another envelope was the name "Glenn Newland," aged ten. His envelope contained one dollar. Again, it was his tithe.

In the day of His appearing, when "He shall reward every man according as his work shall be," we imagine the Lord may not ask us how many dollars we gave, but He may ask us whether we gave **the tithe.** What shall our answer be?

Anyhow, one thing sure, Brother and Sister Newland are training their children up to give a proper recognition to the claims of the Savior Who died to save them. **"Train a child up in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart therefrom."**

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"Interpretation" With a Vengeance!

We sometimes wonder if the all-wise God really was unable to make Himself understood without the

id of our modern "interpreters," who can be sure f its message? It soon means anything, everything, othing! Here is a sample.

We have just read in a magazine, an article on the ubject: "Did Jesus Commend Nudism?" The writer uotes from an Oxford University Press publication ontaining "A Fragment of a Lost Gospel," which akes Jesus say in His "Sermon on the Mount":

"Ye are far better than the lilies which grow but spin not. Having one garment, what do ye lack _____? He himself will give you your garment."

Then, the writer declares that "one's own skin is he garment referred to"! Sure! Isn't it the one garent we still possess because the tax-gatherers have ot yet succeeded in stripping it off of us? Isn't it he one garment that "He Himself" (God) gave to s? The proof is absolute! So, let's all go nudist! ow bring on another "ism"!

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We just happened to think! (Some folks **never** happen to"!) There is one insurmountable obstacle hat stands in the way of acceptance of this modern o have been made over the same pattern over which ost of the nudists were made whose pictures the udist propagandists show us in the magazines! **They** re nearly all models for any artist. Now, "we ain't o model!" We descended from an ancestor who aditted as much: "I was naked; and I hid myself"! Gen. 3:10). So there! You see, we didn't descend rom the inhabiters of the trees!

nd Then Again—

We are still a bit old-fashioned, having been taught y an old-fashioned mother who possessed an oldashioned Bible and **believed** it! That Book reveals he will of the living God before whom we must all ome day stand for judgment. From the pages of hat Book we read:

"I will therefore_____that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety" (I Tim. 2:8, 9). "For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves" (I Pet. 3:5).

History abounds with evidence of the fact that the ecline of civilizations went hand in hand with the ecline of womanly modesty! Thank God there are till a few old-fashioned mothers of men! They are he salt of the earth!

If nature had made provision to give us an ear-ache very time we listened to things to which we should ot listen, we would be very careful as to our listenng.—Now and Then.

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People and pins are useless when they lose their eads.

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God's silences are long but they are never the siences of forgetfulness.

AT DOTHAN

Lewis H. Court

"Fear not! They that be with us are more than they that are with them."—2 Kings 6:16.

The Syrians round the walls of Dothan lay;
Their armed hosts at dawn the young man saw.
Alas, beleagured thus, there seemed no way
Through their well-guarded line; and, filled with awe,
He to the aged prophet bore the news;
Who, hearing it, showed no least sign of fear.
Why should they faint and tremble in their shoes?
Was not the living God of Israel near!
"Fear not! for they that are with us are more
Than they that be with them," the old man said.
Then, where the youth had seen but foes before,
His eyes were opened and he saw instead
The horses and the chariots of the Lord
To save the anointed from the Syrian sword.

Thus oft, to inexperienced eyes, the world
With all its evil forces marshalled strong,
Its vested interests, rebel flag unfurled,
Seems to be at the mercy of the wrong;
And nobler interests of the soul and mind
So hemmed about, the battle must be lost:
But ripe experience, steadfast and refined,
Dreads not the challenge, counting all the cost.
From many a fight old Valiant-for-the-Truth
Has learnt, no weapon forged against the Right
Can prosper; and with eyes of spiritual youth
He, through the dust of conflict, holds in sight
The shining cohorts of the Lord and knows
He needs not fear the tactics of his foes.

A small man can make a big job shrink to littleness but it takes a big man to make a little job grow into a big one.

Impossibilities are merely the half-hearted efforts of quitters.—Herbert Kaufman.

"Great God, with wonder and with praise
On all Thy works I look;
But still Thy wisdom, power, and grace
Shine brightest in Thy Book.
Thy stars, that in their courses roll,
Have much instructions given;
But Thy good Word informs my soul

Fear Not --- Let your requests be made known unto God!

Isaiah 41:3 **Philippians 4:6-7**

By Dr. Florence N. Gribble. Yaloke, par Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

"Fear not, I will help thee!"—Days of stress, days of uncertainty—sometimes of anxiety are upon us. Men are wondering how to accomplish their tasks. Missionaries are waiting, in our own and other churches, to come forth to the field. A few are awaiting furlough. Duties are heavy. Stations are undermanned or understaffed. One hesitates to know how both to preach and to practice medicine. Another is in a strait betwixt two — the care and supervision of a central Bible School, or the itinerating in a larger district—and finally decides on six months of each. Yet on both of these, multitudinous petty duties which shall be unnamed, encroach until the time is swallowed up, and the things most longed for are unaccomplished. There would be discouragement, perhaps despondency; but in the midst of all, a clear voice is heard, saying, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Mt. 11:28).

Dr. Gribble

Reinforcements? How we long for them! Ready to come; now fully prepared; funds available, at least in part, to supply their need; eyes looking to the field, vision strained—nothing in sight; asking, "When"? Let Paul answer from the pages of the inspired Word: "All the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him, amen" (II Cor. 1:20). So be it! It shall be done!

Boats being sunk, passports difficult to obtain, even more difficult to visae, routes changed, exchange fluctuating! What shall our outcoming missionaries, both furloughed and candidates do? Let the Psalmist answer: "He shall call upon me and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble" (Ps. 91:15).

So much work to be done in Africa, or in South America; so many converts awaiting teaching; so many unconverted awaiting the message; so many sick awaiting healing; so much language work to be done. How to get to the field? Listen to the inspired voice from the pages of the prophet Isaiah (46:4) and (43:2) "I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. I will be with you." Shall you, can you doubt?

Outfits incomplete, funds failing, income precarious, supplies low! Hearts tend to be anxious; the waves seem high, the waters implacable. Is there no hope? Let Paul answer again in Phil. 4:6 and 7—"Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

What route shall be taken? What line shall be chosen? What boat shall our missionaries take? Insurance in these days must be with God alone. Prayer alone can safeguard our dear ones, embarking on seas so dangerous. For He has promised: "I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go. I will guide thee with mine eye" (Ps. 32:8).

But can they be sure of destination? Shall they arrive safely at the desired haven? What matters it, so that by life or death He is glorified? "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5)....."Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world" (Mt. 28:20).

But fears arise within; friends are fearful too. Surely the called ones need no ordinary sustaining. Hear the voice of Him who is extraordinary—of Him who is mighty! "Fear not, I am the first and the last!" It is a guarantee of enduring friendship, a surety of everlasting support.

And yet, in weakness some are crying in the words of an Old Testament saint: "Neither know we what to do, but our eyes are on Thee" (II Chron. 2:20).

Looking within there is no encouragement. Vaguely one feels: "Were I perfect, then I might expect the miraculous. But, Oh God, thou knowest my foolishness and my sins are not hid from Thee" (Ps. 69:5).

But it was that same Psalmist who cried out in his weakness: "Teach me to do thy will, for Thou art my God!" (Ps. 143:10). Foolish, perhaps, young and inexperienced, perhaps, but with hearts fixed on Him! Such are our missionary volunteers! Well, may they cry out: "Lead me, oh Lord, in thy righteousness, make my way (to Africa) straight before my face" (Ps. 5:8). And while thus praying, how blessed for me, how blessed for you, to remember with the Psalmist: "My times are in Thy hands" (31:15).

But, oh how one must indeed lack wisdom! How much more than human wisdom is needed just now! But is it not promised? "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him" (Jas. 1:5, 6). Yes; and, "But let him ask in faith nothing wavering"!

The founder of the Oubangui-Chari Mission used to say, as he risked all on the promises of God, that he was anxious to be the first man God had ever disappointed. If you or I walk in darkness and have no light, there is something wrong with our faith. Does not Isaiah say: "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light?

Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon His God" (Isa. 50:10). In these days so dark for our own and every other mission, in these days when it seems the true Light must be obscured, let us renew our trust. Remember the "City of Cairo," on which the first party of the Oubangui-Chari Mission sailed, brought safe to port, because the good hand of God was upon her, when her predecessors, the "City of Lahore," and the "City of Athens" were destroyed, the one, off Cape Town, and the other, off South America.

Surely in these days the ambassadors of Christ have every reason to think seriously upon surrounding circumstances. It is no time to be reckless, but prudent; no time to be foolhardy but courageous. But as we think over the dangers of our present situation, we marvel at the goodness of God. Surely we could not ask for more than an opportunity unhindered! Surely we could not ask for more than open doors to the North and to the South, to the East and to the West! Surely we could not ask for more than every need supplied! "In the multitude of my thoughts within me," thus saith the Psalmist, "Thy comforts delight my soul" (Ps. 94:19).

Yet a little while shall the dispensation of grace continue—"Yet a little while," and "He that shall come will come, and shall not tarry." In that little while we must "occupy till He come." In that little while "this gospel must be preached." "Seeing therefore ye look for these things, be diligent——." Well, may we say with the Psalmist, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God" (Ps. 42:5). Blessed hope! in God our Father, who will shortly send Jesus our Lord!

He who looked with eyes of His flesh upon His earthly disciples, said unto them: "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" (Mk. 4:40). He **is,** and all is well. He **rules,** and we are confident. He **comes,** and we are jubilant! But up to the present moment, and for that little while which must elapse before we see Him, it must be all of faith. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). Shall we miss the precious opportunity which now presents of winning souls to Him? Beloved, let us pray. Pray that your missionaries on the field may be sustained. Pray that furloughed and new missionaries may be thrust out! Pray!!!

CONFORMITY TO CHRIST

"My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you" (Gal. 4:19).

That Christ may be formed—in His exquisite beauty;
That Christ may be seen—with His wonderful life
Portrayed, day by day, in the presence of duty—
Revealed, hour by hour, in life's strain, stress, and strife!

That Christ may be formed! He strongly desires it!
Waits now His own life, in its fullness to show;
A weary world needs it—most truly requires it—
Christ formed and revealed in His children below.

—J. Danson Smith.

A RESOLUTION

The following resolution was passed unanimously by the trustees of The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church at its recent meeting, on May 10th, at Winona Lake, Ind. Two members were absent, namely: Chas. H. Ashman and Arthur L. DeLozier.

RESOLVED, that we, the undersigned members of The Board of Trustees of The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church, hereby express our firm confidence in the work of our Society, and in the Christian devotion of the missionaries working under its direction; that we expect by God's grace to stand behind these faithful workers with our prayers and gifts, so that their ministry may continue and be enlarged; that we condemn without reservation all efforts to divert to organizations other than our Society the contributions which have been providing for their support in past years; and, that we call upon all Brethren churches and pastors to continue their support of our Society under whose direction these faithful missionaries are serving the Lord.

Signed,

Mrs. F. C. Vanator
Herman W. Koontz
Alva J. McClain
Louis S. Bauman
Arthur V. Kimmel
U. J. Shively
Mrs. S. M. Whetstone
Homer A. Kent
Russell D. Barnard

Done at Winona Lake, Indiana,
May 10, 1940.

WHAT A CHRISTIAN IS

A Christian is Christ in a man (Jno. 5:19, 20).

A Christian is a person after Christ's own heart (Mal. 2:6).

A Christian is Christ's representative on earth (I Pet. 3:15; Jno. 7:17).

A Christian is a follower of the Master, practicing thru the week what he professes on Sunday (Rom. 6: 11).

A true Christian is one who clearly and constantly reflects the image of Christ.

A Christian is one in whom the Spirit of Christ abides. We can know Christians by the fruits of their lives (I Jno. 4:13; Phil. 4:8).

A Christian is one who believes that Jesus Christ died on the cross to save every one who believed on Him, and who has the assurance in his own heart that Christ has saved him (Jno. 3:16; Isa. 12:2; I Jno. 5:11-13).

THINK IT OVER

WHY WORRY WHEN YOU CAN PRAY?

On an African Safari for Christ . . . .

(Continued from Missionary Herald of May 11, 1940)

By Miss Mabel Crawford, Missionary in Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

January 9, 1940

Guess I'm getting old. I started to climb Kone Mbane (Rain Mountain) early this morning and couldn't make it quite to the top. From that high point one can see all of Kareland and more.....The next time I try such a feat I'll not do it on an empty stomach.

We left the auto road and took the bush path to Ganga. It was terrible.....no bridges, many rocks, etc. One place the boys had to ease the push down a steep narrow gorge to the river below. It is a marvel to me that they got it through such places without smashing it, and a few of their bones besides. Food for the boys is a problem here at Ganga. In the evening the boys went out to preach in nearby villages, and Simon (one of my push boys) came home very much impressed by the village he visited.

January 10

Decided to spend an extra day here teaching the Christians. There is a blind minstrel here in town who travels around with a six foot banjo made from a gourd. He sings for his living. He came to entertain us in the hope of getting a pittance. There was nothing to his songs, so Estella (Myers) preached to him and inveigled him into singing the gospel message. Simon sat beside him and gave him simple gospel truths one by one, and he put them into music. We marvelled at his adaptness in getting thoughts and interpreting them to the tempo of his music. He reminded me of what one reads of the minstrels of the middle ages. What a blessing he could be if he really grasped the truth of the gospel and went from village to village giving it forth in song.

January 11

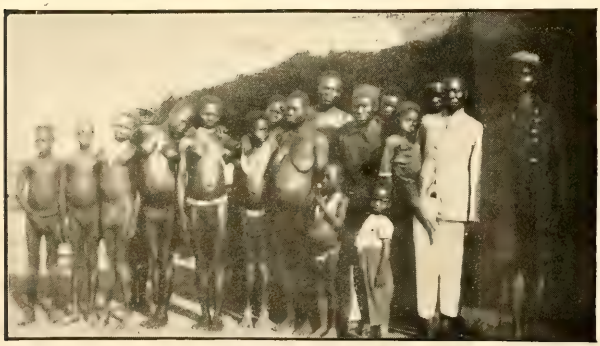
Moved yesterday afternoon to the large village of Ouetele. Estella stayed to preach at Ganga and I came I came on to preach at the new place. A lot of drunks tried to disturb our meeting, and their foolishness and commotion kept us awake a good part of the night. Many accepted the gospel here, and Simon feels this is where the Lord wants him to work.

January 12

Came on to Touloulou yesterday. The people here are Pondo and very rough and uncouth. During the night considerable excitement was caused by the shouting of a bushman outside our hut. Our boys are none too calm when they get outside the limits of their own tribe. Came on to Ndim.....the large cotton seeding center. The administrator and his wife were there buying cotton, so we had lunch with them and the cotton mill director before coming on to Kounang. Enjoyed going through the cotton mill after lunch. We noticed that the gin was from Alabama. Kounang is a beautiful place. It is a closed government post and we are staying in the big brick government house high on the mountain side.

January 13

We get a beautiful view for miles from this site. These rugged Panna mountains are almost as nice as our Karre mountains. We divided our effort this morning and I went to the village of Lia, while Estella went to Kounang proper. Climbing back up the hill from Lia to the post is like climbing Bassai hill. At Lia a woman died very suddenly during the night, probably from exhaustion from carrying cotton to Ndim yesterday. The whole village was home and sat around dumbfounded. They listened and received the message well, but I didn't give an invitation. This afternoon I talked to the soldiers' wives. There are quite a number of them whose husbands are sta-



A GROUP OF LISTENERS OUTSIDE A MISSION CHAPEL

tioned some place else just now. For the evening service we changed villages. Many accepted the Lord at each place.

We were so happy to find Louis (a Christian store clerk who starts a service wherever he works) had just arrived in Kounang. He was already witnessing for his Lord, so we put him in charge of teaching and strengthening our group of new believers.

Sunday, January 14

Went to Ndim this morning that we might have time to hold a little service with our Christians on the one day when they are free from work. There are many Karre there, a large proportion of them former Bassai people. They want one of the boys who can read, to teach them. Went on to Zole.....had a fine reception here. The chief gave the boys a goat to kill, which always means to them the very height of satisfaction.

January 15

I left Zole ahead of Estella and went through to Bocarango. Was sorry I did, for she had a terrible time getting porters, and had a long hard day. The people up through here don't want to work for either love or money. We are repacking and leaving two loads of the things we can get along without to be sent to Bassai sometime.

One of our promising young evangelists is stationed in this field and is doing a good work. Visited his classes in the afternoon and gave a message. The work here was started by Louis in his clerking days. This is a government post, and we had dinner with the administrator and his wife. They are old friends of the mission, having been at Paoua before. Listened to radio war news, but Radio City gave us little besides static.

January 16

We got to bed very late last night, but we got a real early start this morning. We left our extra boys to look after the loads, and started out for Baibokoum. A short distance out of Bocaranga we came to a large village and before we had time to greet anyone a man began shouting, "Everyone come to hear the good news." Apparently our name had gone before us. People came running from all directions. Our workers had been visiting that village. We started to sing a hymn, and the whole audience began singing something else. It was bedlam for a few minutes until we discovered what they were singing and kept to the two or three lines they knew. At least, they were "making a joyful noise unto the Lord."

January 17

Today was a long hard day. We stopped to preach at all the villages along the way, as this is very primitive territory. We have quite a system.....Estella stays behind to preach at one village, while I go on to the next one. She passes me and takes in the next village, then I the next. Thus we save time and still do not leave any villages untouched. We found a number of villages where they had never heard, and were amazed at the truth. Our native workers are too much inclined to hit only the important points, and slight the smaller villages when they go out into unreached territory. One chief gave us a live goat. We had to take it with us, bellowing and fighting all the way.

I stopped to preach at the first Mboum village across the river Lim. While I was preaching, the chief sent for a pot of beer for my boys. He was surprised to find they did not accept his gift. His gift to me was a chicken, which I could take without religious scruples, since I'm not a native woman and under a chicken-eating taboo. As we were leaving he asked me to give him some tobacco, so I had to talk against that as well as beer.

We reached Mann late in the afternoon. This village is almost breath-taking at first sight. It is by far the largest village in this part of the country, and presents a beautiful picture from the rest house built on a high point. We are near Cameroun border here. The village is very responsive to the Gospel, having been visited a number of times by both missionaries and native workers. The chief himself expresses a deep interest and says he has already put away his idol worship. His little boy is very ill with double pneumonia, but we are committing him to the Great Physician.

January 18

Have spent the day resting and washing up all our soiled clothing. Had a good morning service. There isn't much to do during the day for most everyone is out picking cotton these days. The people came in from their gardens very late and made the evening service late. The one little sick boy is delirious, but we believe yet the Lord will undertake for His own glory.

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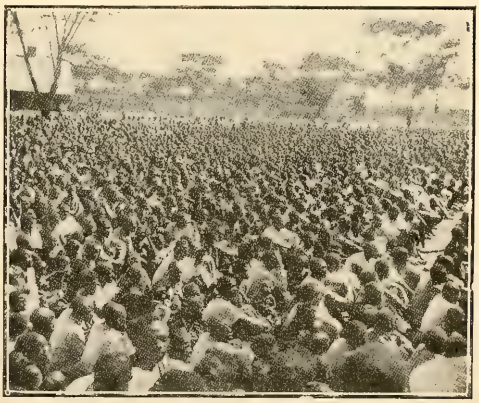

A CROWD OF NATIVE CHRISTIANS IN THE CAMEROUNS

ARGENTINA

By Miss Johanna Nielson, Formerly a Missionary in Argentina

Present conditions in Europe and the Far East are causing the people of the United States to think more than ever before of Latin America. Magazine articles, travel bureaus, market conditions, even fashions, are contributing to make us more conscious of the existence of our southern neighbors. I wonder if we are becoming more missionary - minded toward them in like proportion.

Miss Nielson

In Mackay's **"That Other America,"** he tells of a world traveler, not a missionary, who states that nowhere had he sensed such depths of spiritual darkness as in Latin America. And yet, sad to say, South America still remains "The Neglected Continent."

Perhaps it is because there seems not to be the same response to the gospel story that is usually met with in other lands. No group revival movement, not to mention mass movement, has ever been known to sweep any town or city of Argentina, so far as I have ever heard. So missionaries become discouraged, and they cry: "Why?—Why?"

Missionary efforts usually begin in port cities, these being easiest of access. Buenos Aires, Argentina's great metropolis as well as port, has many denominations at work. There are thousands who have not yet been reached; but if they have any desire to hear the gospel, a few minutes walk, or ride in street car or bus, and they may hear, for it is being preached in many places—perhaps not in its fulness, but certainly in saving power. Of Rosario the same could be said.

What of the towns of the interior—in our own Cordoba district, for instance? Here there are towns, dozens of them, that have no gospel witness, except as the Bible Coach may pass through once a year or more in two years, leaving a thin trail of tracts and Testaments. Possibly a family or two are definitely interested, and maybe a goodly number of hearts have been stirred, even though no public testimony was given. Where shall they go to hear the gospel proclaimed? It is many miles to the nearest mission, and they have no way to get there even if they would.

We always think of Rio Cuarto as our center, and from it radiate various railway lines, along which the towns have sprung up. Toward Tancacha we are getting a good start, with services in Berrotaran, Elena, Almafuerte, Tancacha and Hernando; but in only two of these towns is there an established work. Our first Tancacha converts went more than 50 miles to our nearest mission to be baptized. They did not go over paved highways either.

To the South, between Rio Cuarto and Huinca Renanco are about a dozen towns: Moldes, Mackenna, Sampacho, Lavalle, Salguera, Melo, Matalde, Capillo, are some of them—They have no chance to hear the gospel. Around Huinca are seven or eight more.

Another line running to Carlota offers another group of towns, among them Alejandro, where there are a number of believers, and where we formerly had a station.

But one of our greatest opportunities is along a line to Firmat, with a number of large towns absolutely without the gospel. In several of them the Bible Coach workers had a very good hearing, and there was much interest. Some of the more important ones are Corral de Bustos, Isla Verde, Ucacha, Pascanas and La Borde. It seems almost criminal to let such opportunities for establishing gospel lighthouses go by unclaimed.

Most of the towns mentioned are good sized. Many have a population of several thousands. There are many more smaller places. Because they have known only a false religion and their hearts have been hardened, shall we say the task is too hard, and turn away to let them die in sin and darkness? God forbid.

God has some choice saints among our Brethren in Argentina, and some that are truly miracles of grace—miracles so great that they must needs be seen "before and after" really to appreciate what God hath wrought. Perhaps it may always be necessary to win them "one by one" as has been done thus far. It may be that if we were more zealous in prayer for an awakening in Argentina that the Lord would honor our prayers and give a great harvest of souls. Certain it is that **prayer changes things,** for prayer moves the arm of God.

Our message has not failed where it has been faithfully proclaimed. I believe there is no town, large or small, where there are not some who will accept the Lord and live for Him, if given the opportunity to know Him and His saving gospel. We have not had to preach ten years without a convert. Let us pray the Lord of harvest to send forth **laborers,** earnest, enthusiastic, consecrated laborers, willing to spend and be spent, to work even in the small, unattractive places, and who will have the patience to work on while they wait for the results the Lord will surely give, for He can not fail.

"THE WAY"

The way to be master is to be servant.
The way to get up is to get down.
The way to receive is to give.
The way to be rich is to be poor.
The way to be wise is to be a fool.
The way to be exalted is to abase yourself.
The way to live is to die.

AN ENGLISH JURIST AND "THE FILM POISON" OF HOLLYWOOD

Mr. J. A. R. Cairns, a well-known magistrate of the Southwestern Police Court in the great city of London, certainly spoke his mind, and, we believe, spoke the truth concerning our modern "movies." Let parents read what this magistrate says, who sits on a bench facing the moral problems of a great city, and then ask whether a pastor is doing his duty who opposes the "movies." The magistrate says:

"We are living in an era of dirt, and the 'pictures' exploit it and thrive on it. You have only to recall the sort of stuff with which the film producers are flooding the world to see that this is so.

"The highest idea of romance is infidelity.

"The husband who trusts his wife is half-wit; and the wife who trusts her husband deserves to be deceived, and is an object for hilarity.

"And seduction is the normal initiation into society.

"Filth in most of our picture houses and many of our theaters has become the hallmark of amusement, and self-control the brand of the coward.

"Film producers are fouling civilization; they exhibit human love as something disgusting, nauseating and revolting, and after they have debauched the youthful minds, our criminal courts and hospitals are left to clear up the litter, while moneybugs clear off with the money bags.

"Constantly in my court here I see girl-mothers faced by lads challenging their obligation to paternity. I do not hesitate to say that Hollywood is earning a distinction second only to Gomorrah.

"I can respect misguided enthusiasm and honest error, but here are men deliberately exploiting every human fraility for cash. An England peopled with these film-made sexual specters cannot live.

"They can pollute our Western ideals and the Eastern ideals of the white man and his civilization in a way that we cannot compete with in effectiveness by righteousness and virtue. But do not misunderstand me—we are called killjoys, but we are not. I want to interfere with no man's manner of life. He can lead a life which to me would seem utterly immoral, if he chooses, and I would not raise an eyebrow—that's his concern. But if he wants to debauch youth, that's my concern.

"What I say and mean is—give youth a chance. Let them dream. I am sorry for the young folks of today, for in so many ways they are so delightful. But this film poison is so insidious and penetrates from the very atmosphere of the films.

"Why, I was talking only the other day to a young girl I know, of eighteen, and quite innocently she expressed to me her surprise that her father had no woman 'friend,' and her mother, too. I'm sure it is only from seeing films where immorality is painted as natural that she could have imbibed such views. I myself have sat in picture houses and felt that our children have no chance to retain their pristine innocence. Have we no reverence for childhood left? I wonder!"

MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR

On their respective birthdays, the names, favorite Scripture verses, and prayer requests of pastors, missionaries, and others in the brotherhood who are prominent in Christian work, will appear under this head. Please see that each member in your society is assigned one of the following names for daily prayer. Assign a different name to each member weekly. If you know of others whose names should have appeared this month, please notify your News Editor at once.

June 2—Rev. James Cook, pastor at Dallas Center, Ia. Prayer request in the face of war, death and destruction about us: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

June 3—Rev. Leo Polman, pastor at Ft. Wayne, Ind. II Tim. 2:15. Requests prayer for young people's summer camps, especially our National Brethren Youth Camp at Bethany, Winona Lake; for Bible conferences; for The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. and its many problems; for a deepening of our lives spiritually.

June 7—Mrs. Robert Ashman, wife of pastor at Peru, Ind. Isa. 53:6. Requests prayer for the unsaved in these last days; for our young people who are trying to stand for Christ; and that we may constantly be about our Father's business, bringing glory to His name.

June 9—Mrs. Joseph H. Foster, missionary in Africa. Her requests have been delayed due to war conditions, but we believe she would request prayer for her husband, Eld. Jos. H. Foster, whose physical body needs the healing touch of the Master; and, that added strength may be given to them both because of added duties in these troubled days.

June 12—Rev. Geo. E. Cone, pastor at Portis, Kans. Jn. 3:16. Requests prayer for the salvation of Israel; for the Lord to enable our missionaries to get to and from their fields of labor; and for provision for the further needs of The Brethren Home Missions Council, with praise for God's gracious provision for financing its work in the past.

June 14—Mrs. Chas. W. Mayes, wife of pastor of W. 10th St. Church at Ashland, O. Rom. 11:33. Requests prayer for wisdom and strength from the Lord to serve Him faithfully as a minister's wife, mother, and superintendent of a Junior High Department; also for the salvation of three boys in that department.

June 17—Mrs. Riccardo E. Wagner, missionary in South America. Gal. 6:14. Requests prayer for wisdom in the reorganization of her daily, weekly and monthly program of duties; that the Lord will raise up helpers in the execution of the same; and that she may be definitely led of the Lord in order to be able to put first things first for His glory, as she is unable to attend to a fourth of the work that needs to be done.

GLEANINGS FROM MISSIONARIES' LETTERS

"An Outfitting Party"

We guess that is what you would call it—is reported to us by one of our new missionaries, soon to depart for her station in Africa. Miss Ruth Snyder writes from Winona Lake, Ind.:

"The other night, the students of the Seminary had a little party at which they attempted to surprise me with a shower of gifts for my outfit. You see, that is the kind of students we have at Grace Seminary! They are willing to share of the abundance of their poverty! They are all fine people, and just such doings show the kind of fellowship which we are enjoying."

In Quarantine

The meningitis epidemic on our African stations was still continuing on Mar. 4, according to a letter from Mrs. Chauncey Sheldon. She writes:

"Did you know that we are more or less in quarantine these days? Yesterday (Sunday) there was no church service, neither was there any this morning. School has also been closed..... You of course have heard of the meningitis epidemic in this district for nearly two months now. Well, Dr. Gaillard kept thinking it didn't amount to much, but all the time it kept spreading. Yesterday Madame Legru wrote that there had been 80 known cases. Of course there are many that the doctors don't know about. It has now spread out on several of the roads leading from Bossangoa. At last they have closed the marche.....

"Our water boy, Fio's little boy, fell very sick. They diagnosed both cases as meningitis. There is nothing to do for them, not even at Bossangoa, for the doctor has no serum and no vaccine. He has sent for this several times, but because of the war things are delayed..... Chauncey had a little hut built for Fio out in the bush, and there he stays with his little boy, tenderly caring for him and hoping for his recovery. He is the only son, for the other little boy died some time back. The other case is not on the concession, and they have been quite stubborn about isolating the patient. In fact, they moved him to another family, for, said they, their house had evil spirits in it."

Ration Cards Used

Mrs. Chauncey B. Sheldon of the Bellevue station, F. E. A., wrote the editor on Mar. 5, 1940, a very interesting message, a part of which will be of intense interest to our members who are wondering just how they are faring in that land during these tempestuous days. We quote:

"..... So far, it has been easier to get gasoline here than in Europe. We have ration cards for flour, butter, milk, lard, and wine. The last named one hasn't bothered us a great deal! As to the others, we have been able to get all that we need also. We haven't suffered any so far, so don't waste any sympathy on us! I guess that France and England are much better fixed for food than Germany is. One wonders where this war will lead us to; but for us who have that 'blessed hope,' there is no despondency. Surely His coming must be drawing nigh, and what a blessed day that will be!

As to our furlough, we don't know a thing about it. We do know that those at home are having great difficulty getting back. A party from the Mid-African Mission passed through a couple of months back, on their way home. We haven't heard how they made out. (A report reached us that they were stranded at the coast—L.S.B.). The American Council wrote that the American freight line takes a limited number of passengers from Liberia only. I saw in one of Dr. Bingham's 'prayer letters' that they were considering trying to charter some neutral boat to take their missionaries out and return those who were ready for furlough. Of course they would have to have a large number to make it pay expenses..... The American Council said however that Americans were forbidden to travel on belligerents' ships under penalty of a fine of $10,000.

For some time there has been an outbreak of meningitis around Bossangoa, and services had to be closed at the chapel. One of the leading Christians has been quite ill with it. However, as long as Bossangoa is 21 miles away it didn't seem to be an imminent danger. But about 10 days ago one of the school children here went down with it. Then a few days after our water-boy's little son suddenly became very sick. Our own doctors are so far away, and even Miss Bickel is at Yaloke nursing, so we had no help to tell us what this was. We notified the French doctor and he came and pronounced both cases to be meningitis. The doctor thought we had better close the services, which we did; and it seems so strange, for it is the first time since we arrived here over 13 years ago that the Word has not gone forth almost daily..... We have been gargling our throats, for we go to see the sick. But the worst is, that Donald, who is probably the most susceptible, is unable to gargle. He just swallows the disinfectant. He played with our water-boy's little son also, just before he became ill. However, a week has passed and nothing has come of it, so we praise the Lord. Most of those who have had meningitis have died with it, but our two cases appear to be getting better, although when they fell ill they appeared to be sick unto death. Much prayer went up for them and we believe the Lord heard His children and answered. They had no medicine at all. The doctor had tried to get serum but had not received it. The war holds up things these days....."

Word From Kathryn Jobson

Our readers will be glad to have some word direct from Miss Kathryn Jobson, who is in the Westervelt home and school for missionaries' children at Batesville, S. Carolina. No wonder missionaries leave their

children in this school! This school seems to have the faculty of starting the children off to walk in the steps of their parents, even as it should. Kathryn writes:

"I used to have a class of little colored boys and girls. My, what a joy it is to work among children. How I love them! Roger, my brother, (in Africa) was so glad to know that I, too, was working among 'black children.' My assignment has been changed, and I work with a family of the poorer whites of the South. What a joy it is to be working—not **for** Christ, but with Him. My, how the power of Christ changes the lives of those who wholly believe in Him. I've seen it so true in the many lives while here. We use the Scripture-graph boards, presenting the salvation messages and Bible talks with pictures put on a felt-covered board.

"We are having speakers this week, those parents of the children who are coming on furlough, and other missionary friends. It is such a privilege to hear so many of God's harvesters. We also have a time set aside every Friday for reading prayer requests of the various missionaries and of various mission fields. Even though I cannot go forth, I truly want to be an intercessory missionary, praying that fervent prayer which may accomplish much. Daddy had me memorize the poem 'Hold The Ropes,' and I often repeat lines of it now.....

"This is around the closing time of school. We finish school on May 15, as we started Aug. 1. The college graduates May 22. Next year I go down to the public high school for my senior year. Then my parents are to come home. How I pray that they may be able to be home when I graduate. Oh, I long to see them. I also want them here for my next step—into college.

"How I praise the Lord for Christian parents and for this Home; for it was here I learned to know Christ as a real, personal Savior and Friend and came to know His Word, and came to love and value my parents as never before. Truly, He is faithful!"

Hill Maconaghy Writes

Brother Hill Maconaghy, on April 15, wrote from Rio Cuarto as follows:

"You will be interested to know that Bro. Dowdy and I are working in three towns now. We are staying in Rio Cuarto, but are going out for several days each week to these other places. In one of these towns we have located a family that claims to be believers. Through them we have gotten a list of friends whom we are visiting, and with whom we are dealing definitely about accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior. So far we cannot report any souls saved, but we believe that the Lord is working definitely in several lives. These people want to have some meetings. Pray for them and for us, that we may be used of His Spirit in speaking the word of life to many.

We are happy to report that one of the boys in our Sunday School class just recently accepted the Lord. He is showing in many ways real signs of spiritual growth. He loves the Word, and although he is still rather young, we have our eyes on him as a possible worker here in the future.

How vastly different are the two fields in which the Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church is doing its work of making Christ known to the lost. In our African fields, the people are reaching out their hands wanting to know Christ, and diamonds there are being dug from the very depth of the earth. When it comes to South America, we are dealing with Roman Catholicism. That is another problem. The people of South America are as fully lost as are the souls in Africa. If we know the Scriptures, there can be no salvation in the idolatry of the Roman Catholic Church. If the idols of Roman Catholicism would save them, the idols of Africa and India will save. But South America forms one of the most difficult fields in the world. Indeed, by many, it has been pronounced the most difficult.

However, Christ did not send us forth to easy tasks. He sent us forth to preach the gospel to every creature, whether they will receive it or not. The Brethren Church is fulfilling its duty in doing this very thing. However, in spite of the opposition of Roman Catholic priests as they lead on the host of hell, in Argentina, some precious souls have been saved to be fashioned in His likeness on the day of His appearing; and we believe that in due time, if our Lord shall tarry, there shall be a great reaping from the seed that is being faithfully sown in the Argentines. One thing sure, if men and women do not know Christ in and around Rio Cuarto, it will not be the fault of Brother Dowdy or of Brother Maconaghy. Pray for these men. Doubtless, they sometimes feel like throwing up their hands and crying, "Oh, rock, rock, rock, when wilt thou open to my Savior?"

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SELECTED MINUTES FROM THE AFRICAN FIELD COUNCIL

(Meeting Held at Bassai Station, Dec. 4-12, 1939)

(Note: Recently we received a complete copy of the Minutes of the African Field Council. They had an extended session, and it seems did more business than was ever reported to our office before, for a single meeting of the Council. The minutes are too long to publish fully here, although they would be of interest to many of our readers, showing the many, many problems with which our missionaries must wrestle. Their work is becoming more and more complicated. However, never was it being more greatly blessed than at the present time. We are selecting some of the more interesting items from the minutes of this last meeting of the Field Council—items that we believe will be appreciated by our readers who are keeping in close touch with the work on that field.—L.S.B.)

1. Ratification of Actions taken by Executive Committee.

Motion prevailed that the following actions taken by the Executive Committee be approved, that,

A. Dr Gribble be appointed to the Miller Memorial Station until next Field Council Meeting, her appointment to take effect not later than Sept. 1.; that she be given residence at Yaloke during the absence of Dr. Taber for language study at Bozoum and subsequent chapel visitation in the Yaloke field.

B. Building of dispensaries for which money has been received from the American Mission to Lepers be begun by July 31.

2. Furloughs due in 1940.

Motion prevailed that, deeply appreciating the spirit and feelings of the missionaries scheduled for furlough in 1940, we grant them their request to defer consideration of furlough until news concerning outcoming missionaries is received.

3. New Missionaries' Language Study.

Motion prevailed that in view of the present international situation and the urgent need on the field, we recommend to the Board that all approved missionary candidates postpone going to France for language study until their first furlough, and proceed directly to the field at the earliest possible date.

4. Field Treasurer.

Mr. Kliever was elected Field Treasurer.

5. Field Secretary.

Dr. Taber was elected Field Secretary.

6. Recommendations of Translation Committee.

Motion prevailed that the recommendations of the Translation Committee be approved, that,

A. Mr. Kliever, Mrs. Taber and Mrs. Foster be appointed to this Committee.

B. Miss Myers be appointed chairman.

C. The books of Matthew in Banou, and John in Gbea, be paid for from the Translation Fund on hand, and the balance be disbursed to Bouca and Miller Memorial as a fund for translations.

7. Recommendations of Music Committee.

Motion prevailed that the recommendations of the Music Committee be approved, that,

A. This committee be authorized to gather all possible information pertaining to proceedings necessary to and cost of transposition of hymn tunes adaptable to the needs of the native churches.

B. This committee submit for consideration by Field Council a sheet of "helpful hints," being suggestions that we believe would aid in the worship services of music in the native church.

C. Offer our willingness to assist in the Central Bible School in any way desired to aid evangelists in song leading, starting of tunes, and reading of music at least by position.

D. Miss Bickel be appointed to this committee.

8. Recommendations of Medical Committee.

Motion prevailed that the recommendations of the Medical Committee be approved, that,

A. Policy on medical care for missionaries.

We recommend:

(a) That in order to avoid this policy making an unnecessarily heavy burden on general or special funds, we continue to dispense medicines for missionary use on the field, except quinine, from the station dispensaries.

(b) That in order to relieve the special demands this makes on Yaloke dispensary, we accept the offer of $10 a month from Bassai medical allowance.

(c) That a doctor make regular visits to all stations in the mission twice annually.

(d) That all missionaries desiring an examination should request it at the time of these visits.

(e) That all trips necessitated by the illness of a missionary be paid for out of the Medical Transportation Fund.

B. Leper Work.

We recommend:

(a) That the leper dispensary at Yaloke be completed and equipped with the funds given for that purpose by the American Mission to Lepers; and that the administration be consulted concerning the establishment of a leper village in proximity to it;

(b) That, in view of the inadvisability for the present of building leper dispensaries at Bassai, Bellevue and Miller Memorial Stations, the money provided for that purpose be refunded to the American Mission to Lepers.

(c) That the Field Treasurer disburse the special funds on hand for leper work to the Yaloke dispensary. (Amount 1615.45 francs).

9. Recommendations of Special Automobile Committee.

Motion prevailed that the recommendations of the Special Automobile Committee be approved, that,

A. For the present we charge 4½ cents a kilometer (2 francs unless exchange goes beyond 45 francs) on all mission autos except the Dodge truck; and that the truck as an experiment charge cost of gasoline plus 50%.

B. Trips made because of mobilization by Dodge truck and the Bellevue Chevrolet be paid for out of general fund at the old rate (4c per kilometer) and that any compensation received from the government be placed in general fund.

10. Circumcision.

The Field Council resolved itself into a committee of the whole and discussed the problem of circumcision. The recommendation of the Committee of the whole was approved that the action of the Field Council under date of Nov. 3, 1926, continue to express our policy except for the circumcision of babies which may be performed by the mission doctors. The recommendation being, "That in order to bring about a higher Christian standard, we as a mission take no part in the circumcision of natives, except in cases when the medical authorities deem it wise for health's sake."

11. Recommendation of Property Committee.

Motion prevailed that the recommendation of the Property Committee be approved that, in view of the shortage of missionaries and the inadvisability of building the permanent houses at Miller Memorial Station, under present circumstances we advise the building of a three room mud house; to be provided for by the station funds.

12. Recommendations of Evangelistic Committee.

Motion prevailed that the recomemndations of the Evangelistic Committee be approved, that,

A. Due to the need of chapel visitation and village itineration in the Bassai-Bozoum field, and due to the shortage of missionaries at the present time, making it impossible to meet that need, and at the same time to continue the Central Bible School thru the entire year of 1940, we the Evangelistic Committee recommend the following:

(a) That Brother Jobson be permitted to spend the first six months of the year in chapel visitation and village itineration in the Bassai-Bozoum field.

(b) That during these months he superintend thru native foremen the erection of student dormitories for the Bible School.

(c) That plantations of peanuts, guinea corn and manioc be planted at the beginning of the rainy season to serve as the food supply for the students in 1941.

(d) That the Bible School term for the year 1940 begin July 1st and close the end of October.

(e) That during this term the students receive a monthly allowance of 12 francs 50 centimes, plus the sesame grain harvested this year, for the care of the plantations from July to October, and that beginning with the year 1941, the students receive no remuneration for the plantation work, it being hoped that the crops of 1940 will be sufficient for their needs as far as food is concerned.

(f) That 3000 francs of the Native Workers Fund now on hand in the field treasury, be disbursed to the Bible School for the building of dormitories, making plantations and supporting the Bible School students this year, according to the above plan.

(g) In addition to the above assistance given to the students from Bible School Funds, the churches sending them are encouraged to contribute up to 15 francs for married men and 7 francs 50 centimes for single men per month.

B. We recommend that the balance of the Native Workers Fund not disbursed to the Bible School, be used for Bible conferences as shall later be agreed upon by the committee. (This balance being 2,266.75 francs.)

C. That we continue to encourage the replacement of donations for native workers by two of the three projects approved last year, viz. chapel visitation and Bible conferences.

D. That we discourage the contracting of debts; native to native, native to storekeepers, native to missionary, and the practice of a native loaning his entire salary to one of his friends one month for the return of the same favor the following month, on the basis of the verse, "owe no man anything but love." (Advance on pay already earned not included).

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BOZOUM PRAYER AND PRAISE NOTES

By Mrs. Orville D. Jobson, Bozoum, Oubangui-Chari, F. E. A.

We praise the Lord for the privilege of itinerating in the many different tribes and villages during the dry season months. Many of the people are working for the government, but we are able to have services morning and evening, and usually have a good attendance.

Pray for our faithful evangelists who are being used of the Lord in winning many souls. Perhaps you would like to pray for them by name. Herewith are some of their names: **Jean Noetimo,** who has charge of the Bassai field; **Noel,** who so recently has opened a new work at Balboukoum; **Pierre,** who has charge of the different chapels in Karreland; **Jean Boca,** who is overseeing the younger teachers in Karreland; **Joseph,** who recently came to Bozoum to have charge of the work in our absence; and **Philip,** who has recently gone to M'Baindi to have charge of the Bible School.

Pray for the Bible conferences that will be held at the different stations and chapels during the next few months.

Pray for the work among the women and girls here at Bozoum and the different villages. Just recently two of our Bible women have started village work with the women and girls, but at times it is most discouraging.

We praise the Lord for the number of prisoners who have accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. Remember them in prayer.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DEPARTMENT

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

For June 16, 1940

REHOBOAM, THE AUTOCRAT

(1 Kings 11:43; 12:1-11)

Suggestions for the Leader

An autocrat is a selfish ruler who demands absolute control in the government. Rehoboam was this kind of a king. After Solomon's death, the kingdom divided into two parts. It has not been in the power of man to establish a lasting kingdom or government. An evil king makes monarchy a bad type of government. Instead of making reforms, Rehoboam inflicted hardships on the people.

The glory of the government cost the people money. They felt the burden under Solomon, and longed for deliverance. Rehoboam might have listened to the people and kept them together but he failed. Undue persecution and heavy taxation leads to revolution. In this story we see reckless youth plunging ahead, disregarding rights and feelings of others, and as a result a nation was torn apart.

1. The Heritage of Rehoboam. 1 Ki. 9:17-23; 12:4; 14:21.

Rehoboam had need for prayer for wisdom as well as did Solomon but he did not look to God. The national problem was to release the people of the demand of long hours for public work and the tax which discouraged raising food. Rehoboam had a mother who followed heathen gods. This is a great disadvantage for anyone. He failed, not so much because of handicaps but because he refused the advice of godly men. Our failure is certain if we trust in human wisdom or understanding. Trust God.

2. A Haughty Spirit. 1 Ki. 12:10; Proverbs 16:18.

After God builds some work, men frequently come to have charge of it as though its existence depended upon them. No man ought to get such an exalted idea of himself that he feels the work would fail without him. "A haughty spirit goeth before destruction." These words of his father were actually fulfilled in the son.

Rehoboam was born and reared in conditions of wealth and grandeur and had little regard for the poor and needy. How easy it is for us to forget the crying needs of those less fortunate than we; yet we should lend a helping hand.

3. The Vestige of Faith. 1 Ki. 12:22-24.

The division of the kingdom of Israel was the result of Solomon's sin and his son's foolishness. Jeroboam was selected to rule the northern kingdom, and had the promise of God's blessing if he would follow Him. Jeroboam did not take advantage of God's promise and the ten tribes departed from God.

Back in Judah, Rehoboam had counsel from God to do no harm to Israel. He never could get entirely away from his father's instruction. Something kept telling him to regard the God of his fathers.

4. The Ravages of Sin. 1 Ki. 14:22-28.

The devil can not control the machine of rebellion once he starts it moving. The people of Judah went far beyond their leader in sin. How does this remind us of the stand of our administration and the drink question? It takes years of labor to build up a work of value but a few unsaved men can work havoc in a short time. Think of Davids work, and then how soon it fell to pieces! What happened in Israel can happen here. It has happened many places. There can be no agreement between believers and unbelievers.

Additional Scripture

Words of Solomon about foolish sons and about counsel: Prov. 10:1; 15:20; 17:25; 19:13; 11:14; 12:15; 15:22.

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The cloud of today will have disappeared forever by tomorrow. Of those who trust in Him, God says, "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins" (Isa. 44:22).

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LIGHT ON TRUTH

By Bernard Schneider

THE NAKED TRUTH ABOUT SIN

"For the wages of sin is death." "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof dying thou shalt die" (Literal Hebrew, Gen. 2:17). No teaching of the Bible is more evidently true. Man is on his way to the grave continually. However, there is more than physical death included in the judgment of sin. It includes spiritual death, and eternal separation from God.

About the most cruel means of torture we have ever heard of was one invented during the Dark Ages and used at the castle of the Hohen-Staufen in Wuertemberg. When political prisoners were taken to this castle they were cast into what appeared to be a fairly comfortable prison room below the castle. The prisoner would feel fairly safe for several days until he would notice one day that the room in which he was kept was gradually getting smaller, the walls drawing together closer and closer, until the terrified prisoner would usually loose his reason before he was finally crushed to death.

Even so does sin, gradually, but certainly crush its victim. How wonderful it would have seemed to a victim of the awful prison room, had some one come and opened the door in time. How gladly he would have left the cell of living death. No doubt he would have literally jumped at the chance of freedom. How wonderful it is to know that there is One who will open the prison door of sin, and set us free if we will only come out. Jesus said: "I am the door" and, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (Jn. 8:36). Is it not strange that men and women will not leave the prison of sin, but rather live in it, though they must die in it?

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The Wages of Sin is Death

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THE THIRD ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

Since we were this year at a considerable distance from most of our own Brethren Churches, and our work was new in the local community, we were wondering somewhat about the attendance upon the graduation services. And in order to make it as easy as possible for friends from a distance to attend, both the Baccalaureate and graduation events were placed on the same day. We are glad to report that the attendance was most gratifying. Since the seminary chapel will not hold comfortably more than 175 people, we accepted the invitation of the Presbyterian Church of Winona Lake to use their building for both services. The main auditorium was well filled for the morning service, and in the evening the building was crowded, with quite a number standing in the back of the Sunday School auditorium. Many local friends who were present have commended the school for its spiritual, dignified and impressive services on this occasion.

Dr. Parley Zartmann, pastor of the church, led in the invocation at the Baccalaureate service and spoke for a few minutes in appreciation of the ministry of the seminary as he extended a cordial welcome on behalf of the congregation. Brother A. V. Kimmell, president of the seminary board, responded on behalf of the Trustees. The Scripture was read by Brother Herman W. Koontz, and the prayer was offered by Rev. Cloyce J. Pugh, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Akron, O., who received his master's degree from the seminary last year and from whose church two of the graduating class came. Special music was rendered by a student quartet composed of Robert Hill, Garner Hoyt, Robert Culver, and Glenn O'Neal. The sermon was delivered by Prof. Conard Sandy of the seminary who spoke ably and helpfully from the text in 1st Tim. 6:20-21. The closing prayer was offered by Prof. Homer A. Kent.

At the evening service, the academic procession moved from the seminary building down the hill to the church just as the sun was setting over the lake at the close of a perfect spring day. Dr. Harold C. Mason, formerly president of Huntington College and now pastor of the Free Methodist Church in Winona, led in the invocation. Bro. Russell D. Barnard, vice-president of the seminary board, made the official announcements for the year, Bro. A. D. Cashman read the Scripture, and Bro. Leo Polman led in the prayer. After special music by the seminary quartet, Dr. Louis S. Bauman delivered an impressive graduation address. Blaine Snyder, chairman of the senior class, then came to the platform and presented the class gift to the school, a fifty volume Devotional Commentary, which was received by Pres. McClain.

The honors for the class were then announced, cum laude to Miss Ruth Snyder, and magna cum laude to her brother, Mr. Blaine Snyder; and while they remained standing Prof. Kent spoke in recognition of their scholastic attainments.

The candidates were presented by Prof. Herman A. Hoyt, and the degrees and diplomas were conferred by Pres. McClain assisted by Profs. Kent and Sandy.

The conferring of degrees was followed by an ordination service with Bro. A. V. Kimmell presiding. Candidates for ordination were Mr. Henry Rempel and Mr. Blaine Snyder. Officiating ministers were Louis S. Bauman and Alva J. McClain. An unusual number of ministers present stood during the service, which closed with a solo by Mrs. Ralph Rambo and the benediction by Dr. Bauman.

One of the remarkable things about the graduating class is the number who are candidates for foreign missionary service. Under full appointment to sail for Africa as soon as passage can be secured are Miss Ruth Snyder and Bro. Robert Williams. To sail at a later date are Bro. Harold Dunning and his wife Marguerite Gribble Dunning. Counting also Mrs. Robert Williams, who has been a student in the Seminary, this makes a total contribution of five foreign missionaries from the seminary this year. It is the prayer of all concerned that this may be only an earnest of still greater foreign missionary interest at Grace Seminary in future years if the Lord should tarry.

The annual Senior Class retreat was held on Apr. 29 at Bethany Camp. After an evening meal together, the students and faculty gathered around the open fireplace for a faggot service led by Ralph Rambo. Pres. McClain spoke on "The Perfect Will of God and How to Find It for Your Life," and the remainder of the evening was spent in testimony to the grace and goodness of God. Such experiences are too precious to talk much about, but we could only wish that the many friends of the seminary could have been there to share in the unforgettable hour of fellowship.

The Middler-Senior Banquet was held on Wednesday evening at the Hotel Hays in Warsaw with between 50 and 60 present. Brother Jack Simmons, newly elected president of the student body, presided as the toastmaster. Henry Rempel, retiring student president, entertained with his melodious accordion, and Bro. Robert Culver led in a songfest. Special music was rendered by the ladies' quartet composed of Miss Mellick, Mrs. Dunning, Miss Miller, and Mrs. Umbaugh. Responding speakers were as follows: Pres. McClain for the faculty; Rev. A. V. Kimmell for the trustees; Rev. Cloyce J. Pugh for the alumni; Bob Hill for the Juniors, and Blaine Snyder for the Seniors. The devotional message was delivered by Prof. Kent, who called upon the students to stand in the gap created by the world's present desperate need. The evening was closed by singing the seminary song —"Grace That Is Greater Than All Our Sin."

OUR FIRST YEAR AT WINONA

With the graduation service, the seminary brought to an end a very happy and successful year, our first in the new location at Winona Lake. Judging from the expressions heard from both faculty members and students, everyone seems to be well satisfied with the situation here. Aside from the rather ridiculous attempt on the part of certain "brethren" to misrepresent the school, and which apparently injured no one but themselves, the relations of Grace Theological Seminary to the local community have been ideal. Teachers and gospel teams have been welcomed into the pulpits of the churches of both Winona Lake and Warsaw. Pres. McClain has been invited to speak of the seminary work before the Service Club of the city, and many of the business men have expressed an interest in the ideals and program of the institution.

We have been particularly gratified with the fine relations which have been maintained between the seminary and the Free Methodist owners of the building in which quarters have been leased. Occupying adjoining floors of the same building, there is always a possibility for friction to arise between two such groups, but there has been absolutely nothing of this kind, and the seminary has finished the year with no better friends than these good people who have gone out of their way more than once to make our stay pleasant.

Another thing which pleasantly surprised all has been the many opportunities for practical service in the case of the students, as we did not expect much along this line for some time. However, already several students have actually secured small churches, and others are in prospect. Pastors of different denominations have cooperated graciously in locating places. Two of the students have been called to Christian churches near Winona, and another has found a United Presbyterian Church up in the northeast corner of the state. This work is good for both churches and students. We now have in mind opening services in an unused church building not far from here, and people in the surrounding community have expressed a real interest in the project, saying they would like to have a Sunday School started there.

The seminary also has made many friends among those in charge of the Winona Lake Assembly. We are regarded as one of the valued institutions of Winona, and our announcements are to appear in the June bulletins. The Lord has been most gracious in all these matters.

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STUDENT MARRIAGES

On the morning of Sat., May 11, at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Conard Sandy, Mr. Garner Hoyt and Miss Myna Morrill were united in marriage. Brother Curtis Morrill, brother of the bride, read the service. Appropriate Christian hymns were rendered by Mrs. Harold Dunning. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Ethel Morrill, and the groom by his brother-in-law, Robert Culver.

Miss Laura Miller, recently a member of the faculty of Bob Jones College, and Arnold Kriegbaum, member of the 1940 seminary graduating class, were united in marriage on May 10 at the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind., the father of the bride reading the service. After a trip through the west, they will be at home to friends in Los Angeles, Calif., where Brother Kriegbaum is pastor of the Third Brethren Church.

At the Middler-Senior Banquet, President McClain announced the coming marriage of Henry Rempel to Mrs. Laura Mahan of Canton, O. The ceremony will take place on June 4, after which they will spend several weeks traveling in the west, and then be at home to their friends in Flora, Ind., where Brother Rempel is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church.

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OTHER STUDENT NEWS

Gene Allen has taken a summer pastorate in the United Presbyterian Church of California, Mich. . . . Edward Bowman has returned to the First Brethren Church of Beaver City, Nebr., where he served last summer . . . . Robert Culver and family have moved to Ankenytown, O., where he has been serving as pastor since the first of the year . . . . Paul Davis and family have taken a house in Winona Lake and will remain here for the summer . . . . Harold and Marguerite Dunning will work among the churches under the auspices of the Brethren Student Life Volunteers, an organization sponsored by The Home Missions Council . . . . Robert Hill has been called to the Brethren Church at Osceola, Ind., to take the place of the retiring pastor, Bro. Robert Williams, who with his wife are preparing to sail for Africa as soon as passage can be arranged . . . . Garner and Mrs. Hoyt will spend the summer in Winona, having accepted positions with the Winona Christian Assembly . . . . William Kerr will spend the summer at his home in Atlantic City, N. J. . . . . Miss Flo Mellick has returned to her home in Ohio . . . . Walter Miekley will continue to serve as pastor of the Christian Church at Palestine, Ind. . . . . Miss Mildred Miller will work in the rural districts of Iowa under the direction of the Rural Bible Crusade . . . . Gene O'Neal has taken a summer position with the government at the Grand Coulee Dam in the State of Washington . . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rambo are on a flying trip to California, and will return in a few days to take up a supply pastorate in the Brethren Church at Hagerstown, Md. . . . . Jack Simmons has taken up his residence at Fremont, O., where he has been serving as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church . . . . Blaine and Ruth Snyder have returned to their home in Conemaugh, Pa. . . . . She will sail for Africa as soon as passage can be arranged . . . . Earl and Mrs. Umbaugh have returned to their home in Akron, O.

Summer Ministry of President McClain

President and Mrs. McClain will spend most of the summer in the west. After an appointment at The First Brethren Church of Dayton, O., they will motor to California where he will conduct Bible Conferences at Brethren churches in Whittier, La Verne, San Diego, Long Beach First, Modesto, and Tracy.

He will also deliver the graduation address at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles on June 6, and serve as Bible lecturer for one week at an inter-denominational missionary conference held at Mount Hermon, Calif. The return trip will be made through the north-northwest states and Canada where Prof. McClain has been invited to minister in radio broadcasting.

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Professor Sandy's Relation to the Seminary

Since Brother Sandy's year with the seminary has recently closed, the administration feels that a public statement of his relations to the school should be made at this time. Last August, just prior to the opening of the seminary year, the board had expected that Bro. Homer A. Kent would be ready to take up full time work as the third member of the faculty. However, Bro. Kent did not feel at that time that he could leave his pastorate, but indicated that he would be ready to do this in the fall of 1940. In this emergency, Bro Sandy, who had just returned from abroad, was contacted very providentially and graciously agreed to serve in the interim of one year. Both students and faculty have been blessed by the association of Brother and Sister Sandy in this work, and desire to express this public tribute for their spiritual influence and ministry.

Prof. and Mrs. Sandy will spend the early part of the summer among Ohio Brethren churches in Bible conference work and showing pictures taken on his recent trip to Europe and the Holy Land. Later they will return to Winona Lake where Bro. Sandy will take graduate courses in the Summer School of Theology. Churches or organizations desiring his ministry can reach him by addressing him at Winona.

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RECENT SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINARY

Bro. Curtis Morrill spent three days at the seminary lecturing on the missionary work in French Equatorial Africa . . . . Dr. Parley Zartmann, pastor of the Winona Lake Presbyterian Church, took a chapel period to relate the beginning and history of the great evangelistic movement led by the late Dr. Wilbur Chapman, and with whom Dr. Zartmann was associated . . . . The noted evangelist, Bob Monro, spoke at a chapel service on practical aspects of the Christian Ministry . . . . Bro. R. I. Humberd visited the seminary, speaking and showing pictures one evening, and at a class period the next day . . . . Rev. Howland, editor of the Free Methodist church paper, delivered a lecture to the seminary on the subject of "Miracles" . . . . Dr. Lathem, famous for his work in the All Bible Summer School, addressed the seminary on the general plan and methods of accomplishing this work . . . . Prof. Sandy very graciously spent several evenings showing pictures he took last summer while in Europe and the Holy Land.

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Professor Hoyt's Ministry

Professor Herman A. Hoyt conducted several Bible conferences in Pennsylvania during the week of Mar. 8-17, speaking four times at Uniontown, twice at Martinsburg, twice at Juniata at an interdenominational Bible conference, four times at Listie, and once in the newly organized Brethren Church at Vinco. At the special Easter services held in the Christian Church of Talma, Ind., Professor Hoyt brought the messages. Over the week-end of Apr. 19-21 he delivered several messages to churches in northeast Ohio, being guest speaker in the First Brethren Churches of Greensburg, O., where Rev. Harold H. Etling, a former student and graduate of Grace Seminary, now serves. At the annual Sunday School Convention of Kosioscko County, Prof. Hoyt was one of the guest speakers. And in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Robert Ashman, he filled the pulpit of the First Brethren church at Peru, Ind., on May 5.

During the summer he will be speaking and teaching at Portis, Kan; Beaver City, Nebr.; Garwin, Ia.; Buena Vista, Va.; Roanoke, Va.; Hollins, Va.; Covington, Va.; a Young People's Conference under the auspices of the Labonah League of Dayton, O.; Flora, Ind.; Williamsburg, Ia.; Hagerstown, Md.; Southeast District Bible Conference of Brethren Churches, Winchester, Va.; Waynesboro, Pa.; and First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

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CORPORATION MEMBERSHIP

While the matter has been explained several times, both at annual meetings of the seminary corporation and in publications, the Executive Committee feels that the qualifications of corporation membership should be stated again at this time.

It is doubtless clear to all that a contribution of **$5.00 in a single gift** makes the donor eligible for membership **for a period of one year.** In order to avoid the confusion of having memberships beginning and ending at many different dates, the rule was made that all such donors within any fiscal year would become members of the corporation for the period of the following year. Thus, corporation members for the current year are those who contributed during the last fiscal year ended Aug. 1, 1939, and their membership began on that date, which was the time of the annual meeting.

In order to simplify the task of keeping records, the Executive Committee at its recent meeting advanced the beginning of the fiscal year to Aug. 1. This means that to continue membership or to become members for the coming year, which will begin with the annual meeting on Aug. 28, 1940, contributions must reach the Winona office on or before Aug. 1. This change

is announced especially for the information of those churches which have indicated their purpose to take a seminary offering during this summer, and also for friends who have made pledges.

In brief: **Contributions received on or before the end of the fiscal year, Aug. 1, will make the donors eligible for corporation membership for one year beginning at the annual meeting, Aug. 28.**

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INCORPORATION IN THE STATE OF INDIANA

The seminary is glad to announce that the Articles of Incorporation for the school in the State of Indiana were approved and filed on Apr. 29, 1940, authorizing its operation as an institution of higher theological education, and the granting of degrees and diplomas. This step, of course, was made necessary by the move from Akron to Winona Lake, and was authorized by the Ohio Corporation of the Seminary at the last annual meeting.

The annual meetings of both corporations will take place on Aug. 28, at Winona Lake, at which time all members of the Ohio corporation will become also members of the Indiana corporation.

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CANARIES THAT TWITTERED

They that loved the Lord spake often one to another.
Read Mal. 3:16-18.

There is a story of a canary that was put into a cage of sparrows; and soon, its song all gone, it was twittering like a sparrow.

One vital reason why a child of God should be faithful in church attendance and in fellowship with Christians is that he is thereby kept keyed up to his natural note. Few are the saints why can survive complete immersion in the world. Ere they know it, they have lost their clear, sweet song of faith, and are twittering like the world's sparrows.

When a Christian can not be distinguished from a worldling, then he has lost his witness.

Please enter my subscription to the **Brethren Missionary Herald** for one year. One dollar ($1) enclosed.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Apr. 1 to May 15

With the following report, which brings the record of gifts up to May 15, it is a real satisfaction to say that all running expenses for the school year just ended have been met fully and there will be a balance of at least $500.00 to carry the small summer expense and start us out this fall. (No salaries are paid during the months of June, July and August.) However, it should be understood that the reason for this balance is that the seminary has received during the past year the income from the Laura Busey estate, of which a complete report will be rendered later. Thus it will be clear that contributions plus student fees have practically equaled the current expenses for the year. The trustees, teachers and students join in thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness in providing so bountifully through the many friends who have prayed and given.

It should be pointed out, however, that the school has been operating with only three full-time teachers, and a fourth will be necessary in order to **insure** full recognition for our work. The balance reported above, therefore, should be regarded as an asset to be applied toward this end as soon as possible. We have determined to incur no indebtedness for operating expenses, and consequently believe that the existence of this extra money indicates that God is opening the way to complete the seminary faculty in the near future. We ask definite prayer to this end.

Rcpt. No.	Amt.	Rcpt. No.	Amt.	Rcpt. No.	Amt.
1964	$ 5.00	1987	$ 3.00	2010	$ 5.00
1965	1.00	1988	5.00	2011	10.00
1966	10.00	1989	300.20	2012	15.00
1967	1.00	1990	1.00	2013	10.00
1968	5.00	1991	5.00	2014	10.00
1969	25.07	1992	25.00	2015	10.00
1970	5.00	1993	25.00	2016	10.19
1971	10.00	1994	15.00	2017	7.18
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1973	5.00	1996	1.50	2019	10.00
1974	10.00	1997	1.00	2020	5.00
1975	10.00	1998	15.00	2021	10.00
1976	5.00	1999	1.00	2022	10.00
1977	37.82	2000	1.00	2023	50.00
1978	2.00	2001	10.00	2024	5.00
1979	10.00	2002	2.00	2025	12.27
1980	5.00	2003	8.00	2026	10.00
1981	1.50	2004	5.00	2027	5.00
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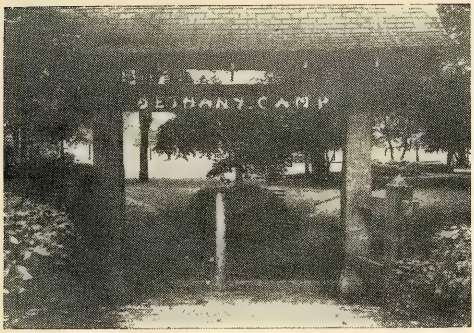
Mrs. Alva J. McClain, Financial Secretary.



SECOND ANNUAL

National Brethren YOUTH CAMP

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BEAUTIFUL BETHANY CAMP

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

AUGUST 26th to SEPTEMBER 2nd

A Vacation With a Purpose

A bigger and better camp is in store for our BRETHREN YOUTH this year—(our 2nd). One only needs to ask any of those who attended last year if they had a great time. From every indication, our Brethren youth can hardly wait until it is time for our national camp. They, with the director, are anticipating one of the best camps it is possible to have. And we mean just that!

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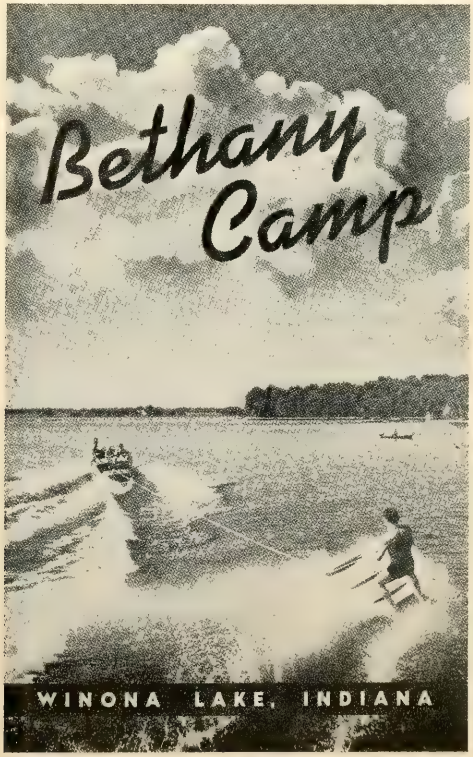

THE NATIONAL BRETHREN YOUTH CAMP presents a well balanced program of physical and spiritual activity; combining genuine spiritual Bible teaching, Christian fellowship and recreational facilites of the highest type that are rarely found in youth camps.

THE NATIONAL BRETHREN YOUTH CAMP was born out of a conviction that the Christian life for youth, as well as for those who are older, can be vital, and practical experience in their lives. This has been the conviction of many and a need that has been vitally felt for years during our National conferences.

BETHANY CAMP PROVIDES ROOM FOR 104 GIRLS in the commodious, well furnished, homey main lodge, 12 girls to a room with one counselor.

Five of the finest summer cabins care for 60 boys and 5 counselors.

Simmons beds with innerspring mattresses make for real sleeping comfort. All bedding, blankets, sheets and pillow cases are furnished.

A MOST IDEAL PLACE. The scenic location unrivaled. Mrs. Morgan will be our chief cook again this year—and that means the best eats in Winona!

PLANNED AND DIRECTED RECREATION! Camp fire services! Vesper services and the best inspirational services to be had anywhere!

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August 26th

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ALL ACTIVITIES FOR OUR NATIONA BRETHREN BIBLE CONFERENCE, AUG CAMP AGAIN THIS YEAR, UNDER THE

BIOLA

The Biola Trumpeters brass trio, consisting of Howard Lawson, 1st trumpeter; Chester Padgett, 2d trumpeter; Edward Nash, 3d trumpeter, under the direction of Professor David H. Heydenburk, pianist, will thrill Brethren youth with their wonderful, specially arranged trumpet, vocal and piano numbers. They excel in their field!

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Bethany Camp is headquarters for all our National Ch tian Endeavor services, vespers, camp fire, fagot servic well as the annual banquet. Here you will spend h never to be forgotten!

BRETHREN STUDENT LIFE VOLUNTEERS

All activities of this great youth organization will b Bethany. Where you will meet young people from the lantic to the Pacific—those who have given their all to Lord and are preparing for HIS SERVICE in HOME FOREIGN WORK. Over 200 in this organization.

SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA GIRI

make Bethany their headquarters. Every young lady attended last year well knows the fellowship and insp tion this week at Bethany meant to her life.

GRACE SEMINARY AND THE BRETHREN HO MISSIONS COUNCIL RALLIES, INSPIRA- TIONAL MEETINGS, BANQUETS ARE ALL SCHEDULED FOR BETHANY!

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EPTEMBER 2, WILL BE AT BETHANY
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ETERS

The Biola Trumpeters this past summer were wonderfully blessed as they held services and concerts in over 85 churches, traveling 11,000 miles through 23 states. Their special ministry won many re-dedications and decisions for Christ. The Biola Trumpeters will be with us for the week and during the conference will give a sacred concert.

EVERY PARENT WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT—

n this year, there will be conducted a DAILY VACA-
BIBLE SCHOOL, each morning from 9 until noon for
oys and girls. Miss Ethel Morrill, who so wonderfully
n this work last year will be the director of this year's
l. She will be assisted by able assistants who will in-
t in Bible stories, memory work, planned recreation.
er, you can attend conference sessions and know that
will be no child problem while there. (There is no
for this service.) Classes will be conducted on the
iful Bethany Camp grounds and the play house.

na Lake and especially beautiful Bethany Camp fur-
s an ideal place for our boys and girls as well as our
g people who are lovers of outdoors. Coupled with the
ation program will of course be the inspirational Bible
s and spiritual refreshments. These will be never-to-
rgotten mountain top experiences for our youth!

FUN—ACTIVITY—REST!

WHAT FUN AND FELLOWSHIP! Not only fellowship in National Bible Conference sessions—and by the way, we feel that this year's program is the best we have ever had—but there will be that fellowship and fun riding in the speed boats, 2 of them, a 24-ft. Chris Craft and a 40-ft. Diessel powered speed boat. Then for those who are swimmers, it will be thrills to ride the Aqua Board, Aqua-Planing; swimming — private beach; three tennis courts; volley ball; indoor baseball diamond; ping-pong tables; horse-shoes; shuffle board; croquet; badminton; row boating and canoeing —all available without additioanl cost to all who are registered in the camp.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

ROOM AND BOARD $9.00 for the whole week (which includes Monday supper to Monday lunch). That is, $9.00 if your pre-registration of $2.00 is sent in before July 15th. Balance of $7.00 on arrival. After July 15th, the price will be $10.00 for the week. Make reservations by pre-registering NOW! First come, first served.

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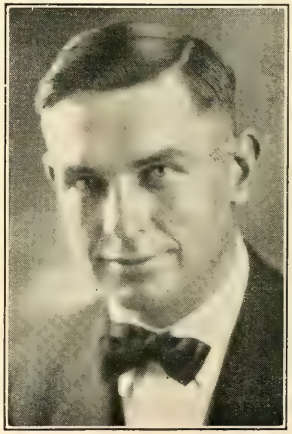
National Brethren Youth Speakers

DR. V. C. KELFORD, of Waterloo, Iowa, nationally known Bible teacher, expositor, evangelist and author will be the prominent youth speaker during the seven days of our National Brethren Youth Camp. God has signally blest this man's ministry throughout America and Canada. Dr. Kelford has conducted conferences and evangelistic meetings in some of the largest churches in this country. Fortunate is the young man or young woman who will have the privilege to sit at the feet of this great preacher, one of the greatest living today, who has brought joy and blessings to thousands as he preaches on that wonderful subject of "GOD'S MARVELLOUS GRACE." Young and old will want to hear him.

DR. HARRY RIMMER, President of the Research Science Bureau, Inc., who recently was hailed into a New York court because his bureau offered $1000.00 to anyone discovering and proving a scientific mistake in the Bible. That started something. Dr. Rimmer says: "I have seldom seen such excitement as the daily press displayed over this matter. There were headlines in every paper in America which subscribes to the Associated Press Service; one New York paper published a two-page 'spread' in its Sunday edition; and the Radio News sent transcriptions to its multiplied scores of stations-customers. News magazines such as Newsweek, ran columns on the issue and the Bible got more publicity than could have been purchased with millions of dollars . . . The Bible emerged from this unique trial with shining glory undimmed by the venomous attacks of unbelief." It will be a real treat to hear Harry Rimmer tell his story!



OF COURSE ALL BRETHREN YOUTH will have the privilege to hear The National Brethren Bible Conference speakers in addition to these mentioned above.

REV. AND MRS. LEO POLMAN, are the directors of The National Brethren Youth Camp again this year. Everything has been considered to make this the most helpful, spiritual refreshment possible for youth.

They will be ably assisted by a staff of workers that have proved themselves in their respective fields of service.

**"ON TO WINONA LAKE—
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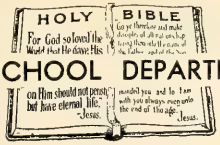

BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Tom Hammers, Editor

CREATING EFFECTIVE MISSIONARY EMPHASIS

The average church is confronted with a definite lack of missionary zeal. Professedly its membership has entered into a prayer partnership; but those who pray regularly and earnestly for the work on the field are relatively few in comparison with those who intercede if they do not forget it (or even perhaps do so seldom or not at all). When an offering for missions is taken, many give liberally, but few sacrificially; and if an appeal is made for recruits for the field, the response is generally slow.

Why is it that the average church member will pray far more earnestly for a sick member of his family than for souls on the verge of an eternal death? Why is it he gladly saves more sacrificially for a vacation trip or a week-end at the beach than for the eternal pleasure of others for whom Christ died? Why is it that when our Lord said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," the average young person says, "I have not been called to go," but never asks himself whether he has been called to stay at home? Why is it that when men are so badly needed on the field most of the volunteers are women, willing to perform masculine duties, if necessary, to spread the Gospel, while the men look on and say in action, "Lord, here am I, send my sister?"

Perhaps we have failed to impart adequate knowledge of the needs and problems. Workers from the field testify of an increased burden because of their greater familiarity with conditions. The fact that girls generally receive more missionary instruction than boys and respond more readily to a "call" testifies to the close connection between information and interest.

Perhaps we have not portrayed the facts vividly enough to make the heart thrill at the very mention of the word "missions."

Perhaps we have neglected the opportune time to present a certain phase of missions. Sometimes we are slow to realize that at each stage of a child's development God has given certain characteristics to be used to His glory. The church which allows its youth to attain manhood before stimulating missionary interest does them a great injustice.

We need to arouse in the church such definite and personal missionary interest and enthusiasm that prayers, gifts and lives may be volunteered for missionary purposes. To attain that end:

1. Provide adequate missionary material.

1. Present missions through every possible medium (Bible School, Christian Endeavor, Daily Vacation Bible School, etc.).

3. Impart information in an appealing and attractive form.

I. Missionary Material

A. INDEXING. As soon as material is received, it should be indexed for quick reference. Each article should be listed in an acquisition book by number, kind (i. e. whether story, picture or curio), country; phase (i. e. religion, industry, home life, etc); and age for which it is most suitable. A filing case may also be used for this purpose, each article appearing under as many of the above heads as desired.

B. A MISSIONARY LIBRARY. This should include all countries and contain the following information:

1. **Interesting, vivid, accurate stories of all kinds**—incidents from the field; stories portraying natural surrounndings, customs, conditions, or any other phase of foreign life.

2. **Lives of outstanding or pioneer missionaries**—Livingstone, Moffat, Taylor, etc., as well as the lives of all our own missionaries.

3. **Accurate pictures,** mounted on cardboard and filed under various heads in labeled envelopes. Packets of pictures of the different countries, showing home life, industry, etc., can be secured from The Natural Geographic Society, Hubbard Memorial Hall, Washington, D. C. The number of packets available for any country, the classification, and the price, can be ascertained by writing them.

4. **Looseleaf notebook containing methods of presenting missions.** Plans for children, and for adults, and those adapted to all ages, can be kept separate by thumb index tabs. New ideas may be typed or pasted on the sheets and filed in their proper place. Gal. SEVEN ___ ___ ___ cmfwy shdr lbbgkq cmfdwl etaoi

C. A MISSIONARY MUSEUM. This will not involve a great deal of time or expense if all the departments of the Bible School cooperate. Wood carvings of many interesting objects can be procured at low cost from the missionaries of many countries. Inexpensive kewpie dolls, painted the proper color and dressed in native costume, look quite characteristic. With a little thought and effort other things can be modeled accurately from pictures. The Bible School will take on new life and will certainly throb with missionary enthusiasm if each class gathers material from a different country. The curios, when arranged attractively in showcases, will be quite instructive as well as helpful and effective for use in the various departments on Missionary Sunday.

Care **must** be taken that all material, whether stories or curios, be accurate and geographically correct, and so arranged as to portray real life in these countries. First impressions are usually the most lasting, and a wrong concept cannot be easily rectified.—G. A.

(To be continued)

"Uncovering A Snare"

By Gene Farrell

A great deal of unnecessary heartache might be spared us if we would get in the habit of taking God at His Word. When Omniscience makes a blanket statement concerning the hearts of men, we do not actively question it, but we prove by our lives that we do not believe it.

The Word passes judgment upon all men after this manner: **"There is no difference"**—and we affirm with our lips that this is true—but in the next breath we put the lie to our affirmation by claiming the right to make differences in people. "I never thought that **he** or **she** would do that," reveals the fact that we do make exceptions to the rule, and by so doing uncover an unconscious unreality in our faith.

The Holy Spirit abhors all confidence in the flesh, and rightly so, for He seeks merely to establish us in the only true Hope, the Lord Jesus Christ. The grief that came to Christ, when all earthly friends forsook Him, would have been intolerable had He not known "what was in man." It was Christ who had said, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts.....covetousness.....deceit.....pride, etc....." It was Christ who had refused to heed Peter's, "Lord, I will folow thee even unto prison and unto death," for it was He who had inspired Jeremiah to write: "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked"—and He knew that Peter's dependence rested in impulse and personal morality rather than the will and performance of the Holy Spirit. "Thou art Simon" (a man ignorant of your own limitations) said Jesus; "Thou shalt be called Cephas (a man no longer wise in your own conceit, but filled with the Holy Spirit, Whom you will receive at Pentecost).

Happy is that Christian who has allowed the Word of God to deliberately disillusion him to the virtues of his fellowmen. God says, "There is no difference" —rather a cruel and sweeping judgment sometimes —but omniscience has a way of outdistancing all finite competition, and, in the end, if we are sincere in our quest for knowledge, will bring us to a humble acceptance of His Word.

The test comes when our dependence (whether conscious or otherwise) in another person is shattered through some failure on their part. Will we seek to justify their failure to live up to our ideal, or will we see in it that inevitable weakness of the flesh which God's Word so implicitly prophecies? Will we judge them for what they have done, or will we commit them unto Him that judgeth righteously, knowing that "thou that judgest doest the same things?" If we, in the crisis, will let the Word of God disillusion us to all confidence in people, irrespective of their affinity or position, then our lives will be freed of all hurt and the spirit of love will be restored—yes, transfigured in contrast to its former state when it emanated from a confidence in the flesh rather than "Christ in you the hope of glory."

It is not that we become cynical or suspicious of men—never that, for no one could be as mean as we ourselves have been shown to be by the Holy Spirit—but rather that we come to exalt the fact of sin, as revealed in God's Word, above our own ideas of people. Experimentally we come to accept the fact that Christ died even for man's best, and that "all our righteousnesses" (even the most moral man we know) "are as filthy rags." We learn that the good is the greatest enemy of the best; and our confidence shifts from man to what God can do for man, as all failure is seen to be the result of unbelief, not some deliberately cruel action.

So then, when we make an estimation of people let us not reckon in terms of what they **do,** but what they **are,** or could be, by the grace of God. There must be no false illusion or misplaced confidence if we are to walk in the paths of peace. Our love must be impartial, for that which "is from above is without partiality," and it cannot be so if we are knowing men "after the flesh." Men appear different, but it is only by the grace of God that they are so. Actually, they are the same—"there is no difference." The seed of sin is planted alike in every heart. In some men it is in full flower (adultery, theft, murder, etc.). In others it is in the bud (covetousness, lasciviousness, blasphemy, etc.). And there are some very moral folk in whom it is only a thin blade, barely visible to the eye, (evil thoughts, deceit, pride, foolishness, etc.). Morality, apart from the grace of God, (meaning the cross) is moral accident. Morality, by the grace of God, is the result of Calvary. In either case the credit goes to Him, for the one is the result of Providence and the other of His sacrifice.

Finally, who are we that we can feel hurt, considering the way we have hurt Christ on the cross of Calvary! When Paul said, "Henceforth let no man trouble me," did he not have this in mind? What if Christ had considered the sins of men so repulsive that He would have refused to bear them in His sinless Body? Even so we must be renewed continually in the spirit of our mind that we may be able to bear the infirmities of the weak, "taking heed lest we fall." No man could ever fail us in anything like the degree in which we failed to meet the requirements of a holy God, and lo! rather than judge us for our failure, He judged His only begotten Son!

"Christ died for our sins" (1 Cor. 15:3) — not merely for those mean, contemptible wrongs which we have committed, but for the very best that is in us. The very best in any person who is outside of Christ is filthy and obnoxious and sinful in God's sight (Isa. 64: 6). We can never appreciate the greatness of the grace of God in providing our salvation until we see sin in its true light.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

KOBE, THE LITTLE MISSIONARY

By Mrs. Harold Dunning

About 20 years ago, out in Africa, a little girl named Marguerite lived with her mother and daddy who were missionaries. They lived in a bamboo, mud, and grass house which was all one big room inside. The mother and daddy had put up a tent inside the house to make a bedroom. There was no kitchen in the house because the cooking was done over sort of a campfire. There was an African "boy", a young man, really, who was the cook. The mother, daddy, and little girl were all very happy, even though they did not have the best kind of a house to live in, because they loved Jesus and were spending their time telling others about Him and His love for them.

One day a little boy about nine or ten years old came to the missionaries' house and asked if he could stay there and work. There did not seem to be much for a boy his size to do, but he begged so hard to stay that finally the little girl's mother said he could be the cook's helper. His chores would be to keep the teakettle full, bring wood, help wash and wipe dishes, and any other little thing the older boy needed him to do.

Kobe (pronounced Koebee), for that was this little boy's name, seemed to be very happy. Every day he was told about the Lord Jesus, Who left His beautiful home in heaven to come down to earth that He might die, so that Kobe, Marguerite, and any other boy or girl, man or woman, could be with Him in His beautiful home, heaven, some day. Kobe was told that everybody, because of sin and wickedness, was on his way to hell; but that because Jesus loved us all so much that He died for us, anyone who would believe in Jesus and accept His death in the place of his own would be saved. Kobe was told that to be saved meant that when he died, or when Jesus came back, he did not need to be afraid because he was safe from hell and sin and would go to be with Jesus Who loved him.

Little Kobe had not been at the mission very long when he came to the little girl's mother one day, saying, "Madame, I want to go home."

"But why?" she questioned, "Aren't you happy here?" Her heart was a little heavy because everyone had come to love little Kobe, and hated to think of losing him. Besides, no one knew for sure whether or not he understood the good news about God's love for him.

"Yes, madame," he answered, "I like it here a lot, but my heart is hungry to see my own people. I am so very lonely and homesick. If I can't see my people soon I'll die, I'm sure. Later I will return to you."

Really, he did look so lonesome and forlorn that it was not hard to believe he could actually die from homesickness. It was with sad hearts they all told him goodbye, and said they would pray for him that he would have a safe journey as he made the many days' trip back to his own village. Everyone had a feeling that he would not be seen again, and they were right; because little Kobe never came back.

Several months later three little boys came to the station. They were tired, because they had had a long trip, but they did not want to rest. They wanted to know only one thing: how could they learn to die without being afraid?

"Did you ever see any one die that way, without fear?" they were asked.

"Oh, yes! When Kobe came back he was not well. Later he became very sick and finally died. Everybody was around mourning and wailing because we knew it would not be long before his spirit would leave his body. But Kobe said, 'Don't do that. I'm not afraid. I'm going to a beautiful place where all is good, and where there is only love.' We asked him to tell us where it was and how he knew all this was really true. He told us it was because somebody he called 'Jesus' loved him, but that he couldn't explain it to us. He said if we would come up here to the mission you would tell us everything we need to know so we can die without fear. Can you tell us? Will you, **please?** We have never seen anyone else die like that. None of our people have ever seen anyone die who was not terribly afraid. We all know we must go some place, but no one but Kobe ever had a guide to take him to the right place. We all have to go alone, and we are so afraid. Please, **please,** tell us about this Jesus person."

Of course, you know, it was with very joyful hearts that the missionary told these little boys about Jesus, Who would not only show them the way, but Who **is** the Way to God and heaven (Jn. 14:6). The hearts of the missionaries were singing praises to God, not only because of the privilege of telling the wonderful gospel story to these boys, but because they knew that little Kobe had understood after all, and that they would see him sometime in heaven.

Boys and girls, little Kobe was a real missionary. You, too, can be little missionaries for Jesus right where you are. Kobe was a missionary in his own home among his own little friends; and the Lord Jesus wants to use you, too, to tell your little friends that He died to save them. Of course, if you have never given your little heart, all black with sin, to the Lord to have it washed white as snow, you must do that first. Then you can be a really, truly missionary every day, any place, for Jesus.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR JUNE 23, 1940

Asa, The Monarch Who Relied On God

(1 Kings 15:9-24)

Suggestions for the Leader

Since Asa is not well known, be sure to urge all speakers to consider the Scripture dealing with their topics. Really this is a topic on faith. It is a common subject between the two Testaments. Faith is one thing that unites the Old and New Testaments.

The phrase, "Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord" tells us much. Some men did evil. Asa's biography has many good things for us today. In time of great need, Asa rose to a height of faith. If needs turn us to God, let them come. When Asa's faith wavered, failure followed. Our aim tonight is to see how we might be more consistent in respect to our dependence on God. We not only gain eternal life by faith, but keep on living by faith day by day.

1. Religious Reforms. 2 Chron. 14:2-5; 15:8-13.

Reforms do show the intent of the heart. Good kings had to destroy the idols and encourage true worship. Asa had to destroy the idols twice. The weeds that grow in the garden indicate we cannot stop fighting them. Reforms ought to be more than negative. Asa helped the condition by renewing the altars of God.

Christian living requires a choice and an effort on our part to avoid sin. It is rowing against the current of the world. Reforms without a converted heart will accomplish little. Our main business is to lead men to Christ and then reforms will be of value.

2. Military Victory. 2 Chron. 14:9-12.

Asa did have an army for defence but only God could rescue him from the enemy. God uses small things dedicated to Himself. Asa could go out in the name of the Lord because he had done the will of the Lord. When God fights for us we can rest in Him. Asa rested in God. How much Poland, Norway or other countries would give for the promise that God would drive out the invaders.

Spiritually we have a battle. The enemy that comes against us would do more harm than earthly rulers. However victory comes from the Lord.

3. The Failure of Faith. 2 Chron. 16:1-10.

Asa lost his grip on God's promises when he began to fear men (Heb. 13:6). He was in trouble with Israel. This was trouble with his own people. We might meet enemies successfully but fail in trusting God in dealing with our own problems. In haste Asa relied on his own schemes and plans. Satan would have men turn away from God. No real Christian has a good time following the devil. Our victory in Christ will come through yieldedness to Him.

4. Limited Faith. 2 Chron. 14:6-7.

Asa depended upon God to rescue him from the enemy, but started building defenses as though God could not keep him safe. Many Christians believe God must save them from sin but do not trust Him for any keeping power (1 Pet. 1:5). Asa did start off acceptably but was led off the path.

Our venture for Christ ought to be in new fields and not to be content to hold the fort. Let us try greater work than has been done before. It is not too late to seek for a vision of victory in a great revival in the church now.

5. Instances of Faith in God to Deliver Independently of Numbers.

1. Jonathan (1 Sam. 14:6) and, the remnant (Isa. 25:9).

How did Gideon prove God's power over the enemy hord?

6. Faith's Limits for Christians:

1. In prayer: Mt. 21:22; Jn. 14:14; 15:7; Jas. 1:6; 4:3; 1 Jn. 5:14, 15; Eph. 3:20.
2. In service: Phil. 4:13; Eph. 3:20.
3. In Life: 2 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 6:11-14; 8:1-4.

Questions

1. What does it mean to have no confidence in the flesh? Phil. 3:3-10.
2. What does carnally minded mean? Rom. 8:6-13.

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Junior-Intermediate C. E. Topic for June 16

Miss Miriam Gilbert, Editor

Theme for Children's Day—CHILDREN OF THE BIBLE.

By Mabel Donaldson

To the Leaders:

Put the word **children** on the board down a column. As the people give their topics, fill in the rest of the word which is the name of their topics.

"C" — Christ — Born at Bethlehem (Lk. 2:1-7).
Visited by the shepherds and wise men (Lk. 2: 8-20).
Hidden from Herod in Egypt (Mt. 2:13-15).
A child in Nazareth. (Mt. 2:19-23).
A boy found in the temple. (Lk. 2:41-52).

"H" — Handmaid to Naaman's wife — Read about how she proved helpful to her master in II Ki. 5:1-19.

"I" — Isaac — How was his early life used as a trial of his father's faith in God? Gen. 22:1-4

"L" — Lad who helped Jesus with a miracle.
Mt. 14:13-23.
Mt. 6:30-46.
Lk. 9:10-17.
Jn. 6:1-15.

"D" — David — He was born at Bethlehem. He was the youngest of Jesse's eight sons, of the tribe of Judah, and grew up as a shepherd in his father's field. Early in his youth he was brought to the court of Saul to soothe the troubled spirit of the king by playing upon the harp; and he was made Saul's armor bearer. He became great friends with Saul's children, especially Jonathan. When David was quite young, he proved he was very smart. Read 1 Sam. 17: 31-58.

"R" — Rhoda — Her name means "rose-bush," and she was a maid, a damsel in the house of Mary, the mother of John. She did much for the early church. Read about her in Acts 12:5-19.

"E" — Esau — A twin who deceived his father. How do you suppose he felt after it was all over? Gen. 25:24-34.

"N" — Nazarene — Only one child in the Scripture was referred to as a Nazarene, and he did not get the title until he was a man. However, even in the Old Testament it was predicted that he was to be called this name. Read about the fulfillment of this prophecy in Mt. 2:23. Can you guess the child's right name?

Conclusion — Just as we begin and end our study with Christ, so should all boys and girls and young people begin their life with him as soon as possible, in order that they may end their life with Him, the giver of eternal life. If you have not already started this eternal life with Christ, will you accept Him as your personal Savior, now so that He may begin a good work in you?

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JUNIOR-INTERMEDIATE C. E. TOPIC

By Mabel Donaldson

Theme: MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE

Suggestions to the Leader:

Invite the Mothers of the church to your meeting. Decorate your room with pictures of great mothers of the world and some Bible mothers, if possible. Have some poems on "Mother" to be read between the topics and perhaps some special music too.

Give each member of your society something to do, either give a topic, read a poem, or even welcome the mothers and tell them where to sit. Their mothers will be proud of them for their cooperation in making your meeting so helpful.

Topics to be given out.

Ask each participant to study the Bible passage given and to include its contents in his talk, as well as other suggestions which he might learn about the "Bible mother" from religious books and magazines.

1. **Sarah**—Her name means "princess." She was the wife of Abram. When God changed his name to Abraham he changed Sarai's name to Sarah. She was the mother of Isaac and died at the age of 127. She was a subject of special promises. Her son was the one whose father was willing to offer him as a burnt offering to God. Read about her in Gen. 17:15, 19; Gen. 18:9-13; Gen. 20:2, 14, 18.

2. **Rebekah**—Her name means "enchaining." She was the daughter of Bethuel, sister of Laban, wife of Isaac, and mother of Jacob and Esau (twins). She persuaded Jacob, her favorite, to obtain Isaac's blessing by practicing a deceit. She died before Isaac and was buried in Abraham's tomb. Her story is found in Gen. 24; Gen. 25:24-34; Gen. 27.

3. **Hannah**—Her name means "grace." She was the pious wife of Elkanah, and the mother of the prophet Samuel who was given to her in answer to prayer. She was very brave and gave her son back to God to work for him. 1 Sam. 1:1-28; 1 Sam. 2:1-11; 1 Sam. 2:18-21.

4. **Mary**—Her Hebrew name was Miriam and means "bitterness." She was the mother of Jesus, wife of Joseph, and cousin of Elizabeth. As the mother of our Lord she will always be "blessed among women." Read about her and her work in Mt. 1:16, 17, 20; Mt. 2:11; Mt. 13:55; Mt. 27:56, 61; Mt. 28:1; Mk. 6:3.

5. **Widow of Nain**—Find out how Jesus changed her sadness to gladness in Luke 7:11-18.

6. **Salome**—Her name means "peaceful." She is the wife of Zebedee and the mother of the disciples James and John. She loved the Lord and was present at the crucifixion. What else did she do according to Mk. 15:40; Mk. 16:1; Mt. 20:20-28.

Just For Fun—How many can you C. E'ers guess?

1. Which Bible mother stooped to trickery?
2. Which one desired big things for her sons?
3. Which one was taught by her son?
4. Which one gave her child to a priest to raise?
5. Which mother received her son the second time from God?
6. Which one of these mothers was the oldest?

List all the good qualities of these Bible mothers and those of your own mothers. Someone has said "In the middle of MOTHERS you can find OTHER." (M—other—S). This was true of all the Bible mothers on your list.

Send all society problems which you would like to have discussed to your news editor, Miss Grace Allshouse, 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind., and they will be referred to one who knows the ins and outs of C. E. for the ages found in your society.

Question: How can we get more young people to pray in the pre-prayer period and in the C. E. prayer meeting?

Answer: This is one of the difficult things to do, but the right methods will solve the problem.

One society I know of personally is a regular beehive of activity and prayer. The room usually is packed. During prayer there are no "painful pauses," but one after another offers prayer. This society has

HERE AND THERE

By Robert Culver

The Executive Officers of the Indiana State Brethren Bible Conference, met recently at Berne, Ind., to arrange for the annual conference which will be held in the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, June 18-20. Brethren churches and delegates will be present from Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. Last year over 300 attended this conference, and over 500 are expected this year. Throughout the conference the Eureka Jubilee Singers, concert and radio artists, will be featured for the musical part of the conference. Sessions will be held morning, afternoon and evening. Outstanding Bible teachers and preachers are being invited.

The Juniata Brethren Church, Pennsylvania, recently closed a Bible conference with Walter Hughes of Toronto, Canada as speaker. On a recent Sunday there were four accessions to the church by letter. Pastor Ernest Pine reports that since then two have made public, firstime confession of Christ as Savior. The church is also making improvemments on the property, having just put in a beautiful new hardwood floor and installed new pews.

A Prayer Request for Mrs. Grant McDonald, wife of the pastor of the Compton, Calif. Church, was published in this column several weeks ago. At that time Mrs. McDonald was very seriously ill. Contents of a card just received from her follow: "I want to thank you for the prayer request placed in the "Herald" in my behalf. The Lord has been wonderfully answering prayer, for I can be up part of the time and even attend services. Just now I am on a ranch near San Diego for a complete rest. The doctor has even been surprised at the response, but we are not surprised who know the power of Him Whom we trust."

Rittman, Ohio: "Praise God for the largest communion service this church has ever had in its history (May 12)." This church of which Bro. L. L. Grubb is pastor, reports confessions and baptisms almost every week.

Harrah, Wash.: The Sunday School attendance is on the increase. May 5, a peak of 104 in attendance was reported.

The Brethren Church of Ankenytown, Ohio enjoyed the ministry of Bro. Conard Sandy during the week of May 20-26. On seven consecutive nights Bro. Sandy presented stereopticon lectures on his recent trip to Palestine and the Near East. There was an average nightly attendance of 70 and on Sunday there were over 100 in services both morning and evening. The pastor, Bro. Robert Culver, who has heretofore been on the field only on week-ends, has now with his family established his residence in the local parsonage.

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selected real consecrated people as officers; also they have the same kind of superintendents in charge. This always should be the case. They hold what is called a power house meeting every Tuesday night at some C. E. home for prayer and Bible study. Those who are really spiritually inclined attend and the number can be increased by privately inviting some less interested.

Each Sunday night always announce and invite to the pre-prayer service for the next Sunday night. Constantly reminding will eventually bring results. Have a different one of the prayer meeting committee in charge of the pre-prayer service each Sunday night. Individual members should be invited into the pre-prayer meeting if they do not come of their own accord, thus increasing your attendance. They will soon catch the import of the meeting.

A real live pre-prayer leader will so present the needs that each will want to offer a prayer for some of the things suggested. A real good pre-prayer meeting will start the power that will carry over into the regular C. E. prayer service that follows.

A good C. E. prayer meeting leader can ask for requests for prayer. If there is a hesitancy in leading out with prayer, the leader can ask each different member to pray for one of the requests, naming the one for each individual to pray for. Each week ask one or more of the more timid ones to take one of the requests. Do this for several weeks. It will stimulate prayer and overcome timidity usually present in young people.

Getting young people to pray may be difficult, but if you will follow the above suggestions, I am sure they will work.

Prayer is the power that moves the arm of God our heavenly Father in your behalf. Do not fail to use it.—A. H. KENT, V. Pres.

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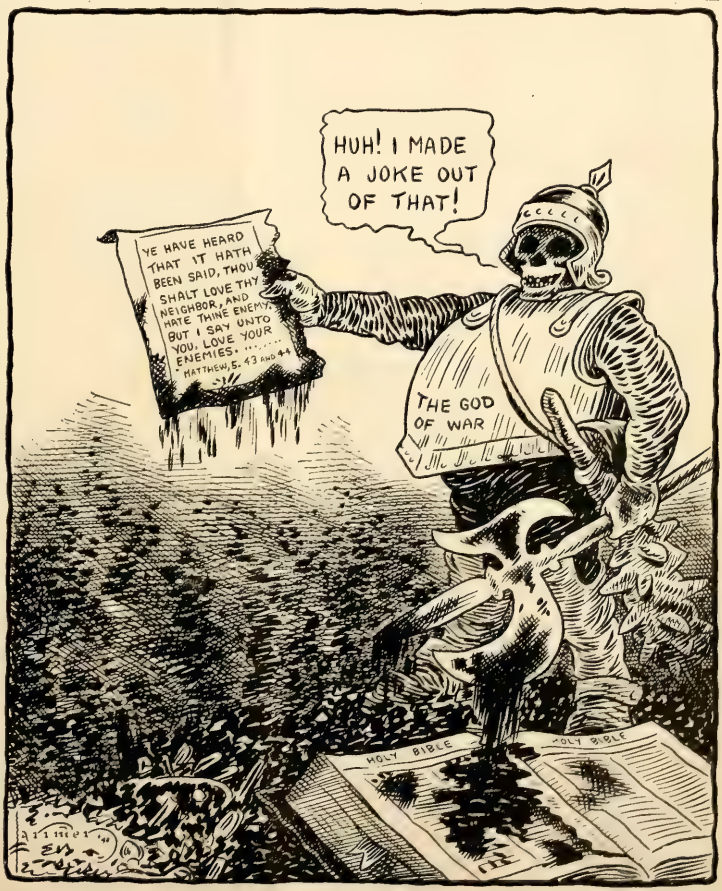

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EDITORIALS

ISRAEL WON'T NEED HELP MUCH LONGER

These are the days when opportunities are passing away with a speed that is breath taking. Nations are disappearing in a few days. Peoples that have stood alone as a separate country for hundreds of years are being crushed and conquered in a week of time. These are the days in which great things are happening for Israel as a nation. God is overturning the nations to shake loose His people from their anchors among the nations so that they will return to their own land. Soon they will be poured out into Palestine. It will be too late then to try to win them for Christ. Even before they get there the privilege to preach Christ to them may be taken from us.

Today, while you can do something to show your love for Israel, is your opportunity. God has given us a great and open door to 250,000 Jews now living in Los Angeles, Calif., to evangelize them. What are you doing to help our Brother Zimmerman to reach them for Christ? After your chances are gone you will be wishing you had acted while you could.

Pastor, have you arranged for your Jewish conference yet? Brother, have you sent in an offering for the salvation of Israel this year?
Have you been remembering this great work before the Lord? Has God ever heard you pray for Israel?

Two years and more ago the Whittier Church, led by their pastor, Brother Charles H. Ashman, began active ministry in the very mission to the Jews that our entire brotherhood has now undertaken to support. They have said little about it but they have regularly supported the work with their gifts and they have actually helped to preach Christ to the Jews. We dare say that all our Southern California churches will soon have regular services in our new mission.

While you may not be able to help in the services there, yet you can give and pray and urge others to help. God help you to do so. Time is short!

A NEW FIELD IS OPENING IN DETROIT

We are discovering that a large number of Brethren have moved to Detroit to work in the automobile factories during the last few years. No work has ever been started there to care for them. It is apparent that the time has come when just such a work should be started. We have a list of people now, but it is not near enough to start a work. Pastor, if members of your church have moved to Detroit please send their names and addresses to the secretary at once. And as is likely the case, your memory is not so good; will you kindly make an announcement about this to your people and place an item in your bulletin appealing for the names of friends, relatives, neighbors, sons or daughters, who have gone to Detroit to live? Help us to reach one more field with the whole gospel!

THE COVER CUT

Once more a most effective cartoon has appeared in the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel. By the courtesy of the paper we are permitted to re-publish it here for readers of The Brethren Missionary Herald. It shows the true spirit of war. As a dead monster of terrible power, seemingly able to draw all men into its maw and crush them, war drives on, sweeping men by the million into eternity without Christ.

One wonders why men can be won over to such a suicidal madness if they are truly right in their minds. Having rejected Christ and despised the light of God there is nothing left for them but the darkness of sin and the blindness of Satan. "Satan blinds the minds of them that believe not lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ.....should shine unto them" (2 Cor. 4:8).

In war there is every influence of hell. There is no glory in war! The Word of God, the Spirit of Christ, tenderness, faith, truth, pity, love, hope, consideration, are all crushed beneath its heavy heel. There is no such thing as a righteous cause being promoted by war. There is no such thing as saying that God is on this side, or that side. When men take up the bludgeon of war they can but expect that God will make them reap what they have sowed. "They that take the sword shall perish by the sword."

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS

I am glad to think I am not bound to make the world go right, but only to discover and to do, with cheerful heart, the work that God appoints.

—Jean Ingelow.

"Temptation" is the devil looking through the keyhole. Yielding is opening the door and inviting him in.

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By R. Paul Miller, Editor

IS BRITAIN REAPING SO SOON?

It is said that for the first time in over 1000 years, Great Britain is now, as we write, facing attack on her home shores. The radio and the press are carrying speeches and warnings from the British leaders that betray that that nation is now gripped by a terrible fear, the fear of being overwhelmed by an invader before whom she is helpless. Newspaper and radio commentators in this country reflect the attitude that they cannot understand why Britain seems to be utterly helpless before her enemies, the Nazis. With all her boasted preparations she seems just as weak before that war machine as poor Poland.

While the rest of the world wonders why, wouldn't it be profitable to recall back some months when Britain, the nation that made a covenant with Israel to protect Palestine and provide it as a permanent homeland for the Jews, issued a now famous, or infamous, "White Paper" announcing that she would no longer carry out her agreement to aid in the resettlement of that land by the Jews? She made that agreement in a day when she felt her obligation to Israel for the aid given by Chaim Weizmann, that great Jewish leader, for the invention he gave Britain which practically turned the tide of the last world war. Now, she repudiates the promise she made through Lord Balfour. **And now she is threatened with the most awful destruction since she became a nation!** However this present war may turn out, Britain will pay a terrible price for forsaking Israel, for Israel is the apple of God's eye.

THE BIBLE AND CRIME

A recent report on crime declares that for four years not one prisoner in the Ohio State penitentiary has been able to quote the Lord's prayer or the ten commandemnts. It is not Christians who are commiting all this crime and filling our jails. Our criminologists know these things. Our government knows these things. They know that the gospel changes men. Why then is there no recognition of the fact? Why is there no effort really to bring about an application of the Word of God to lives of men that we may be freed of the basic thing that causes all our crime and trouble? But no, there is nothing but the same old hopeless experiments with the things that deal with the outer man rather than with the 'inner' man, the heart of man. The watch dog against sin in the human heart is the Word of God.

"Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee" (Ps. 119:11).

Instead of giving criminals movies, baseball teams, radios, manual training, and undeserved paroles, **why not give them the Word of God?**

THEN WOULD MY SERVANTS FIGHT

Would Jesus go to war? If He were here in person today would He take sides with one or the other of the contending armies in the present awful struggle? Would He declare that one was a righteous cause and that His followers would be justified in taking part in slaying those who opposed it, and that it would be to His glory to die for such a cause? If so, then we could very well in His name ask God's blessing on the procedure. Can any circumstances, however acute or bitter or unjust, be considered just cause for the shedding of blood?

There is little doubt that when Jesus stood before Pilate the situation was serious. His life hung in the balance. He knew it. If there had been anything at stake for Himself or His great plan for man that resistance by force could have saved, there is little doubt but that He would have organized His disciples to that end. But He said to Pilate,

> "My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight ..... but now is my kingdom not from thence" (Jn. 18:36).

However great the provocation may be, however, unjust the situation, however cruel the tyrant, can there be any temporal interest that would be great enough to justify the Christian entering into carnal warfare? When Peter drew his sword and cut off the

The June Emergency Offering

While the date has been set for June 16th, any Sunday in June will be all right for any church to take the offering. We realize it is a special appeal and that many things may interfere with any one date, therefore we want any pastor to fell that it is acceptable for him to take this offering when it best suits his church work. All we ask is that he do his best, for the work is very great and the need great.

Right here we wish to state that our isolated Brethren are a joy to our hearts by the way in which they so promptly and loyally respond to every need of the work. Their offerings are always first to start coming in and they are always very generous. We praise God for them. Their offerings are already coming in, and if they are any sample of all the offerings we will surely reach our goal.

May our Father God bless every pastor and member who has fellowship with us in this sacrificial work.

ear of Malchus, the servant of the high priest, that awful night when the mob came to lead Jesus to His death, it seemed as if an act of forceful resistance was justified didn't it? What did Jesus say?

> "Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which My Father hath given Me, shall I not drink it?"

In the sad and fierce war scare that is sweeping the world today, fed by the misleading propaganda from a thousand hired pens, the Christian must guard carefully lest he be drawn into the fiery hatreds of this present evil world. He must watch lest he be led into the vortex of Satan's last wild spasm to draw men to Armageddon, and thus be found in the devil's camp when our Lord returns. The Christian has a far greater cause to live for, and his weapons are not carnal, but spiritual, and mighty to the blasting of strongholds. Be careful not to discard your God-given armor, brother; be careful not to be drawn away into a cause that is not your cause. You are not here to destroy men, but to save them. When you can no longer do that, your Lord will take you out of it all and the battle for you will be over. From the way this old world is going now, it appears that this event will not be long delayed.

> "Because you have kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from that hour of tribulation that shall come upon all the world" (Rev. 3:10).

Keep looking up brother.

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"AND NOW FOR THE WORLD"

As these editorials are being written, a flash comes over the radio from Walter Winchell, quoting a review with, I believe, Dr. Goebels, propaganda minister for Adolf Hitler. He is reliably reported to have said just before the drive into Poland,

> "Poland three weeks, Norway three weeks, then we will overrun effeminate France in sixty days. After that it will be Naziism for the world."

And from the way in which the program has been carried out so far there is little doubt that he was talking of the actual planning of Adolf Hitler and his fellow conspirators. It is also quite evident that brilliant and serious planning and preparations have been made to carry out that very program. The way the Nazi "Blitzkrieg" has swept invincibly through Polish, British, French, and Belgian armies, it appears that a war machine has been built which may cause the world to tremble. Small countries have been literally frightened into a passive neutral course making themselves easy prey. Those small nations were designed to act as buffers to prevent just such a drive as Hitler is now making. The experience of Poland in being crushed in a welter of blood; the bombing of helpless Rotterdam with the killing of 100,000 unarmed men, women, and children; the deceit and trickery with which Norway was rendered helpless within her own borders, has filled all Europe with quaking and dread. The suddenness of his war thrusts without a moment of warning makes it impossible for any nation to prepare against him. Although war is a hellish thing, yet until now there has always existed that honor among military men that would warn a foe before they struck. Today even that mark of conscience is gone. It seems that no resource of trickery, deceit, lying, connivance, as well as terrifying scientific and powerful war machines, has been ignored in this tremendous German war program for world control.

Of course, we do not believe that Adolf Hitler is antichrist. But we are tremendously reminded of the words of John the seer when, in describing the forerunner of antichrist, he said,

> "And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another, and there was given unto him a great sword" (Rev. 6:4).

But all these things do not move the Christian who knows his Bible, for he knows that soon he will hear the words, heavenly words, "Come up hither." Blessed call!

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A WORD FOR FAST DRIVERS

It is certain that today there are few of us who do not need exhortation against fast driving. It is killing people faster, and destroying the nerves of all of us more than any other single item of modern life. Every Christian driver should welcome any effort made to help him to use good judgment in his driving for his own sake as well as for others.

Up in Manitou, Col., is a pastor in a Mennonite church, I. C. Miller by name, who gave the following counsel to his congregation in a recent Sunday morning sermon,

> "As a driver speeds his car upward, if he has any regard for his future abode he should sing softly to himself the following hymns: At 25 miles per hour, "I'm But a Stranger Here, Heaven is My Home." At 45 he should sing, "Nearer My God to Thee." At 55 he should sing, "I'm Nearing the Port and Soon Will Be at Home." When the speedometer reaches 65 miles per hour, "When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there." At 75 miles, "Lord I'm Coming Home."

We personally doubt whether anyone would follow out this good advice. However, we have a further good suggestion for the manufacturer who is looking for a good idea. Let a device be added to the speedometer so that a phonograph record will begin to play these and other appropriate tunes as these speeds are registered. That, we believe would work. Anything should be encouraged to help lessen the terrible slaughtr going on upon our highways 24 hours each day. The Christian who believes that he should love his neighbor as himself should try in every way to prevent any part he may add to the sad total of killings.

KENTUCKY NEEDS ARE BEING SUPPLIED

We are glad to announce that the Lord has been making all provision for the erection of the new church building in Kentucky. In response to our appeal for help in putting it up, we now have the assurance that Bro. Bernard Schneider, pastor of our Covington, Va., church, will take charge of the building of the structure. He is an experienced builder and knows how to get things done. He plans to bring along several of the men from his church to help in the carpenter work. Bro. William Johanson, a member of the Home Missions Council, plans to accompany the secretary down there and build the seats and pulpit furniture. There is a saw mill right across the road and it is equipped to do all kinds of mill work so that he can get just what he wants for the inside work. Several other men from churches here and there have signified their desire to go down at that time and help if they can at all make the arrangements. Then there will be a large force of local men to work on the building. We expect to have all of the material on the ground when the work starts. No delays will be allowed if at all possible.

The building cannot get up too quickly for the work's sake. Last Sunday 157 young men and women and adults crowded into that little school building. Brother Landrum wrote, "We just don't dare to try to bring more for there is no room for them if they should come." We believe that there will be a school of 300 as soon as we have accommodations for them. This seems to be the beginning of a new era of spirtual awakening among the young people of these Kentucky hills. We are going to try to take advantage of it for our Lord.

Funds have been coming in right along for the building, for which we praise God. However, the response for windows and doors has been so great that we will have to make it all doors and windows if the gifts keep coming in as they have been! However, we need funds now for paints and varnish and roofing. Only two rolls of roofing have been supplied so far and we need 22 more. On July 2 we are going down actually to start the building. We had thought to go down during May but found that we could not all get going at that time. This will give us time to get all things ready.

God is blessing and His favor is upon the work and workers and all who are having a part in this fine new field of work.

By all means pray daily for it.

THE DAYTCN TRIAL

By Rev. Russel D. Barnard

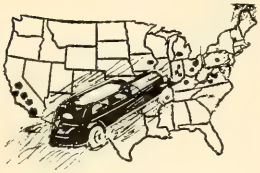
(Note: So many have inquired about the Dayton trial that we are printing the following which has come to our desk.)

Well, the hearing of the case is over. It dragged on for eight long days. The plaintiff (Ashland viewpoint) used seven of those days and about one-half hour of the eighth. The defendants used only the remainder of the eighth. The plaintiff attorneys will now have 10 days or more to prepare a brief of their case for the judge. Then the defendants will have ample time to file the brief in answer. Then there may be more time for replies, then finally the case will go to the judge. It will require considerable time for him to read and weigh all the evidence. An early decision will not be probable. In the meantime, continue to pray for us as we await the decision, and get back to the main business of Christ and the church.

May I say here that we were perfectly pleased with the conduct of the case on the part of our attorney, Judge Carroll Sprigg. His opening statement, when he spoke for two hours and ten minutes and without a note, was a masterpiece in Brethren history, policy and polity. How a man who is not a Brethren could grasp all of this material in so short a time continues to mystify us. Our most sincere appreciation is also to Bro. Roy Patterson, who, though not mentioned as one of our attorneys, gave almost endless time to research and tabulation of materials for the case, and then was a most valuable partner to Judge Sprigg in the actual workings of the trial. Judge Sprigg's son, Attorney John Sprigg, also deserves the sincere thanks of every Brethren.

The plaintiff consumed seven days in the presentation of their testimony. They had as witnesses Dr. Martin Shively, Dr. Leslie Lindower, Dr. W. S. Bell, Rev. E. M. Riddle, Rev. C. A. Stewart, Rev.W. E. Ronk. Also they subpoenaed Mr. Roy Kinsey, our church secretary, Mr. Wesley Baker, president of our Board of Trustees, and Bro. Oscar Lentz, the secretary of our Board of Trustees. Without subpoena they called Mrs. Irene Yount, the secretary of our Official Board, and then the writer.

After consuming one-half hour of the eighth day, the plaintiffs rested and the defendants came into action. We called only two witnesses, Prof. Alva J. McClain and Dr. Louis S. Bauamn. Both of them gave smashing blows in their testimony. The case rested at the end of the eighth day. Why did we take so short a time, and they so long a time? Well, our attorney was able to turn the testimony of almost every plaintiff witness so it became just the testimony that we would want to give in the defence. There was no use to repeat that which had already been es-



ACROSS THE NATION

with our secretary

FLORA FORGES AHEAD

The secretary made a recent trip to look over this field again. This work is growing strong and is consolidating for the establishment of a strong testimony for Jesus Christ in that city. They are now meeting in the local city library auditorium, which is serving very well for the present. They are fully organized in both Sunday School and church and are getting down to business for the real work ahead. Brother Henry Rempel, their pastor, is unceasing in his labors and full of optimism. He literally overflows with it. His people are back of him loyally and they all have one passion that is, to glorify Christ and save the lost in Flora.

FLORA (Ind.) CONGREGATION

They have now purchased ground near the center of the city for their new church building. The lots are well located and in a resident section. The site is easily located on a main highway, which is a very desirable thing. Their building committee is now working on plans for their building. We expect to hear very soon that they are ready to commence construction. The way our God is blessing this people and the mind they have to work is certainly a joy to the heart. We expect to return there again shortly and several times during the summer, while the work is getting started. There will be more good news from Flora in the near future.

ANOTHER CHURCH RESTORED

There are but two Brethren Churches in Michigan. There used to be more. There should be many today. But for years this Michigan field was sadly neglected by The Brethren Church. Today we have no adequate place for this great field in our program. However, we are going ahead as fast as we can safely go and will be there before long.

At New Troy there is a church that has been established for many years. At one time it was a well organized country church. Out of it has come one illustrious minister of The Brethren Church, Charles Ashman. If this were the only contribution that the New Troy church had made to the general work of Christ, it would be more than many. Then for years there followed a period of difficulty during which it was hard sledding for the New Troy people. Brother English, the father of the work, in a real sense was declining in years and unable to care for the work as it should have been. After his going to be with the Lord, there followed a time of service during which the work was leaderless. This resulted in many discouraging situations and the general spiritual strength of the work deteriorated swiftly. The numbers declined, members began drifting away, and many ceased to attend at all. Then came a time when our people united with the Methodist group and the

tablished. And the most powerful testimony in the world is that which comes indirectly from the opposition's witnesses.

Feelings were far less tense at the trial than in many sessions of the national conference, or in sessions of our own church business meetings. Order and the right to speak were granted us, and that was far more than we had in recent national conferences. Quite a number of visitors came to Dayton for the time of the trial. People of the city, and especially local attorneys, were very greatly interested. The newspapers were very fine and fair in the reports. The court room was crowded every session. Many people did not miss a single session. We had prayer and praise services at the church most of the evenings, and visiting Brethren were in charge of the services. We had a real spiritual feast, at the same time we had a trial.

We do not presume what the decision will be. We await it prayerfully. We are greatly encouraged, and know that God will permit only the right to prevail finally. We are more convinced than ever that our cause is right and just. We know there are no defeats in the will of God. We'll report as we have further information.

FLORA (Ind.) OFFICERS

work became a sort of community affair. This did not result in a very successful situation, which terminated a few years ago.

About two years ago the group called Brother Russell Williams as pastor. He was just out of Grace Seminary, and was ready for a hard job. He found it. It was at New Troy. Since he has gone there he has brought about many changes. The work has been reorganized in both branches, the standards of separation from the world have been raised to where they glorify God, the faith of the gospel has been set forth continuously so that the people know in no uncertain way just what the faith of the Brethren is.

The secretary drove up to this church on Sunday, May 26, to see what he could see, and was much pleased at the progress that had been made during the last couple of years since he was there before. Since that first visit the congregation has asked for help from the Home Missions Council and as much help as could be given has been granted. It is one of the aims of the Council to save churches that have been having difficulties as well as to start new congregations. It is good to see the way this new spirit has taken hold of the New Troy congregation. There is a large field there and no other real testimony for Christ in all that section. Many thousands of people from Chicago flood this country during the summer months, and great opportunity to testify for Christ is at hand, especially with a strong evangelistic program.

Brother Williams is not deceived as to his problem and is not impatient, but is building well today though it seems slow, in order that a real period of progress may be realized a year or so later. We have some pictures of the field and the workers and are glad to show them.

FREMONT GOES ON FULL TIME

We are glad to announce that the new church at Fremont, Ohio will have full time service all summer. Bro. Phillip J. Simmons is now located there and will give all his time building up the work until Grace Seminary opens this fall. Under his leadership, the Sunday School and church are growing steadily. We would estimate that over 50 per cent of this new church consists of young men and women. This assures the future of the work. New people are being reached continuously. Their present meeting place is crowded at every service. The secretary was agreeably surprised to note the splendid increase since his last visit there several weeks ago. The spirit among these people is simply great.

PHILLIP J. SIMMONS

Their building fund is piling up and they are getting mighty anxious to use it. Two weeks ago the secretary assisted in selecting a location for their new building. They hope to build this summer. There is little doubt but that their work is suffering at the present time, due to poor location and poor accommodations. Things are going to happen in Fremont right along all summer, so keep tuned in to these columns if you are interested in this work.

We took a picture of the pastor of the church some time ago but have been unable to publish it until now. So, here he is! He is doing a very fine work in Fremont and his people have every confidence in him.

MISSION PASTOR WEDS

At a very beautiful wedding held in the Fort Wayne Brethren Church, Bro. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, pastor of the new Third Brethren Church of Los Angeles, Calif., a church which is now under the care of the Home Missions Council, was united in marriage to Miss Laura Elizabeth Miller, daughter of the Home Missions secretary. Miss Miller graduated from Ashland College and since then has been working as stenographer and a member of the faculty of the business department of Bob Jones College. They were married on May 10th at 2:30 in the afternoon. After the wedding most of the guests drove to the bride's home at Berne, Ind., where a reception was held on the spacious lawn. All of the guests were served refreshments and a piece of the wedding cake. The description of the bride and bridegroom is a little too much for the writer to set down in this column and so a picture of the couple is printed instead. The couple left shortly after the wedding for their new home and field of labor in Los Angeles.

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GOOD NEWS FROM WATERLOO

Just as we go to press a card comes from Brother Frank Coleman, Jr., stating that they are having great times out in Waterloo with souls coming to the Lord right along, and baptisms are following. Last Sunday they had 119 in Bible School, 103 at the morning preaching services, and 142 at night.

SECOND ANNUAL INDIANA BRETHREN BIBLE CONFERENCE

PROGRAM

First Brethren Church, Ft. Wayne, Indiana

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

Afternoon Session

1:30 Pre-prayer Service (20-min. session in church parlor ..... Rev. Arthur Carey

2:00 Congregational Song Service led by ..... Rev. Robert Ashman

Devotions ..... Rev. Alton Witter

Pastor of County Line and River Park Brethren Churches, Ind.

Special Music

2:15 Address ..... Rev. R. Paul Miller

3:00 Congregational Song

Announcements and offering

Special Music

3:15 Address ..... Rev. Robert Ashman

"What Doth the Lord Require of Thee?"

Special Selection, The Eureka Jubilee Singers

Evening Session

7:15 Organ Prelude

7:30 Congregational Song Service

Devotions ..... Rev. Wm. A. Gray

Pastor First Brethren Church, Clay City, Ind.

Announcements and Offering

Special Music by The Eureka Jubilee Singers

8:15 Address ..... Rev. R. D. Barnard

"The Portrait of the Christ According to Matt."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Morning Session

9:00 Pre-prayer Service (20-min. session in church parlor) ..... Rev. Louis D. Engle

Pastor Dutchtown Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind.

9:30 Congregational Song Service

Devotions ..... Verne Stuber

Pastor Brethren Mission, Sharpsville, Ind.

Business Session

10:25 Congregational Song

Special Music

10:30 Address ..... Rev. Arthur D. Cashman

"Anti-Christ, His Spirit, Work and Future"

11:10 Congregational Song

11:15 Address ..... Rev. R. D. Barnard

"The Portrait of the Christ According to Mark"

Afternoon Session

2:00 Congregational Song Service

Devotions ..... Rev. Arthur Carey

Announcements and Offering

Special Music

2:15 Address ..... Dr. Harold C. Mason

"Christ the Final Answer"

3:00 Group Meetings

1. Ministerial
2. Laymen
3. Women's Missionary Council
4. Sisterhood of Mary & Martha

Evening Session

7:15 Organ Prelude

7:30 Congregational Song Service

Devotions ..... Rev. R. Paul Miller

Announcements and Offering

Special Music

8:15 Address ..... Dr. Harold C. Mason

"The Christian Moral Code"

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Morning Session

9:00 Pre-prayer Service (20-min. session in church parlor) ..... Rev. Arthur D. Cashman

9:30 Congregational Song Service

Devotions ..... Rev. John Parr

Pastor Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.

Business Session

10:25 Congregational Song

Special Music

10:30 Address ..... Rev. Arthur Carey

"The Glorious Cross of Christ"

11:10 Congregational Song

11:15 Address ..... Rev. Abraham B. Macklin

"Our Debt to the Jews"

Afternoon Session

2:00 Congregational Song Service

Devotions ..... Robert Hill

Pastor Brethren Mission, Osceola, Ind.

Announcements and Offering

Special Music

2:15 Address ..... Rev. Abraham B. Macklin

"The Jewish Passover"

(Illustrated with Table Set and Garbs)

3:00 Group Meetings

1. Ministerial
2. Laymen
3. W. M. C.
4. S. M. M.

Evening Session

Young People's Night

5:00 Young People's Vesper Service and Sing at Foster Park — Wiener Bake

7:15 Organ Prelude

7:30 "Song Fest"

Devotions ..... Rev. R. D. Barnard

Announcements and Offering

Special Music

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE ..... Rev. Leo Polman

(For young and old, especially youth)

GOD'S UNCOMPROMISING NEGATIVES

By Bernard Schneider

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). In one way God is very different from so many people we know, in that He always means what He says, and always does what He has promised to do. With Him there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning, He does not say one thing and mean another, He can be absolutely depended upon. There are people these days who say that God did not mean what He said when He talked about sin, and hell, and judgment, but any one believing such talk is taking an awful chance, for God has never yet been caught in a lie, no, and never will be.

BERNARD SCHNEIDER

Now I want to bring a little study to you from God's Word concerning some of the things which men believe but which God flatly denies as not being so Before we go into this, I would like to have you concentrate upon this one great truth, and that is that when God Almighty says **"no,"** He means **"no."**

I. "There is none righteous, no not one" (Romans 3:10).

This verdict seems to come as a bolt out of a clear sky, "There is none righteous, no not one." In v. 20 of the same chapter the Holy Spirit says that by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in God's sight. In other words, no person will ever get right with God by doing good, by treating others right, by trying to do what is right in the eyes of the world. No matter how good a man may be, it can in no wise meet the demands of a Holy God. Most people do not like this truth and disagree. But there is no use in disagreeing with God Almighty. When He says **"no,"** and **"none,"** He means just that.

The great tragedy of beguiled humanity today is that most people have the idea that although they have sinned some in their time, they also are doing some good deeds, and that somehow this doing of good is going to make up for the wrong. Somehow they expect to come out on the right side of things on the other side of death. But this is an awful insult to God Who sent His beloved Son into the world and to the cross to save man from sin. This sort of idea is Satan's gospel, by which he keeps millions asleep and at ease, until it is too late. With this idea he proceeds and succeeds to drug the consciences of multitudes so that they worry little about the demands of our righteous and holy God, and they doze into hell. Says the apostle: "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them that believe not" (II Cor. 4:3-4).

It always reminds me of what the missionary to India related he saw there on one of his trips to a neighboring village. One day he saw a group of women at work in the harvest fields, and beside the road under a shade tree he saw their babies, all of them apparently sound asleep and contented. This seemed so strange to him that he called to one of the mothers and asked her how it was that all those children were so quiet. The perspiring mother answered him that their employers would not permit them to look after their babies during the day, and that they could not stand their pityful crying. So each morning before leaving for work they would put a very small piece of opium under one of their finger nails and then let the baby suck the finger on their way to work. This would put them sound asleep for the day, but would make them double fretful at the end of the day.

In just such a way Satan is busy keeping men's consciences asleep with spiritual drugs, and the worst and most deadly of them all is this teaching that if you make up for your sins with doing some good, you will be all right with God. God says there is none righteous, no not one, and, again, "By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight." There is no use fooling and beating about the bush, God says **"no,"** and you cannot argue God out of this.

II. "There is no respect of persons with God" (Romans 2:11).

In Rom. 3:23 we are told that there is no difference, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Some people seem to think that their souls are charmed, that everything is going to be all right with them because of who they are. The trouble is that they are comparing God with weak, sinful man.

In this world it will help you much if you are the son or close relative of some one in a high position. In that case you have a "pull," and it helps. But be certain that there is no earthly pull with God. You may live in a Christian home. Your father may be a fine Christian minister. You may be a member of the best lodge in town. You may give $1000 to the poor. You may belong to the Methodist, the Baptist, the Brethren, or any other church here, **and still God says you are lost unless you are born again.** He is no respecter of persons, He will treat them all alike, and there is no difference, all have sinned.

So many people think that because they are civilized and live in a Christian country, and perhaps belong to some church, that they are Christians, but not so in the sight of God. I have heard of a conversation between a refined American lady and a young Christian man from Korea who was on the train which would bring him to a Christian school here in Amer-

ica. As travelers are often doing, they were telling each other where they were going, etc. When it came the turn for our young friend, he simply told that he was on his way to school to prepare himself to be a missionary. "Now, missions is one thing I don't believe in," said our fine lady. Rather surprised the young man said: "Why, I thought that all Christians believed in missions." Upon this the lady answered: "But I am not a Christian." With more surprise the young man looked sharply at the lady and stated: "Why, lady, then you are a heathen." The lady of course was very much insulted and with fire in her eyes she shook her finger at him and informed him: "I want you to know young man, that here in America we have no heathen." This proved too much for the young foreigner and in a meek voice he said: "You have to forgive me lady; in my country we have only the two ways, the Christian way and the heathen way, but if there is a third way, I would be glad to know about it." But there is no third way. Every one who is not born again is lost, is a heathen, even though a civilized one. Listen to what God says: "Which were born, not of blood," that means that you cannot inherit salvation from your parents; "nor of the will of the flesh," which means that you cannot earn your salvation; "nor of the will of man," which means that no preacher, priest, nor pope can give you salvation; "but of God," which means that only by being born again can you become a Christian. We all have to come the same way to God, on our knees. You may argue this with me, but you cannot argue this with God; He says that He is no respecter of persons.

III. There is no other Savior but Christ (Acts 4: 12; Jn. 14:6).

God says that there is no other name under all heaven whereby we must be saved. Christ is the only way. Christ said that no one would come to the Father except by Him. Many are the folks who think that there is no special need to accept Christ. They think that if you believe in God, and live "right," it will be all right. But I have to tell you that that is a very much mistaken idea, either that or God lied to us. Either that or Christ lied to us too, for we are told by Him that **no one** could come even to the Father except through Him. Christ ought to know—He came from heaven.

Perhaps some one here may feel very much like taking the matter up with me and ask me if I can tell you why we must accept Jesus Christ to be saved You say that you cannot see why you cannot just believe in God and try to live the best you can. and be saved. What is the need of Christ? Well, I believe I can help you there. Let me first quote a well known passage. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

God so loved the world but you may be sure that He loved His Son too. And you may also be certain that if there had been some other way by which God could have saved man from his doom, God would have spared His Son. Think it out for yourself. Father, you have a son. You love that son more than anything else on earth. Now there is a debt hanging over you. You cannot pay it. The creditor gets impatient. Finally he says: "You either pay, or I will take your son and sell him to cover that debt." And suppose that this were possible, as it has been in some countries in times past. Let me ask you this, if there were any other way under heaven whereby you could pay that debt, other than by your son, you would take that way, wouldn't you? So God saw man in his sin, hopelessly and helplessly lost. There was no way out, other than through a sacrifice, worthy to cover the whole of man's transgression. So Christ left His heavenly home and offered Himself on the cross. There was no other way. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." Now, when the Lord tells us that this is the only way, bought at such a price by an all-knowing God, shall we still persist in some other way? The very suggestion of it is an insult to the unspeakable love, and to the intelligence of our God. There is no other way. Jesus said: "Except ye believe that I am He, ye shall die in your sins."

IV. "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out" (Jn. 6:37).

To my understanding, this is just about the greatest promise in the Bible. It means that if you come to Christ, He will not turn you away no matter who and what you are.

I ask you to forgive me for making a personal reference. But to me this promise has meant more sometimes than all the rest of the Bible put together. Before I was saved, I lived in an awful wilful life of sin. and since I have been saved, I have passed through some dark hours on account of them. The devil knows how to parade all your past before your eyes, and make you doubt the possibility of your own salvation, if he can. At such hours, all my old sins would come up in order, and I could see all the worst of them. Then the devil would whisper to me: "Look at them, you know you don't have a chance with God." I remember one time when it almost got the best of me. Some one was asking an elderly lady what she thought of a man who would do such and such a thing. I held my breath until the answer came, for I had been guilty of that very thing before I became a Christian. Then came the answer. "I believe that a man who would do that is about the lowest thing on earth." Like lightning it struck me, and it went deep to my heart. And then came the devil's old whisper again: "Look here, young fellow, you see what folks thing of you, you know you haven't got a chance with God. He will give you up to your punishment." It almost drove me to despair, but sud-

THINK IT OVER

If the Lord had no one else to depend on for spreading His gospel but me, how many people would know it?

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

JUNIATA, PENNA.

We are glad to be able to make another report of the progress of the work of the Lord here in Juniata. Since last we gave report of the work, the Lord has been especially good to us in giving us precious souls for His fold, and many material blessings. It has been a privilege that all of God's people can enjoy to be still and watch the working of God in the bestowal of His abundant grace and blessing.

During the month of January we were privileged again to work with Brother R. Paul Miller as our evangelist for two weeks. In that time we found that the revival fires were kindled anew in many hearts. The outward results were not great but the work accomplished was of the highest good, for we have had the harvest since the close. After all we feel that this is a healthy sign of the fine work done by the evangelist, that the church should respond to the appeal to decide for Christ as a direct result of the seed sown in their hearts. We praise the Lord for the time of fellowship experienced during the two weeks period.

Our Bible School has brought much joy to our hearts because of the continued and steady growth during the year of 1940. For the first four months of the year there has been but one Sunday in which the Bible School has failed to show an increase over the corresponding Sunday of the previous year. This increased attendance has been reflected in the other services of the church also. It would be only fair to mention that part of this is due to the increased facilities to care for our Bible School. We now have a concrete floor in the basement which makes it possible for classes to meet there, thus relieving the strain of all meeting in one room and trying to teach the Word effectively. Under the capable leadership of our superintendent, Brother I. E. Miller, the school is making fine progress and we look forward to greater things for Christ.

One of the finest forward steps the church has ever taken was the beginning of a Juniata Monthly Bible Conference sponsored and maintained by our own people. We have so far enjoyed three of these conferences and soon the fourth is to be held. Each conference reaches farther in its influence, and interests people of the community that have never responded before. We are proud to be able to report that Bro. Herman Hoyt was one of our Bible teachers and has received much favorable comment and made a lasting impression upon our people. Plans are being perfected for the continuance of this beginning with the month of September. The many needs in maintaining such a vital ministry have always been amply provided by the Lord.

Of the material blessings, we could write a great deal. To our urgent plea for the supplying of new and comfortable pews an answer has come. We now have new pews assembled and in use, and enjoyed by all who attend our services. To show that the Lord answers prayer even beyond what we expect, let me tell you that the matter of new pews became a definite matter of intercession and the Lord answered by giving us the pews **and** a new floor for our auditorium. This too was a great need because the former floor had served well for 55 years! We now have a very beautiful church interior for the worship of God. The old pews were moved to the basement and make ample provision for our Sunday School class rooms. With this expansion of facilities we are praying that the Lord will also provide an increase in souls coming to Him. We wish to use this means to thank all the Brethren who have helped to make these improvements possible by their gifts and by their prayers. Will you continue to remember us for there are still many problems to be faced.

Ten people have recently taken their place in the membership of our fold, the greater part of that number being young married people upon whom we can lean heavily for the future of our work. Several others are awaiting baptism and still others contemplating entering into our fellowship. The Lord has been good to us and we give Him all the praise, for we know that while men may plant, and others may water, it is God that giveth the increase.

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denly by some unseen guide my mind stopped on these words of Jesus: "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." Yes, God will receive me, in spite of my sins, in spite of my past. He will do more, He will wash away my sins and blot out my record, because I have come to Jesus for salvation. I was led to realize the full meaning of that promise, and have never doubted my salvation since. When the old devil comes with his whispers, I simply refer him to that verse, and he takes his leave.

Friends, may I make the application of this verse to you? Perhaps some of you have had visions of your sins, and they scare you. But don't let that keep you away from God's throne of mercy. You say that you are a sinner; then you may come to Jesus, for, "This is a faithful saying, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief." You say that you are lost; that is the more reason why you should come, for Jesus said that He "came to seek and to save that which was lost." Yes, He will receive you, and He is able to save to the uttermost. These words came from the lips of the Savior of man, "Him that cometh I will in no wise cast out." Only come, come and take Him at His word, and you will find that it does not take a coming sinner and a seeking Savior long to get together.

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Nobody's ever whipped, or killed, or flat busted, or down and out, until he says so himself and believes it.—Ray Norton.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

LITTLE CORNERS

By W. A. Hillis

Georgia Willis, who helped in the kitchen, was rubbing the knives. Somebody had been careless and let one get rusty, but Georgia rubbed with all her might; rubbed and sang softly a little song:

"In the world is darkness, so we must shine,
You in your little corner, and I in mine."

"What do you rub at them knives forever for?" Mary said. Mary was the cook.

"Because they are in my corner," Georgia said brightly. " 'You in your little corner, you know, and I in mine.' I'll do the best I can, that's all I can do."

"I wouldn't waste my strength," said Mary. "I know that no one will notice."

"Jesus will," said Georgia, and then she sang again. " 'You in your little corner, and I in mine'."

"This steak is in my corner, I suppose," said Mary to herself. "If that child must do what she can, I s'pose I must. If He knows about knives, it's likely He does about steak," and she broiled it beautifully.

"Mary, the steak was very nicely done today," Miss Emma said.

"That's all along of Georgia," said Mary, with a pleased red face, and then she told about the knives.

Miss Emma was ironing ruffles, she was tired and warm. "Helen will not care whether they are fluted nicely or not," she said; "I'll hurry them over;" but after she heard about the knives she did her best.

"How beautifully my dress is done," Helen said, and Emma, laughing answered, "that is owing to Georgia;" then she told about the knives.

"No," said Helen to her friend who urged "I really cannot go this evening. I am going to prayer-meeting; my corner is there."

"Your corner! What do you mean?" Then Helen told about the knives.

"Well," the friend said, "if you will not go with me, perhaps I will with you," and they went to the prayer meeting.

"You heped us ever so much with the singing this evening." That was what their pastor said to them as they were going home. "I was afraid you wouldn't be there."

"It was owing to our Georgia," said Helen, "she seemed to think she must do what she could, if it were only knives." Then she told him the story.

"I believe I will go in here again," said the minister, stopping before a poor little house. "I said yesterday there was no use, but I must do what I can." In the house a sick man was lying; again and again the minister had called, but he wouldn't listen to him; but tonight he said, "I have come to tell you a little story." Then he told him about Georgia Willis, about her knives, and her little corner, and her "doing what she could," and the sick man wiped the tears from his eyes and said, "I'll find my corner too; I'll try to shine for him." And the sick man was Georgia's father. Jesus, looking down at her that day, said, "She had done what she could," and He gave the blessing.

"I believe I won't go to walk," said Helen, hesitating, "I'll finish that dress of mother's; I suppose I can if I think so."

"Why, child, you here sewing?" her mother said; "I thought you had gone to walk?"

"No, ma'am; this dress seemed to be in my corner, so I thought I would finish it."

"In your corner?" her mother repeated in surprise, and then Helen told about the knives. The door-bell rang, and the mother went thoughtfully to receive her pastor. "I suppose I could give more," she said to herself, as she slowly took out the ten dollars she had laid aside for missions. "If that poor child in the kitchen is trying to do what she can, I wonder if I am? I'll make it twenty-five."

And Georgia's guardian angel said to another angel, "Georgia Willis gave twenty-five dollars to our dear people in India today."

"Twenty-five dollars?" said the other angel. "Why I thought she was poor."

"Oh, well, she thinks she is, but her Father in heaven isn't, you know. She did what she could and he did the rest."

But Georgia knew nothing about all this, and the next morning she brightened her knives and sang cheerily:

"In the world is darkness, So we must shine,
You in your little corner, and I in mine."

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE PUZZLE

The names of the first five books of the Bible are hidden in the puzzle. To find them, begin with the letter in the upper left hand corner. Each letter which follows may be found by moving up, down, left or right. How many of these books, which are called the books of the law, can you find?

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OUR BIBLE CHARACTER ALPHABET

Answer to K — Korah.

L was a man whose life was saved by two angels for whom he made a feast. Because his wife did not do as the angels told her, her life was lost, and she died in a way in which no one ever died before or since.

New Books For Your Library

From time to time, this column shall carry review of new books with the purpose of interesting our readers in the best current Christian literature. Those reviewed we consider fundamental to the Christian standard although there may be some small portions with which we do not agree or of which we cannot approve. In such instances, however, the reader will have to use his own discretion and discard such statements with which he is not in accord.

You may procure any of the books reviewed here from The Brethren Missionary Herald Co., 3326 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Book Review

THE MONK WHO LIVED AGAIN by B. H. Pearson. Light & Life Press, Winona Lake, Indiana. 185 pages, cloth bound. Price $1.25.

In this volume, B. H. Pearson, the writer, gives to the realm of Christian literature the biography of one, Dr. Walter Manuel Montano, who was born of aristocracy in Bolivia, South America and reared under the yoke of Roman Catholicism.

The story moves along without hesitation and develops the plot of his early life in the monastery, his ceaseless quest for peace, and his finally finding that peace in the Lord Jesus Christ Who transformed his life and made him powerful in service.

The climax comes in his finding a life companion while in voluntary exile.

Perusal of this book, which we heartily recommend, will give all who read an insight to the need of Christ in our sister continent to the south, benighted in the idolatry and deception of Roman Catholicism as practiced there.

GENEVA G. KUHN.

CHURCH OFFICERS GUIDE, by John R. Golden. The Standard Publishing Co., publishers. A booklet of 32 pages, intended to provide the average layman or church board with a brief course of instruction to better fit the chosen officer for his respective office. the booklet consists of eight chapters that are very suggestive and would be valuable to study in private or by the entire church board. The chapters deal with: Church Government, Elders, Qualifications of Deacons, Qualifications of Deaconesses, Congregational Organization, Officers of the Congregation, Trustees, and Choosing Leadership. Price 15 cents each; $1.50 per dozen in lots of 12 or more. Order from The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. L.P.

SNAPPY SERMON STARTERS by Paul E. Holdcraft. Published by The Stockton Press. Like all other Holdcraft books, which are compilations of stories, squibs, sketches, etc., this 150 page book is packed full of outlines covering a wide variety of texts for general use, special days and occasions. It is just what the title implies—a good sermon starter. A valuable book for preachers, teachers and group leaders. It is priced at 75c. Order from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co.—L. P.

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THE OFFICER'S PRAYER

Joshua 1:5-9 **Hebrews 12:1-15**

She asked to be made like the Savior;
He took her right then at her word,
And sent her a heart-crushing burden
Till the depth of her soul was stirred.
She asked for a faith that was simple;
He permitted the dark cloud to come,
And she struggled by faith thru the darkness,
For the storm had obscured quite the sun.

She prayed to be filled with a passion
Of love for lost souls and for God;
And again, in response to her longings,
She sank 'neath the chastening rod.
She wanted a place in His vineyard;
He took her away from her home,
And placed her among hardened sinners,
Where "humanly" she stood alone.

She saw she must give up ambitions
Which had been her "aircastles" for years;
But she knelt in sincere consecration,
And whispered "Amen" thru her tears.
She wanted a meek, lowly spirit;
The work He gave answered that cry,
Till some who had once been companions
With pitying smile passed her by.

She asked to lean hard on her Savior;
He took human props quite away
Till no earthly friend could give comfort
And she could do nothing but pray.
I saw her go out in the harvest
To gather the ripening grain;
Her eyes were still moistened with weeping,
Her heart was still throbbing with pain.

But many a heart that was broken,
And many a wrecked, blighted life,
Was made to thank God for her coming
And rejoiced in the midst of the strife.
She had prayed to be made like her Savior,
And the burden He gave her to bear
Had been but the great Sculptor's teaching
To help answer her earnest prayer.—Sel.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR JUNE 30, 1940

Confucianism

(Romans 7:7-14)

Suggestions for the Leader

This is a study of one of the false religions of the Orient. It will give us an idea of what some missionaries have to combat and overcome. Confucianism might be thought of as confusionism. Confucius failed to meet man's needs of revelation of God. He could not solve the sin question. He did not give any hope for the after life. Even though he taught a system of morality, it can not save a man from sin. Millions in China are busy in their religious lives but to no avail. He taught a form of the golden rule (called the silver rule), but did not understand that the heart is evil in its natural condition.

Today China is turning to Christ and Christian missions. Once the Chinese called Christianity a poor man's religion but now many important men embrace Christianity.

1. Confucius and His Doctrine.

He discouraged belief in a personal God. He did not claim inspiration or supernatural authority for his writings. He would not commit himself on any ideas of the after life. His system led to ancestor worship.

2. The Sin Question.

Confucius believed all men were naturally good; yet Christ said, "Out of the heart of men proceeds evil thoughts." He made sin of little account and to be cured by right training and proper environment. He had little to say regarding preparation for a day of judgment. He taught a negative golden rule, but a sinner needs more than that. Only salvation from sin by our Lord will satisfy.

3. Ancestors and Christ.

Worship of ancestors was an ancient practice among the Chinese, and Confucius merely enlarged upon it. There were three ways ancestor worship was expressed: 1. obedience during the life time of the parents. 2, elaborate rite at death of parents; and 3, sacrifices in honor of dead ancestors at anniversaries. Confucius is now worshipped as a spiritual father. We worship a living Christ and not a dead man that cannot help us.

4. Confucius and Prayer.

Confucius taught that human beings cannot change the unalterable laws of the world. He prayed but for ceremony and not for pleading. He said, "He who has offended against heaven has none to whom he can pray."

Upon his deathbed he refused the offer of prayer for himself, saying that he had been praying for himself by living a virtuous life.

5. The Ethics of Confucianism.

His teaching was for every person to do his proper part in the immediate relationships of life. He prescribed to rulers their duties for the welfare of the people in the state. Various virtues were exhorted: propriety, sincerity, faithfulness, studiousness, justice, reverence, moderation, calmness, truth seeking. Obedience to parents was the first and great commandment of his teaching.

6. Elements of weakness in Confucianism.

That people cannot reach a personal God. A self saving scheme for salvation. It gives only the negative form of the golden rule. It assigns an inferior position to women. It has no forward-looking goal ahead.

Additional Scripture

Contrast the refusal of Confucius to discuss eternal things with the teachings of our Lord: Jn. 3:3-13; 14:1-4; 5:24-29.

Regarding our prayers see: Heb. 7:25; Lk. 22:23; Jn. 17; Mk. 1:35; 6:41; Mt. 26:42.

Questions

1. What do you understand as the great weakness of Confucianism?
2. What difficulty comes to our missionaries in China over Confucianism?
3. In what ways is Christianity superior?

C. E. Fun Corner

A PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

The Invitation.

This is a Presidential Year,
With speeches, platforms, planks,
With voters wise, and otherwise,
Studying ballot blanks.
Are you third term minded?
Do you want some fun?
Come to our election,
Help to choose the one
Whom we'll inaugurate
For a four-hour term,
To guide our Ship Republicrat,
On a steady course, and firm.

Preparation.

Decorate with pictures of your C. E. presidents, past and present. Use national colors and party emblems. Make booths for voting. Prepare ballots.

Refreshments.

Some suckers, nuts, prunes. Pass these sparingly during the evening with grand promises of something better after the inauguration.

The Games.

When your guests are assembled pass ballots, let each vote for some one present. The four highest are winners and will represent the Democans and Republicrats in the finals.

Campaign Slogans

Divide crowd into two groups by passing out cards shaped like donkeys and elephants. Two each of the winners in primaries as leaders. Allow five minutes for choosing slogans and setting up campaign headquarters.

Campaign Speeches.

Arrange speakers' table with flowers, glass of water and any other suitable articles. Each candidate must take place behind table, then tell him he must use only the letters of the alphabet, punctuated with suitable gestures. Two minutes for each.

General Election.

Pass out ballots. Let each one go to booth and vote. You'll need an election board.

Inaugural Parade.

Let winning party take time out to plan a real demonstration.

The Devotions.

What the Bible says about election: I Thess. 1:4; I Pet. 1:2; 2 Pet. 1:10; Col. 3:12; Rom. 9:11.

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THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN IN A CHURCH

Ushers calling for help in carrying the offering. Minister insisting that the people attend only one service each Sunday in order to make room for others. A dozen people asking the minister for some really definite work to do during the week. A dozen families asking the ushers to place them on the front seats. Every one in the audience reaching for a hymnbook when the number is announced and then singing heartily. Every head reverently bowed during prayer. No whispering or reading of papers during the service. A choir that does not find a single thing to whisper about during the service. The minister saying, "I have rushed from one thing to another all week. I have spent less than three hours in revising this old sermon which is rather out of date, but I will endeavor to make it fit the occasion." The Ladies' Aid Society hoping that the preacher's wife will bring to the next meeting a long list of things that ought to be done in the parsonage at once. The "old-timers" graciously giving way to newcomers, confident that the newcomers will be able to do much better work than they have done. No one getting up or moving about or leaving the room during the service. The middle of the pews filled first. Each one speaking to the person next to him at the close of the service and inviting him to come again. The names and addresses of all strangers handed to the minister at the close of the service.—Selected.

BE THOU MY GUIDE

By Jo L. Morris

Ah! Master of the soul,
  Lead Thou this life of mine,
That I may live in peace
  In joy and love divine.
Teach me to know the path
  Wherein Thy foot has trod,
That I may know for sure
  The path of God.

Instill within my mind
  The great desire to do
The things I know are pure
  Righteous, and true.
O loving Holy Spirit
  Inspire Thou me,
A willing servant for Thy work
  Ever to be.

Help me to know
  That Thou art my true Guide,
A friend so dear, a comforter,
  Close by my side.
Keep in my heart
  The eagerness to share
Thy love, and blessedness,
  With all men everywhere.

Oh, lead Thou me
  Throughout all worldly strife,
That I may be a victor over sin
  And gain new life.
  For Thou it is who made
  And keeps me whole;
Guide me, O God, and always be
  The Master of My Soul.

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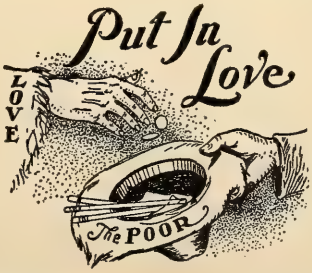

ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS FOR ONE MAN

By Tom Olson

Robert Ripley in one of his latest "Believe It Or Not" articles says:

"General Leonard Duphot (1770-1797), who was killed by Roman Guards while defending the French Embassy, was avenged by the orders of Napoleon.

"General Berthier, at the head of an army, marched into Rome, deposed the government, proclaimed Rome a Republic and collected an indemnity of 60,000,000 francs in gold, equal in purchasing value to more than $100,000,000.00 today, which makes Duphot **one of the most precious men who ever lived."**

King David's men placed a very high value upon him. It was not so much a money as a man value. They said: **"Thou art worth ten thousand of us"** (2 Sam. 18:3). He certainly was precious in their sight. They were perfectly willing to lay down their lives for him.

The most precious of all is the Lord Jesus Christ! He is the "image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him and for Him: and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And He is the Head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell" (Col. 1: 15-19).

"In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily"—yet, He is the One Who died for our sins and was buried and rose again! Is it any wonder that the apostle Peter wrote: "Unto you therefore which believe **He is precious"** (I Pet. 2:7)!

I'm happy in Jesus, my Savior, my King,
And all the day long of His goodness I sing;
To Him in my weakness I lovingly cling,
For He is so precious to me.

He stood at the door amid sunshine and rain,
So patiently waiting an entrance to gain!
What shame that so long He entreated in vain,
For He is so precious to me.

I praise Him because He appointed a place
Where, some day, through faith in His marvellous grace
My eyes shall behold Him, shall look on His face,
For He is so precious to me.

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Calamity is really opportunity hiding behind a shadow.

HIS PLACE FOR ME

Martha Snell Nicholson

When I stand at the judgment seat of Christ,
And He shows me His plan for me,
The plan of my life as it might have been
Had He had His way, and I see

How I blocked Him here, and I checked Him there,
And I would not yield my will,—
Will there be grief in my Saviour's eyes,
Grief, though He loves me still?

He would have me rich, and I stand there poor,
Stripped of all but His grace,
While memory runs like a hunted thing
Down the path I cannot retrace!

Then my desolate heart will well nigh break
With the tears that I cannot shed;
I will cover my face with my empty hands,
I will bow my uncrowned head . . . .

O Lord of the years that are left to me,
I give them to Thy hand;
Take me, and break me, mould me to
The pattern Thou hast planned!

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SAFE

By NANCY BYRD TURNER

"Above the voices of many waters,
The mighty breakers of the sea,
The Lord on high is mighty."

The wild wind rages on the sea
And lifts the water high;
It makes a sound like mighty wings,
And bends the little sails, and flings
The gulls across the sky.

It drives the great waves in to break
Against the helpless land;
But shore and birds and sails that lean,
And we who watch are safe within
The hollow of God's hand.

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"Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth."

—Psalm 26, 8

Middlebranch, Ohio

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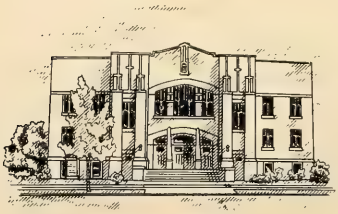

South Bend, Ind.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

TRAPS

By Mrs. Clarence Sickel

We do not have a variety of birds in our part of Argentina, but a great many of **one** particular kind —the English sparrow. This little bird does a great deal of harm in the garden, so as we go about the country we see various kinds of scarecrows, only in this case it would be scare-sparrow. We see long lines stretched low over the ground, with rags tied from them, which flap in the wind. The movement is intended to frighten Mr. Sparrow. In other places are lines with bits of tin on the end of long strings. These not only move in the wind that is strong and frequent there, but reflect the sun's rays, thus frightening the birds. The owl is an enemy of the sparrow as he well knows. Many times dead owls are placed on poles in different parts of the garden, or potatoes filled with feathers, making a good imitation of an owl.

None of these scarecrows, however, are effective for very long. Therefore the children are encouraged to catch the birds in their box traps. They open the door to which a string is attached, placing a good supply of cracked corn or bird seed just inside. Then the children wait at some distance away, perhaps inside the house, string in hand. The first sparrow is very cautious in his approach, but finding no danger and plenty of food his chattering invites others, and soon the trap is full of hungry birds. The string is then pulled and these little birds will make a tasty dish called 'polenta con pajaritos' for some Italian family.

The appetites of these birds get them into trouble. A good many of us are just like them. We allow our appetites to run away with us, and Satan knowing our weakness, baits his trap with things which he thinks will make us hop in. It is wicked to eat and drink and use things which will hurt our bodies and minds. Let us avoid such traps.

Did you ever watch a spider set his trap? Backward and forward and round and round he goes, spinning his web, until it is completed. Then Mr. Spider hides in a corner to wait for his victim. By and by an unsuspecting fly comes head long into it, and before he knows it is completely entangled. Quickly Mr. Spider runs from his hiding place and wraps thread after thread around the poor fly so that he cannot get away. Then for a fine meal! That is another picture of Satan's way of setting traps for you and me.

There is a plant called the 'pitcher plant,' because its flowers have the form of a pitcher and hold a water-like liquid. Insects are attracted to this plant and try to get a drink of the liquid. They creep into the little pitchers, but when once they are in, they cannot get out again. There are little hairs growing downward which act as a fence to keep the insects from coming out. So they die there and are eaten by the plant.

That is just like another trap Satan sets for us. He tries to get us to tell an untruth. Then to cover up one lie we have to tell another, till soon we get in so deep we can scarcely get out again.

David knew that Satan sets such traps as these, but he found that if he prayed, God would help him to avoid them, and if he did happen to fall into them, God would help him. May we be able to say with David, "Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net."

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IN HEBREWS 11 CAN YOU FIND:

What man still speaks though he is dead?
What man did not die?

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What man started out for a place he had never seen when he did not know where it was?

What woman had a child in her old age?

What man believed God was able to raise his only son from the dead?

What man considered the reward of suffering for Christ more valuable than all the treasures of a wealthy nation?

What woman saved her life by hiding some spies?

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"Be not simply a reflector of Christ: be a radiator!"

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NOT A DENT ON BOOTLEG

"Repeal hasn't even made a dent in bootleg sales," so says Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, who has to collect the alcohol tax.

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GOOD JUDGMENT

"I thoroughly believe in a university education for men and women," said Prof. William Lyon Phelps, of Yale, "but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible."

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PELLETS FOR PREACHERS

A congregation is supposed to have said of its preacher, that when he went into the pulpit he preached so beautifully that he ought never to come out of it, but when he came out of it, he lived so badly he ought **never to go into it.**

"No man is more sorely tempted than the preacher. Satan's biggest grudge is against him. We must watch constantly against all unworthy motives and habits."

"It's easy to have a vocabulary but He wants us to have a living experience."

"Who is the false prophet? Not simply the man who denies truth, but the man who constantly plays up the subordinate. Stay by the great themes. This microbe for notoriety is a deadly thing."

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The above directory is for the information of our new Councils in particular. For your membership cards and sample constitution write to Mrs. Kent; for missionary literature to Mrs. Monroe. Send your president's name and address to Mrs. Kidder for devotional topics. All Council funds are to be forwarded to Mrs. Koontz.

OBJECTIVES SUGGESTED FOR THE YEAR 1939-1940

1. Regular monthly devotional meetings.
2. Missionary prayer circle.
3. Bible reading—entire New Testament, or a chapter a day of your own selection.
4. Missionary project—Support of Bouca Station, with dime calendars turned in not later than Feb. 25.
5. Special offering lifted in January and July (for administrative purposes).
6. Thank offering received at National Conference for Home Missions Council.
7. Public service held and offering lifted for Grace Seminary not later than May 1st.
8. Mission Study Class using "Biographies of Brethren Missionaries"—Study 11.

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It Is Not Time To Quit

When the enemy comes in like a flood, dropping from the skies with their parachutes, forcing a trap with their mighty machines of war, threatening torture and annihilation for all who will not submit; when a fifth column of supposed friends betrays us into their hands, when an earthly king turns traitor to his country and his people—should we say, "Now is the time to quit?"

The British and French armies in Flanders, faced with that very situation, fought on; fought their way to the sea where the German air force awaited their embarkation to attack them from the skies. That situation was surely man's extremity, but man's extremity is God's opportunity, the fog and mist of the English channel enclothed those transport ships and hid them from their enemies' sight. One commanding officer is said to have remarked, "We came from the battle of Flanders, but only to go into the next battle, and then we shall be the victors."

In these awful days of world war, our missionary army has been sorely depleted, the divisions on the field seem almost in a trap with no way out, the reinforcements at home are unable to go forth to aid them, disease threatens, it is no pleasant picture. From man's viewpoint it is extremity. Shall we say, "It is time to quit?" Shall we curtail our giving, shall we slacken our praying?—No! Our God will under-

take for us! Our enemy is indeed the prince of the power of the air, but our God controls the fog and the mist. We may be battle scarred and weary and worn, but in the final battle we shall be victors. Let us pray more, work more, give more. Our God has vast reserves of power—He is never caught unprepared.

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PROGRAM FOR JULY

Christ Our Sufficiency for Soul-Winning

Opening Hymn
Scripture Reading: Col. 1:9-29
Season of Prayer (remembering specially the emergency offering for Home Missions Council)
Topic: Christ Paid the Price for Souls
Hymn
Topic: Christ Commands Us to Win Souls
Special Number
Topic: Christ Empowers Us to Win Souls
Business Session
Closing Prayer

OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

From the Nation's Capital:

W alking
M ore
C losely

Since its beginning, the Washington, D. C. Women's Missionary Council has been experiencing closer walking and deeper fellowship with both God and fellow-Christian women. It has enjoyed many helpful and inspiring devotional meetings together with heart-searching and uplifting prayer circles. Also, through an all day missions study program, and an all day sewing bee for African medical work, the group has been cemented closer for service for the Master. The offerings have been gratifying and show that the women not only give of their tithes, but share their other income with the Lord in bringing their offerings to Him, too.

It has been decided that one day each month can be profitably spent in making baby blankets, rolling bandages, and sewing dresses from silk stockings to be used in the hospitals in the heart of Africa. Our denominational medical work is growing in this foreign enterprise, and they can use all the materials which the homeland can supply.

The devotional topics have been most interesting, educational, and great promoters of Christian growth. They are cherished, and looked forward to from month to month. Their integration and simplicity add to the doctrinal and practical knowledge of every member. Therefore, they are deeply appreciated by all.

May all the women in the Brotherhood receive the joy and devotional spirit which has been the experience of this group through serving the Christ, Whose sufficiency we need and accept daily, is our prayer.

MABEL E. DONALDSON, Secy.

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From Juniata, Pa.

Greetings from the W.M.C. of the Juniata Brethren in Juniata, Pa:

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort" (II Cor. 1:2, 3).

We do praise the Lord for the wonderful way in which He has undertaken for us. He is indeed our Sufficiency in all things.

We have a fine council of 24 members, an increase of 6 since organization in Oct. 1939. Real spiritual fellowship has been evident in our meetings. Our public service program was given Sun. morning, April 21. The members had charge under the leadership of Mrs. Brumbaugh, the president. The program consisted of devotions, solos, both instrumental and vocal, vocal duets, chorus numbers and messages on the different phases of our missionary work.

Mrs. Pine, the pastor's wife, also has organized a Junior Council. One of their activities is making infants' clothing for the needy in Kentucky.

The Lord can do marvelous things through lives that are truly dedicated to Him, and who desire above everything else, that His name be glorified. Let each member examine herself and yield herself anew in service for Him. To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever, amen.

MRS. WILLIAM E. DIVELY, Cor. Secy.

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And Now from Rittman, Ohio

Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to our sister Women's Missionary Councils from the Rittman, Ohio W.M.C.

It is with great joy I can announce that we are moving forward in the Lord's work. Our council meetings have been very well attended and the interest especially pleasing, and the free-will offerings have been larger than when we had dues. We are not under law but under grace. Praise the Lord.

Our Council along with the Sisterhood girls held our mother-daughter banquet the evening of May 2 at the Smithville Inn. We invited the ladies from the Wooster church, who as yet are not organized, as our guests. We had a wonderful evening of Christian fellowship with 62 present. A fine program arranged by the Sisterhood girls was enjoyed by all. Mrs. John Squires, wife of the Wooster pastor, gave the address, basing her message on Ex. 14:13-16, and pointing out that there is a time to pray but there is also a time when God wants us to act.

We pray that we may all stand united with all other Councils in serving Him until He comes, and that in the year ahead we may be so yielded to His will that we may be used mightily of Him in His service.

MRS. NINA SLAYBAUGH, Cor. Secy.

NEWS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD

SOUTH AMERICA

Mrs. Loree Sickel

Extracts from Letters from Bible Coach Workers

Having visited carefully and prayerfully both large and small towns—almost all of them having been colportered very little—and surmounting difficulties placed before us by the Roman clergy and the indifferent, we have been able to give the messag of the Word of God to large groups of people. This has brought joy to our hearts, in confidence that 'work in the Lord is not in vain.'

We had some difficulty in Moldes. The priest, a jealous defender of his parish, made slanderous remarks about us, and the Catholic Society began to work actively to defeat our purpose. A woman who is active in that Society, uneducated and lacking in self-respect, attacked us in a very ill-mannered way and with foul language. A young man told us later that there had been preparations to stone the Bible Coach that night of the first meeting. Another woman, active in the Catholic Church, told us, "You and yours had taken root in Sampacho a few years ago, but by a punishment of God, that town was almost completely destroyed by earthquake. You had better get out of here, for you will not be able to accomplish anything. Catholicism is well-organized here, and you will do well to leave, for if not we will put you out if we have to do it with bricks." In that town the first weapon used against us was the old saying, "their Bible is false." In the house where we had rented a room, there was an old invalid lady, a Catholic, who was visited continually and reproached for having rented to us. The priest sent the women to do this. In spite of all opposition there were a great many Bibles sold, encouraging meetings held, and a goodly number of tracts distributed. There were also a number of inquirers.

In Washington and Paunero, the work was even more difficult. One of the colporters was even threatened with a knife.

In Moldes a school teacher bought New Testaments to give to her pupils. In Makenna, the principal of the school gave Gospels to the entire student body.

It was a joy to find the municipal and police authorities cooperating with us in a number of towns.

We need your prayers. The opportunities are great. Even in the small towns we have a daily congregation larger than that of all the mission stations on Sunday. We are daily touching lives, doing personal work, presenting the gospel to lost souls. Brethren, pray for us. In the face of great difficulties both spiritual and physical, we praise Him for His faithfulness, and we press on to greater things in His name. Pray for us that the working of the Holy Spirit may be manifested in and through each of us. Pray for the tracts distributed, for the copies of the Word, and for personal contacts made, that souls may be born again, and that He may be glorified in our midst.

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An Announcement from our President, Mrs. Homer A. Kent:

In the event some Council might not be using the Bible Study Leaflets for the regular meeting, secretaries are reminded to look for the July semi-annual report blank. These blanks are being included with the leaflets, which are sent out each month by our editor, Mrs. Kidder. They must be filled out and sent in by return mail in order that a fair report may be given at the National Bible Conference at Winona Lake.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER DEPARTMENT

Question: Is it all right for Councils to send their offerings direct to Grace Seminary whenever the offering is so designated?

Answer: President Alva J. McClain prefers that our gifts be made all at once rather than in numerous small gifts. The Financial Secretary cannot keep her books accurately or give Councils due credit if she does not receive **all** of your gifts.

Question: Is there any word of encouragement concerning the gifts for Bouca station?

Answer: We are glad that $784.00 has come in designated for that purpose. You may recall from an earlier issue that Missionary Orville D. Jobson, Field Supt. in Africa, informed us that $792.00 was needed for the year. Surely God answers prayer as we are confident that the small remaining sum will yet be received.

Question: Will the W.M.C. have separate printed programs for our National Bible Conference?

Answer: Mrs. W. A. Ogden, National Vice President is chairman of the program and we are confident that we shall have a splendid Conference.

Question: Would it seem advisable to consider a home mission project in next year's program?

Answer: How glad we are for this question. The Executive Board is seeking direction in this very matter. We feel sure the Lord would have us undertake some definite work in home missions in addition to our thank offering.

Question: When do we turn in our thank offering? For what purpose is it given?

Answer: This offering is taken or sent to National Bible Conference. It is given to the Home Missions Council to be used to meet a specific need of home missions.

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ROLL OF LOCAL COUNCILS

We have carefully revised this list, correcting mistakes and adding some new councils as reported. We are still sending out Devotional Topics to individuals

in certain places. It may be that you have organized a council and are getting your literature in this manner, and so have neglected to send in the name of your president and her address, to the editor. If this is your case, will you not attend to it at once? We most earnestly desire to have everything in perfect shape at the National Bible Conference. That is a lot to expect for the first year, we know, but you can help us to make it come true. Thank you.

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- Portis

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- Martinsburg
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- Meyersdale
- Philadelphia First
- Summit Mills
- Uniontown First
- Vinco
- Waynesboro

Tennessee
- Limestone

Virginia
- Buena Vista
- Covington
- Hollins
- Trinity
- Meadow Mills
- Roanoke
- Winchester

Washington
- Harrah
- Spokane
- Sunnyside

THINK IT OVER

When you pass an unsaved man, don't forget that you may be to blame for his condition.

JEWISH DEPARTMENT

By Arthur Carey

John 10:16; Matthew 18:12-14 and 10:6; Romans 1:16 and Acts 15:26

The Neglected Race for Whom Christ Died

ISRAEL IN JESUS' DAY

Complexity

The people of Israel found themselves aligned in many groups at the beginning of our era. There were the Nazarites, the Galileans, the Samaritans, Masbotheans, Hemerobaptists, Zealots, Sicarii, Herodians, Essenes, Sadducees, Scribes and Pharisees. Owing to the turbulence of the times, the people could not settle upon any one course of action. Even the Pharisees, who controlled the greater portion of the common people, seemed not able to pursue any consistent course in their attitude toward the Jewish political state of affairs. Some of these groups were political, others patriotic, and still others merely religious.

Darkness

"The Light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not (Jn. 1:5)."

How true of the age when Jesus came on the scene. To understand the degree of that darkness, one needs only to read the previous history, of which a mere bit can be given here. During the Maccabean wars, it seemed for a time that Israel was about to take her place as a nation among the nations of the world. But this ray was only a false hope—the prophets had not connected any Messianic predictions with this war of the Maccabees, nor focused any particular attention thereto. With the Maccabean (Hasmonean) dynasty, combining the high office of the priesthood and the political rulership under the headship of one man, came the rise of parties and sects. The Sadducees who were the aristocrats of the day, were in favor of it. Against this assumption of the high priesthood by the ruler stood the Hasidim (the Pious). From the Hasidim emerged two groups—the Essenes, who would have nothing to do with the government, and the Pharisees, who parried with the Sadducees for control of the Sanhedrin and the reins of the government. When the Sadducees were in control the Pharisees would often work against them through their influence with the people. The rivalry of these two factions down through the years became bitter and bloody. There arose rapidly between them the fanatical hatred of deadly enmity. Under Jannaeus civil war broke out. He was defeated and driven from the country. The Pharisees took pity on him and invited him back. He then crucified 800 of them. Through the weakness of Hyr-

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CHRIST

The Light of the World

A DOCTRINE OF CHRIST DEPARTMENT

By Frank G. Coleman, Jr.

THE MAN CHRIST JESUS

I Tim. 2:5: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus." In redeeming man from sin, God determined that it was to be accomplished through a mediator who should unite in himself both the nature of man and the nature of God, in order that he might reconcile God to man and man to God. In all of God's creation there was not a being who could be "a daysman betwixt us, that he might lay his hand upon us both" (Job 9:33). No angel, no archangel, no cherub, could make a blood sacrifice of infinite worth. No man in earth could assume the nature of God, for the sin from which God purposed to redeem him prevented his laying hold on God in any way. So God took our nature to be His own and dwelt among us.

God assumed into personal subsistance with Himself a humanity generated by His own almighty power and wisdom. Eternal Spirit became flesh that God's own blood might avail to purchase the church of God (Acts 20:28). The Eternal was made in time, the Infinite became finite, the Immortal became mortal, yet continuing Eternal, Infinite, Immortal. This is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh (I Tim. 3:16). God the Son became the Son of man, the man Christ Jesus, eternally to represent in the courts of heaven the believing remnant of the fallen race with which He identified Himself.

His Humanity—Perfect

A spotless, perfect, man was needed to redeem men. His person must be free both from the taint of inherited sin and from actual sin. In all the years of human generation, natural generation had not produced such a sinless personality. It remained for God to work a divine, creative miracle in the production of a new humanity; one which secured, from its earliest beginnings, freedom from the slightest taint of sin. This He accomplished when our Lord was "conceived by the Holy Ghost" in the womb of a virgin mother. Paternal generation in such an origin was superfluous, and so the unity of His person was not affected. He remained a single personality. His birth was not the creation of a new personality, the assumption of which would make Him a monstrosity possessed of a dual personality, but it was a divine Person already in existence entering upon a new mode of existence. Only the greatest of miracles could effect such a thing. Because His human nature was of miraculous origin, Christ was the "holy" One from the very beginning.

The fact of the perfection of His Person is evidenced, not only in the supernatural conception and the virgin birth, but in the record of a virgin life. The record of His life as man is a record void of the slightest blotch upon His perfection. Not once is it said that He offered sacrifice for sin. In His whole prayer life there is not the least indication of a single prayer for forgiveness on His own behalf. He faced the world with the dogma of the new birth, and yet His teaching is that of One Who alone, of all earth's teeming millions, needed it not. He threw down the gauntlet of His perfection and challenged His bitterest enemies to convince Him of a single sin, and all that their hatred could bring forth was a trumped-up charge supported by suborned witnesses! He was **perfect man,** and so could die for sins not His own.

His Humanity—Real

No such heresy today attacks the humanity of Christ as rocked the church in the second and fourth centuries in the Docetae and the Apollinarians. The attack today is all on the side of His Deity! It is not necessary, therefore, to defend the integrity of His humanity; but to consider its reality in the light of His relation to the race surely should be profitable.

He called Himself, and was called, **"man."** The Scripture references are so abundant that we need give none, save that which we have already used, which tells us that the Man Christ Jesus is the mediator between God and man. Very God was ready to mediate His suit against a rebellious creation. Very man He Himself became, to be the Mediator.

Body, Soul, Spirit

He possessed the elements of complete human nature, body, soul and spirit. He lived in a human body, the material evidence of the reality of His human nature (Lk. 24:39). This body he took that God might die, "that through death he might . . . . . deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:14).

He possessed a rational soul capable of experiencing the ultimate in sorrow, for He says in Mt. 26:38, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death."

He possessed an indwelling spirit, for we read of His miraculous death that He dismissed His spirit (Mt. 27:50), saying, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" (Lk. 23:46).

Human Limitations

That His was a real humanity is further evidenced by the fact that He was subject to the ordinary limitations and necessities of mankind. He knew hunger (Mt. 4:2), thirst (Jn. 19:28), weariness (Jn. 4:6), sleep (Mt. 8:24).

Human Development

He was subject to the ordinary laws of human development. He grew (Lk. 2:40, 52). He asked questions (Lk. 2:46). He learned obedience (Heb. 5:8).

He suffered being tempted (Heb. 2:18). He was made perfect through sufferings (Heb. 2:10).

Human Death

But the crowning evidence of the integrity of His humanity is the fact of His death. God could not die, for God is Spirit; but God manifest in the flesh could, and did die; and His death is the token of His union with those unto whom it is appointed once to die. This is the evidence that our Elder Brother is one with us, that He took Satan's mightiest weapon into His own bosom, accepting the wages of sin not His own. This is the teaching of Heb. 2:14-17, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily He took not on Him the nature of angels **(who are deathless)**; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren . . . ."

How marvelous the matchless love and wisdom of God! Whereas He once said of us, "Behold, the man is become as one of us" (Gen. 3:22), we may now with all humble thankfulness express the God-sent means of our recovery in the words, "Behold God is become like one of us."

His Humanity—Perpetual

The Man Christ Jesus lives today! John saw Him in all the perfection of His Person (Rev. 1:13-18). He is seated in heaven as humanity's only sinless representative. There at the right hand of God the Father He lives, in the same body, now glorified, in which He lived and suffered and died and rose again. In that body, living though pierced, He will yet come again that every eye may behold Him and they which pleased Him! There **is** a man, who mediates between God and men, and:

We Shall Be Like Him!

"The first man is of the earth earthy: the second man is of heaven (RV). As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" (I Cor. 15:47-49). He became one like us, that we might become like Him; and so we shall, for we shall some day see Him as He is (I Jn. 3:2).

What Must I Do To Be Lost?

"He that believth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (Jn. 3:18).

People are not lost because they have altogether failed to live a moral or useful life.

The damning sin that separates people from God is **unbelief**—the rejection of the Savior whom God has sent into the world. The fundamental work of the Holy Spirit is to convict men of sin **because they believe not on Jesus Christ (Jn. 16:8.**

The root of this unbelief is **in the life.** "This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil." Christ is rejected because men choose the passing pleasures of this world.

To be **lost** therefore—do nothing! Go on living the self life. Ignore the One sent to pay the infinite price of your redemption.

"He that believeth not the Son **shall not see life;** but the wrath of God abideth on him" (Jn. 3:36).

Think you that it is any slight matter to ignore the Son of God? God sent One to save us who was dearest to Himself. He has a name above every name. He is infinitely true and deserves to be trusted. He is infinitely good and deserves to be embraced.

How great is the sin of unbelief! It is aggravated from the dignity of the Person Who is slighted and because of the terrific price which He laid down for our redemption!

Unbelief is the great damning sin because it leaves one under the guilt of all his sins and because it is a sin against the remedy that God has provided.

"He that **believeth** is not condemned." Though he may stand convicted as a great sinner, yet on acceptance of the Lamb of God, the process is stayed, judgment is arrested and he stands justified in God's sight.

Reader—what will you do about it?

—Prophecy Monthly.

REMEMBER

. . . . that June 29th is the fifth Saturday of the month, and The Brethren Missionary Herald will not be published on that date. (It is published four times a month). The next copy you receive will be dated July 6.

Florence Newberry Gribble Writes Our Readers

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March 25th, 1940

Dear Readers of The Brethren Missionary Herald:

For the first time I am writing consciously for your columns, as today we received your maiden effort. (Mrs. Gribble had just received her copy of the first issue of The Brethren Missionary Herald.)

We come bringing to you a request for prayer, an all-inclusive one, our need of **power** for every task.

As a child I myself formulated a definition for **grace** which, it may be, theologians will not accept: "Grace is the power to love."

Now, we know that "love is the greatest thing in the world," and that faith works through love. What an intricate linking of these three wondrous privileges—to believe, to love, to be the recipients of His grace, His transforming power as an unmerited favor. What power, what grace, may not faith which works through love, bring down from above through the exercise of believing prayer.

First of all, in prayer, as well as in character, we must have faith. Hugh Latimer, that noble martyr of the 16th century says:

> "Love cometh and floweth out of faith. Love is a child of faith, for no man can love except he believe; so that they have two several offices, they themselves being inseparable. 'And now abideth faith, hope and love, these three, but the greatest of these is love.' And though she is the chiefest, yet we must not attribute unto her the office which pertains unto faith only. Like as I cannot say the Mayor of Stamford must make me a pair of shoes because he is a greater man than the shoemaker is, for though the mayor is a greater man, yet it is not his office to make shoes. So, though love be greater, yet it is not her office to save. This much I thought good to say against those who fight against the truth."

Yes, it is the office of faith to save. If I might put Latimer's thought in my own words, I would say it is also the office of love—not human love, but Divine love, as we read in Jn. 3:16. Just as human faith must work through love, so I believe Divine love must work through faith.

The balance between faith and love seems to me to be a very important one, a balance which another of God's servants (Drummond) wonderfully used for a time, but seemed eventually to lose. In that truly remarkable sermon, "Love The Greatest Thing In The World," Drummond says:

> "We have been accustomed to be told that the greatest thing in the religious world is faith. That great word has been the keynote for centuries of the popular religion, and we have easily learned to look upon it as the greatest thing in the world. Well, we are wrong. If we have been told that, we may miss the mark. 'The greatest of these is **love.**' It is not an oversight. Paul was speaking of faith just a moment before. He says, 'If I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing.' So, far from forgetting, he deliberately contrasts them! 'Now abideth faith, hope, love'; and, without a moment's hesitation, the decision falls: **'The greatest of these is love'."**

As we contrast Drummond and Latimer, we note two things. Drummond failed to differentiate and to observe **wherein** love is greater than faith. Latimer noted this distinction clearly. Drumomnd fell into apostasy, as we know from the most famous of his works, "Natural Law In The Spiritual World." Latimer sealed his testimony with his death and was put to death by fire, dying with Ridley, to whom he said: "Be of good cheer, Ridley, and play the man. We shall this day, by God's grace, light up such a candle in England as, I trust, will never be extinguished."

And we now, in these days of trial, must have not only the grace to pray and to pray in love, we must have the faith to prevail over abstacles—the faith which gives the victory, the faith which staggers not —the faith which works through love.

Perhaps now, as never before, we are to learn the meaning of Gethsemane. We have had in normal times the faith of assurance, and that faith shall not be taken away from us. But we must have the faith also which endures—what Chadwick calls "the faith of desperation:"

> "There is no more heroic example of desperate faith than that of the three Hebrew children. The situation was desperate, but they answered bravely, 'Our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us from the burning, fiery furnace and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But **if not,** be it known unto Thee, O king, that we **will not** serve Thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up' . . . . I have only space to mention Gethsemane. Ponder deeply its 'Nevertheless.' 'If it be possible . . . . nevertheless'! Deep darkness had settled upon the soul of our Lord. Trust meant anguish unto blood and darkness to the descent of hell—Nevertheless! Nevertheless!!"

We are facing troublous times. It is a serious business now to cross the waters. It may be that our board, our furloughed missionaries, and our candidates shall be given the faith of assurance that all will be well with the boats on which they sail, that they will strike no hidden mines, meet with no disaster. It may be that to us all now must come the faith of desperation (not despair) as we pray that

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR JULY 7, 1940

Elijah, Messenger and Prophet

(I Kings 17:1-16)

Suggestions for the Leader

All of the Old Testament saints ought to teach us something about a life of faithfulness. They cannot be perfect examples as all sinned. This is not an excuse for us to sin. Our Christian exhortation is to look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Christian living does have its joys and problems, victories and discouragements. Like Elijah we do not stay constant, yet ideally we should. If we lived where God wanted us we would not have reverses and discouragements.

The end of Elijah's life and sojourn here was with a glorious translation. This is our hope, if not this then a resurrection from the dead when Christ appears.

Let the leaders impress upon our minds how Elijah stood for God when it seemed everyone turned away from Him.

1. Elijah's Courage. I Ki. 17:1; 18:17-19; 21:17-20.

At first he faced an evil king unafraid. He charged the king with his sins and guilt. The reason he could stand was that it was for the Lord. The Lord stands for his own. When we realize God's presence, we shall not be afraid. Have no fear what men shall do unto you (Heb. 13:6). Conviction of righteousness makes men brave like Daniel, Paul and Martin Luther.

2. Elijah's Faith. I Ki. 19:31-38; Jas. 5:17-18.

He believed God and took Him at His word. It took great faith to predict the period of no rain or dew. Had it failed to come true, he would have been denounced as a false teacher.

The test on Mt. Carmel was an expression of Elijah's faith. The water in the trench stands as a symbol of the independence of all attempts of the flesh to supplement the work of God. Elijah had success in claiming the impossible by faith.

3. Elijah's Message. I Ki. 18:21.

He urged people to be out and out for God. He declared that it was useless to trust in Baal. He challenged the teachers of error to prove that they were right. He insisted that we can be victorious when we stand for God.

4. Elijah's Fear. I Ki. 19:1-4, 10.

Even great men of God felt discouragement and often so after victories. Elijah feared the queen, even though God gave him assurance that He would be with him. The devil wants us to get gloomy and discouraged. Even though we grumble, God still works on. Christian admonition is that we need have no fear for anything or any person.

5. Elijah's Glorious Ascent. II Ki. 2:11.

After Elijah's life of victory and defeat, God took him in a glorious translation. Not until his work was done was he taken. A successor in Elisha was trained to take over his work. Let no man feel that he is so important that God could not raise up another to carry on his work.

Elijah was the man of his day to stand for God, and during the tribulation on the earth he will return to witness to the true God.

Additional Reference Material

Show the relation between John the Baptist and Elijah: Lk. 1:17; Mt. 17:10-12. Between Christ and Elijah: Mt. 11:14; 16:14; Lk. 9:54-55.

Questions

1. What are some of the problems confronting a man who tries to live for God while many people about him scoff?

2. What was the supreme test to see who was the true God? I Ki. 18:24-38. Does it hold today?

3. What is the promise of God for those who fight for Him? Joshua 1:5-6.

4. What is the purpose of calling Elijah back to the earth? Mal. 4:5-6.

5. What lessons do we learn from the life of Elijah, the messenger and prophet?

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we, too, must say, as we enter our Gethsemane: "If it be possible—nevertheless!" It if be possible, let no lives be lost at sea—nevertheless, not our will, but Thine, oh Lord, be done!

Peter **knew** by what manner of death he was **to glorify God.** We know not what perils the immediate future holds for those who sail the seas. **Here** at present, all is well. But as missionaries, whether by death or by life, our **chief** aim is **glorify God.** Can we do it by being less fearless than those who serve the world? As a missionary, as a candidate, in times of war each one of us is a soldier. It may be our privilege to be obedient, not only unto death, but unto a speedy death. Shall we not pray, pray with faith which works through love unto that grace which will become to us the power to conquer, and give to us, in life or death, the victory?

Yours prayerfully,

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C. E. TOPIC FOR JULY 14, 1940

Ahab, the Covetous King

(I Kings 21:1-14)

Suggestions for the Leader

Covetousness is a sin for anyone. It leads to terrible things. In Ahab's case, it led to lying, stealing and murder. Ahab's downfall came out of a series of unhappy choices. They were selfish and not honoring God. If we learn good traits to follow in some men, we ought to avoid the bad traits of others.

Life ought to consist of more than the abundance of things a man possesses (Lk. 12:15). We have lived too much for money. It is wrong to give it such an important place.

1. Ahab, an Outstanding Sinner. I Ki. 16:29-34.

He made a record of sinning against God more than all the kings that had gone before. He sinned in taking a wife from the wicked Sidonians. Her name stands for everything shameful and degrading. When sin works toward a climax, there is usually one in whom the principle becomes embodied. Ahab was that man of his day, Hitler is the man today, and the antichrist will be the man in a coming day.

2. A Rebellious Heart. I Ki. 18:17-18.

The state of the nation is Ahab's day was a result of his own attitude of heart. Sinners usually try to shift responsibility or blame on others. The real trouble for Israel was started by Ahab's ancestors, but was made worse by his rule. It was declared to be the forsaking of the commandments of the Lord.

3. Ahab, a Recipient of God's Mercy. I Ki. 20:13-20, 29.

The warning of God's prophet was a proof that God had not withheld His mercy. Baal, a false god, could not help Israel. Only God could rescue the people. When the enemy came, God fought for Israel. God made a wonderful test and display of His power on Mt. Carmel. It stands today and the proof of the true God.

We have received many blessings at the hand of the Lord.

4. Ahab's Failure. I Ki. 20:41-43.

Ahab failed the test God gave to him. He failed to carry out the commission to destroy the man who was wicked. How frequently we view matters differently from the Lord. To fail God in a commission is to bring trouble upon ourselves.

5. Humility Shown by Ahab. I Ki. 21:27-29.

God is more than willing to bless than to curse. Judgment is described as a strange work. Ahab had not ordered Naboth's death but he had to bear the responsibility. Showing humility, Ahab did gain a little time before judgment fell. Even humility can't atone for sin. Sin bears its marks in this life as well as later. The way of the transgressor is hard.

6. Ahab Died an Inglorious Death. I Ki. 22:34-39.

He tried to go on in his sin and at the same time escape the penalty of it. There was no place where Ahab could flee from God. Judgment came to him in the hour of battle. No disguise can hide us from God. The story of Ahab teaches us that when God speaks, it is for us to hear His voice.

Questions

1. Tell of the many sins in Ahab's life that caused his downfall.
2. Do you think that it is wrong to be unequally joined together? 2 Cor. 6:14.
3. What is the sin of covetousness? Are men guilty of it today?
4. What is the relation between sorrow and repentance? II Cor. 7:9.

EXTRACTS FROM THE KLIEVER DIARY

(NOTE: This section is the start of a bush trip, the first trip of this kind for Freda and Anne, and probably the first in which a whole station force went to the same section of the field and worked it after the manner of a station existing there.)

Feb. 19, 1940.

The day set for the start of what is sometimes called "a bush trip," when missionaries leave what little there is of civilization (namely a square mud house of several rooms, a few developed acres near a road, with a few surrounding buildings put up by a white man, as store house, workshop, garage, etc.) and into a section where there is a round mud house of one room as a rule, well off the auto roads and in a section where there haven't as yet been many white people.

Thus this morning we woke up to start the day on the run, as it were, as there were yet many things to do before we could leave at the desired time of 3:00 P. M., just after the hottest time of the day had passed.

The lady folks (Mrs. Kennedy, Freda and Anne) were busy getting the bedding, "grub" and household utinsels into boxes, while yours truly gave to the workmen instructions that would be followed more or less, mostly less, as to what kind of material to gather, how much and how long etc., etc. Filled the gas tank in the Dodge, put in the tools that we hope we will not need, checked the tires, put in a few bike repair tools (there is always a chief's son that has been foolish enough to buy a bike for which he is not able to get repairs, inner tubes or parts, and after a few months riding over the bush paths and not being expert enough to dodge the stumps and snags, you can imagine the bent forks, wheels, missing spokes, torn tires etc.)

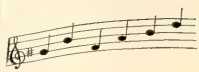
"Bring on the stuff, we'll pack and load the truck." The orders from the Administration were that we should take the minimum of natives along on ac-

count of the epidemics, thus we took only an evangelist as interpreter, another as house boy, and another as cook. Trunks and duffle bags were placed around three bicycles (one for each—Mrs. Kennedy, the evangelist and myself). Shortly after 3:30 P. M. we were off! It is only 60 kilometers or about 40 miles to the place we were going, but that is a long way in Africa—about the same as going to San Diego and back from Los Angeles.

After 25 miles of first class African bumpy roads, we came to the branching off place to take a secondary (?) road for another 15 miles. It was almost 5:30 when we arrived at the cotton selling place where there is a river that is not bridged. On its banks at this place there is a very small village. This village is there mainly to furnish guards for the cotton at the cotton house and to furnish passage across the river via a canoe dug-out. After sending one of the boys for porters, we got out our baked beans, bottle of water and a few sandwiches and proceeded to lunch. The few natives around first of all had to examine our food (with their eyes only—for which we were glad as it might have been with their hands)! Would we eat as other white men they had seen? I am afraid we didn't, since we knew it would be dark before we reached our destination. Thus we decided not to unpack anything, but eat community style, each one dipping his or her beans from his own respective corner of the casserole full of beans. When the dish was empty we were full for some reason or other, and after a few sips of water and a piece of cake we were ready to go on.

By that time the natives' attention had shifted. They saw this little white girl only 3 years old had a baby! It wasn't a baby like theirs, so it must be something special. Anne would hold it out for them to see, but there was a mad scramble backwards as they fell over each other getting away from the extended doll. Then Anne moved its head and arms, and how they did pound on their chest! Then as Anne advanced toward them to let them have a better look, children screamed, babies yelled, women chattered, and the men and boys scrambled for safety, all because of that thing that looked like a person, but was stone or something—but it moved its arms and legs and head!!!! By that time Anne was ready for a good time, and she dug out her teddy bear. She held it in her arms, then advanced with it, and the same scene took place as before. Then with a gesture of throwing it at them, there was a real clearing of natives, but the dust that they raised!

Finally a few porters came, the boys having meanwhile proportioned the loads so that they wouldn't be too heavy. Mrs. Kennedy, Freda and Anne started to walk the remaining mile and a half. The boys also left to start getting the rest house into shape. I remained to get a guard for the truck and to see that all the stuff at least started on its journey to our rest house. It was getting dark fast. The moon was up though, and as soon as the sun was gone, we started to have moonlight sufficient to travel by. After all but one box had left and they said there were no more porters coming, I hopped the bike and peddled to the village. Somehow I missed the snags



"And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God . . . . blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust"
—Psalm 40:3, 4.

and stumps and crossed a few foot bridges and arrived at the rest house. Got enough porters for the box, and paid those that had carried the things, and then arranged for food for the boys, and water for cleaning up for us, and wood for the cooking.

I don't know what Anne had in mind as to what the bush is, but she was expecting to see something different. We finally explained that the place where the rest houses were and this village also was located, is called the "bush." After that she was satisfied that we had arrived at the bush and was ready for bed and so are we all.

Feb. 20.

No windows in the rest house, and only a small door, so we missed fresh air during the night; but since this is the land and section where lions and African wolves also like the night air, it isn't safe to sleep outside at night. We had breakfast and met the Chief, a real old fellow, and afterwards had a service.

We spent a large part of the day getting organized and ready for the work here for a period of two weeks plus. Anne had another doll and teddy bear exibition! In the evening we had another meeting, and trying to light our pressure lantern found it fouled. Thus we ate supper to the light of a yellow kerosene light furnished by a small lantern. This is lots of light in the eyes of the native. They sometimes huddle together for the evening chat, and if someone has a lantern, they don't put it where you would. We would put it in the middle of the circle, but they put it outside the circle. Why? All I can find out or figure is that if they put it into the circle, the rest of the villagers couldn't see that they had a lantern; or it might be that, if they keep it back of them, they can see sooner and better if there is a lion stalking around close by or not.

Feb. 20.

Needing to check up on a few things about the truck, I cycled to the river. Anne wanted to go along, so I put her on the saddle bag, back of my seat. We took care of the business and then got a native to give us a canoe ride up and down the river a ways. Anne certainly enjoyed it, and on seeing a nice sand bank, asked to play in it. We stopped, took off her shoes and socks, and she had the time of her life.

After lunch, a runner came in with a letter from Mr. Jobson saying that we had some freight in the Camerouns and no way to get it in, and the dead line was the 15th of Feb. The letter was written the 6th, and here it was the 20th. He also said that since I had charge of the truck, there was no other way

out but that I would have to go get the stuff. Should I leave just at the start of an itineration trip like this, take all the stuff back home, and leave for the coast? It didn't seem right, and bewildered, I read the instructions and the rest of the letter to the signature. I must say here that this is the meanest letter I have yet received since in Africa, and it had to come from brother Jobson! What made it so? Well, to make a long story short, there was a P. S. which said that just as he was calling a porter to take this by bike to us, word came by another porter that the "stuff" was at Bozoum!!! I heaved about 10 sighs of relief at once. But what was mean about that, you ask? **Because I wasn't asked to read the postscript first!** It reminds me of the farmer that filled several pages of abusive language to Sears & Co. becaues they failed to put the pump handle with his pump order. After writing the letter, he thought he had better take a last look, and found it! Well, he sent the letter anyway with the P. S. "Excuse me, I find de handle in de box!" After this I read P. S. first! We certainly praised the Lord that He had again worked the impossible and thus we could continue our ministry in this needy place. So a good joke was played on me, at the same time showing that the Lord's hand is not shortened. Also received permission to use my shot gun for hunting, thus we could again have some fresh meat once in a while without killing one of the few chickens that one sometimes succeeds in rearing.

Feb. 24.

The natives were sitting around taking in the sights this morning, when all of a sudden folks started running, scattering in every direction. What is the matter? I saw no reason to run. Upon asking, they said that a boy had just arrived with the word that the Administrator was at the river to buy their cotton today. They left very quickly at this word, but it was certainly slow in comparison to that leaving that will take place one of these days soon when the word of the archangel and the sound of the trump are heard! May that day come soon.

I had never been to a cotton buying market, so I loaded Anne on the bike and off we went. We got there before the others and had a chance to converse with the Administrator and the cotton packing house man, Mr. Bierin of Belgium. The cotton market is quite a scene. There is a string of natives bringing the baskets of cotton to the scale. These baskets contain from 50 to 75 lbs. each. They weigh them, and the grower of the cotton is in another line. The Administrator calls out the weight, the cotton man writes it down and pays the grower in line. In a surprising short time a lot of cotton passes the scale.

Sunday, Feb. 25.

It is hard to keep track of days on the station, and especially so in the bush. Here is Sunday already! We had announced a few days ago that since they had repeatedly asked for an evangelist to come here to teach them, we had sent one week-ends, and that now we were here to see what could be done, and if they would get grass and sticks togther to build a house for the evangelist and a place to meet in we would arrange to have a fulltime resident evangelist here. (Benamkor is the name of the chief village of this circuit.) A little after sunrise folks began gathering for service. We had a very large crowd and after the service was about half over, others started coming from neighboring villages, bringing bundles of grass on their heads to help make a roof for the chapel. After the service, we asked the late-comers and those that were still arriving, to come to another place in the village where there was a large tree, thus shade, as it was getting warm, and we had service number 2. After that it was too hot to do more and we went to the rest houes to await the evening hours of service. Meanwhile there was a procession of villagers, they were going to burn grass. We were glad that they had at least come to church service first, many of them. They came back about 3:00 P. M. most of them empty handed. Used the observation of showing the emptiness of a life apart from Christ in that evening service.

Junior-Intermediate C. E. Topic for June 23

SHINING FOR JESUS

On a board or in candlesticks have several candles, all sizes and colors, from tiny birthday candles to tall ornamental ones, used and new.

Ps. 18:28, "For Thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness." We all have a wick to light—our soul, all ready to shine—but Jesus must light it. He said, "I am the Light of the world" (Jn. 8:12).

No matter what the color, the light is the same. The testimony of Christ is the same. The same story of salvation is told to the African boys and girls, Chinese, or Indians.

Small candles do not give as much light as a big one, but the light is just as good. The tiny candle represents just a child. Read Ps. 8:2.

Candles are used all over the world, but not in heaven, for there is no night there. See Rev. 22:5, 21:23. So now is the time to shine for Jesus.

Ornamental candles are only beautiful to look at, but are of no use unless lighted by Christ. Jesus says, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Mt. 5:15-16).

A light in the house shines through the window and can be seen far out into the darkness. So when Christ lights our lives (I Thess. 5:5; Eph. 5:8), the light within (II Cor. 4:6; Lk. 11:36) shines out into the darkness of the world about us (Phil. 2:13).

Topic for June 30
CIRCLE C. E.

On the floor make two large circles of string. One circle is named Rom. 3:23, the other Jn. 5:24. First stand in the circle named Rom. 3:23. Explain how **all** are sinners and are lost. Then read Jn. 5:24, and as the portion is read, "But is passed from death unto life," step over into the other circle. Tell how easy it is to be saved—all are in the **lost** circle until by faith in Jesus Christ they just step out of it into the **saved** circle. Each boy and girl must make the decision when it is to be done. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of **thy youth**" (Eccl. 12:1).

Have each one stand in the circle and repeat the first verse, then step over as they say the second verse. By the time they have each had a turn they will have memorized the verses and the message will be impressed upon their minds.

Topic for July 5
A BIBLE DRILL LESSON

This type of meeting is designed to teach the members outstanding verses and choruses regarding the Bible.

A BIBLE DRILL

1. Bible Salute:

"I pledge allegiance to the Bible, the holy, inspired Word of God, which is profitable for reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness."

2. Song, "Holy Bible, Book Divine":

Holy Bible, Book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine;
Mine to tell me whence I came,
Mine to teach what I am.

Mine to tell of joys to come,
Light and life beyond the tomb;
Holy Bible, Book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine.

—William B. Bradbury.

3. Placing Bible Over Heart, Repeat:

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psa. 119:11).

4. Song, Chorus of "Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart":

Thy Word have I hid in my heart,
That I might not sin against Thee;
That I might not sin, That I might not sin,
Thy Word have I hid in my heart.

—E. O. Sellers

5. Pointing Bible Toward Feet, Repeat:

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psa. 119:105).

6. Song, First Stanza of "Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart":

Thy Word is a lamp to my feet,
A light to my path alway;
To guide and to save me from sin,
And show me the heavenly way.

7. Placing Bible Above Mouth, Repeat:

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer" (Psa. 19:14).

8. Song, "Let the Words of My Mouth":

"Let the words of my mouth,
And the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer."

—Roth-Brown Songs and Choruses, No. 2.

9. Placing Bible Over Eyes, Repeat:

"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psa. 119:18).

10. Song, "Open Thou Mine Eyes":

Open Thou mine eyes, open Thou mine eyes,
That I may behold wondrous things
Out of Thy law, out of Thy law.

—C. S. S. M. Chorus Book.

11. Opening the Bible, Repeat:

"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psa. 119:130).

12. Song, "Make the Book Live to Me, O Lord":

Make the Book live to me, O Lord;
Show me Thyself within Thy Word;
Show me Thyself and show me my Saviour,
And make the Book live to me.

—C. S. S. M. Chorus Book.

13. Turning Pages of Bible, Repeat:

"Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever" (Psa. 119:160).

14. Song, "Wonderful Words of Life":

Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of Life;
Let me more of their beauty see,
Wonderful words of Life.
Words of life and beauty,
Teach me faith and duty:
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of Life.

—P. P. Bliss.

15. Holding Bible High, Repeat:

"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89).

16. Song, Second Stanza of "Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart":

Forever, O Lord, is Thy Word,
Established and fixed on high;
Thy faithfulness unto all men,
Abideth forever nigh.

17. Placing Bible Over Heart, Repeat:

"Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold" (Psa. 119:127).

18. Song, "Take It Wherever You Go":

Take it wherever you go,
Take it wherever you go;
God's message of love,
Sent down from above;
O, take it wherever you go.

—Fred P. Morris.

19. Prayer.

ISRAEL IN JESUS' DAY

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canus, Jannaeus' grandson, Herod, the Idumean, gained a foothold.

Pompey's siege against Jerusalem to help Herod regain the upper hand marked the entry of Rome into Jewish history with a massacre of 12,000 Judeans. After some time Antony appointed Herod king of Judea. On the eve of the siege of Jerusalem he married Mariamne, the Hasmonean princess. After the walls had fallen, in 37 B. C., and with 100,000 dead behind him, the bestial Herod began the slaughter of his Hasmonean relatives—even his wife and sons, and finally a son by a former marriage. Emperor Augustus said of him, "It were better to be that man's pig than his son!" A contemporary says of him, "Herod stole to the throne like a fox, reigned like a tiger, and died like a dog."

Salvation !

During the reign of such a man; in the midst of Jewish sorrow, defeat, and stifled hopes; crushed by taxation and Roman overlordship (the iron heel); baffled and threatened by intrigue and espionage; kicked and goaded by oppression, deportation, and death—into such a complex, forlorn, hopeless, enigmatic, heart-rending cosmos of human beings, God placed the Flower of fairest beauty, just a slip, but Him that should become the chiefest among ten thousand. Upon earth's thickest darkness burst the radiance of the Bright and Morning Star. In Zion rose the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings.

Incomprehension

" . . . . The darkness comprehended it not." Jesus said, "This people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing (Mt. 13:15)." "Ye will not come unto Me that ye might have life." "O Jerusalem, how oft would I . . . . but ye would not." The people as a whole finally turned their backs upon God's Light. The Pharisees who bitterly hated the Sadducees joined with them in plotting His death.

Religious Sects

Of the more important of the sects to be reckoned with, the Essenes occupy a unique place in this period. They were very devotional and temperate. They despised wealth and most shunned matrimony. Some withdrew from the cities and formed colonies while others dwelt in every city. Anyone joining the sect sold his possessions and cast into a common treasury. They dressed in white, but did not have two cloaks nor pairs of shoes. They looked for the Messiah and the kingdom of God.

Was our Lord an Essene? We think not. He held an almost opposite attitude toward marriage. He was opposed to their exaggerated reverence for the Sabbath. He did not shrink from the use of oil. He emphasized the internal and spiritual; they, the external and material.

The Sadducees, on the other hand, were worldly, aristocratic, and boorish. Always in their hands was the high priesthood. They regarded only the Pentateuch. They were against belief in the resurrection. They were unconcerned about Christ until they found out about His Messianic claims. Then they were alarmed for fear of the intervention of Rome. They were the oligarchists of that time.

The Pharisees, although primarily religious, often became energetically political. They believed in angels and spirits, in conditional reincarnation, and, in the resurrection. They believed in the law of Moses, but added traditions, which they said came down from Moses and the prophets. The great defect of Pharisaism was that it made sin so purely external. A thing was right or wrong if some external condition was present or absent. A man would not break the Sabbath rest for the donkey if he rode him, but if he carried a switch to accelerate the pace of the donkey he was guilty of laying a burden on him.

The attempts made by recent Jewish writers to exonerate the Pharisees from the guilt of Jesus' condemnation has no foundation. They were legalists, self-righteous, ostentatious, proud, and uncharitable. But Jesus came to call sinners to repentance, of whom, Paul, a Pharisee, says, "I am chief." Such was the picture of Israel when Christ appeared.

LIGHT ON TRUTH

By Bernard Schneider

THERE WILL BE DISGRACED CHRISTIANS WHEN JESUS COMES

Some time ago I was holding a meeting in a small town in the Middle West. While there I heard of a young man who in the past had been upheld as a model young man in the community. In all his activities in the community he seemed to be on the side of righteousness, and was a popular member of the local church. One morning the newspaper of the neighboring city told of a gambling raid staged by the police department of that city the night before, and to the utter astonishment of the readers in that small community, among the names of those caught in the place of gambling was the name of this model young man. A fine young man at home, he was secretly indulging in unlawful practices. It is hard to describe the result of the discovery. When the young man finally came home, he refused to leave the house for several days. He was disgraced and beaten by the sudden revelation, and went about for some time with his head down.

In I John 2:28 we read: "And now, little children, abide in Him, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." The original of "not be ashamed" is "not stand disgraced." Many Christians who are now regarded as fine believers are going to stand disgraced before the Lord when the secrets will be revealed and it will be seen that secretly they indulged in things and practices displeasing to the Savior Who bought them with His own blood.

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A War-Time Prayer

(Evangelical Christian)

O God of love, Thine eyes look down
On blood-stained field and shattered town;
  The widow's tears, the orphan's cry,
  The wounded soldier's agony,
Are known to Thee. Thy children's woes
Are not forgot: their Father knows!

Great Judge of all, defend the right;
Cause right to triumph by Thy might.
  Our righteousness we dare not plead;
  Yet save us in our utmost need.
Our sins are many in Thy sight:
Forgive us, and defend the right.

For those we love, O Lord, we ask
That Thou wilt help them in their task:
  'Tis Thine to save alive or kill;
  Bring them safe home, if such Thy will.
And may they trust, amid the strife,
In Christ, who gives eternal life.

Lord God of hosts, whose mighty will
Makes wrath of man to praise Thee still,
  By this shed blood, these bitter tears,
  Prepare the coming of those years
When righteousness and peace shall reign
O'er hill and valley, sea and plain.

Jehovah God, Thy promise stands,
Whate'er the fate of kings or lands.
  Before the dawn the night grows dark:
'Mid lust and hate, 'mid fire and sword,
  Awake Thy church on earth to mark,
The nearness of her coming Lord.

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"BOUCA NEWS FLASHES"

By Mrs. Joseph H. Foster

"For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God: and to wait for His Son from heaven, Whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, Which delivered us from the wrath to come."

Change of Hearts

During the month our native pastor made the usual preaching trip down the Bangui road. Previous trips had been made, but no special interest in the gospel had been shown by the people. When he returned he gave the following testimony to the church at Bouca, which supports him: "The night before I left home I prayed much, and said, 'Lord I am going forth to serve Thee; Lord fill me with Thy Spirit. Go before me and prepare hearts to receive Thy Word. Save men, women and children from the power of the evil one that they have been serving so long, and bring them to know Thyself.' The next morning when I left home, I preached in every village and garden where there were people, but only a fw expressed a desire to follow the Lord."

"After three days I arrived at the large village near Marli. It was evening when I arrived. I was tired and did not want to preach that evening. But soon a large number of people had congregated and said, 'Abraham, we want to hear the Word of God; tell us the good news.' I did not want to preach, but when they kept on asking, I had to. I talked to them until it was very dark (meaning very late). When I had finished, men began to tear strings of medicine from their bodies, and said; 'We are through with this. We know what you say is true, and we want to follow the Lord.' Others confessed their sins, everything from lying to murder. Women rose to their feet and said, 'We are through praying to the devil, we want to know how to pray to God.'

"Brethren, I have often preached, but never have I seen the Spirit of God work in hearts as He did in that meeting. Never have I experienced anything like it. If only all of you could have seen it! I stayed with them a few days, then went on down the road to Bogongolo.

Earnest Hearts

"Our first stop was at the chief of the Canton's village near Bogongolo. The people asked why no one had come to stay with them. They said, 'We have some money left from the cotton that we sold. We want to buy a Christian from Bouca who will come and stay with us.' I told them that men could not be bought to preach the Word of God, but as God calls them, and as they hear Him and give their hearts and bodies to Him to work for Him, are they sent forth to preach. They said, 'Are there no such God-called men at Bouca; who will want to come here?' "

He assured them that he would make their request known to the church when he returned.

Ready Hearts

When Abraham gave his testimony to the church; one of the Christians heard the call, and offered himself to the Lord to minister to the people at Bogongolo. However as usual there were obstacles to be overcome before he could take up the work. He is one of the chief's head men, and had to get permission from his superior to leave the village and his work in order to make the change. Then too, his wife was a sleeping sickness patient, and she could not leave Bouca until she was dismissed by the doctor. He prayed three weeks before he had the courage to ask his chief to release him. However when the proposition was made to him, he gladly gave his consent and said, "I cannot refuse to give you to God for work for him, because He has blessed my village and people." So if the Lord wills, we hope to send Andre Abrou and his wife to Bogongolo within a week. The Lord has undertaken for her, so that the doctor dismissed her from further treatments for the present.

Pray

For the new converts at Marli.

That many will be ready to receive the Lord Jesus as their Savior at Bogongolo.

For Joshue and his wife who labor at Marli.

For Andre Abrou and his wife

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EDITORIALS

By Louis S. Bauman, Editor

The Easter Offering

At this writing, the Secretary-Treasurer is still without definite knowledge as to the results of our Easter offering. Most of the churches are doing splendidly, so far as they have reported. Most of those reporting have passed last year's mark. However, we understand that a number of the churches, for reasons that are already well known, are withholding their offerings or are sending them to another board. **That is the inalienable right of any sovereign congregation of Brethren believers.** We shall never deny them that right, as that right is being denied by some. If any church does not choose to support the heralds of the cross that are carrying the story of salvation to tens upon tens of thousands who have never heard that story, we must leave them to God, while **the rest of us must carry on.** We shall never desert, especially in a time of world peril such as that through which we are passing, those who have trusted us to "hold the ropes" while they went down into the pits of darkness. We are sure that all Brethren folk, who still believe in the integrity of these missionaries, will just sacrifice a bit more, and make up for any losses sustained in the way of those who are falling away from this work.

We extended the time for the receipt of the Easter offering to June 30. However, whether it is received in time to be reckoned as a part of "the Easter offering" or not, matters little. Gifts sent us **now** will go to the same great cause, even if they have to appear in **later** reports. Have you sent in your offering?

Membership Cards

A large number of churches do not report their offerings until the very last minute. Consequently, work stacks up in the office. But the Membership Cards showing the membership of those who gave $5.00 or more, paid up, making them in good standing, will be sent just as soon as possible. **Be sure your local church has sent in your offering,** before making inquiry as to why you have not received a receipt, if you made your gift but have received no acknowledgement.

Pray For Your Board of Trustees

Never in the history of our Foreign Missionary Society has its Board of Trustees been face to face with such difficult problems as in this present hour. The problems created by the war and possible territorial changes in Africa greatly concern us. The problem of getting home weary missionaries whose furloughs are long overdue—the problem of getting the missionaries in the homeland, who are so anxious to go to the relief of their brothers and sisters in Africa, back to the fields—the problems resulting from our denominational troubles — all these things make it necessary for your board to make its work a subject of unceasing intercession before the throne of God. We thoroughly believe the saying: **"Prayer Changes Things."** Then, pray, brethren, pray!

We Are All Greatly Concerned

Yes, we are all greatly concerned as to what the present war in Europe is going to do to our missions in French Equatorial Africa. Should Germany win in this struggle, and take over that country from France, just what the attitude of the German government will be toward Christian missions within its empire, we dislike to even try to guess. But, if ordered out for any reason, there are always "regions beyond" into which the ambassadors of the cross of Christ can move. We have had an agreement with France—an agreement that that government demanded we sign—that we would move our missionaries out of the land if the government so required. And we have always kept ourselves prepared with the funds to do this, if necessary. We are happy to say, however, that our missionaries have always grown in favor with God and men, as Paul put it once upon a time. Let us hope they will do so with whatever government they must work under in what is still French Equatorial Africa. Pray earnestly for them.

Our Missionaries In Quebec

Since in the present situation it is absolutely impossible to secure transportation upon the seas, the board has sent Brother and Sister Morill, Brother and Sister Robert Williams, and Sister Ruth Snyder, to Quebec, where they are giving themselves to an intensive study of the French language, especially with regard to speaking it. Miss Tyson, Curtis Morrill, and Garner Hoyt, went to Quebec in the missionary auto, and made a thorough investigation. We learned that there, with less expense than in France, the French language, as pure as in France itself, can be learned. We rejoice that this very necessary item is being attended to as our missionaries wait upon the Lord's own moving for their transportation.

What We Learned At Dayton

Your foreign missionary editor went to Dayton (Ohio) to attend the trial whereby the so-called "Ashland College Group" within The First Brethren Church of that city, being a minority "group" within said church, is seeking to dispossess the majority of the members of the property in which they worship.

From all that we had heard, we presumed that there was to be an attempt to show that the pastor, Eld. Russell D. Barnard, and his flock, had departed from the faith and practice of The Brethren Church, yea, from the faith and practice of the New Testament itself, and that the pastor was burning strange fire upon the altar; and, therefore, because of this, the majority "group" could no longer claim to be "a Brethren church," and should return the church property to the minority "group" which was still the true Brethren Church.

(We thought that we would be interested in hearing the testimony to prove the charge against Eld.

Barnard and his flock, showing that they all were apostates from the way of life and the faith of the Brethren. We regret that we did not get to hear the testimony, and have had to get our information second-handed—but from many witnesses nevertheless. We, together with our good Brother McClain, were ruled out of the court room during the testimony, inasmuch as we were "potential witnesses." It was difficult for us to understand why the "Ashland Group" demanded that we be shut out, since no one should fear to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," before all men. However, in ruling us out, they ruled out some of their own witnesses, which was too bad!)

To our utter amazement, the charge of departure from the faith was never hurled in the court room. Therefore, any attempt to prove that Eld. Barnard was not a qualified Brethren on the ground of a departure from the way of faith or the way of life, was not made. We were glad for that, for Brother Barnard happens to represent a very large contingent of Brethren against whom that charge is continually hurled.

The plain charge against Eld. Barnard and his flock was, and is, that they were not subservient to the super-government of The Brethren Church, which **is no longer congregational in its form of government.** It was contended that all Brethren churches are subject to a super-government, even the National Conference, and also to its subsidiary organizations to the extent that the National Conference grants said subsidiary organizations the exercise of power.

That was interesting to the writer. For 47 years the writer has been in the active ministry in The Brethren Church. At one time, as a field secretary for both The National Home Mission Board and The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church, within the space of two years, he visited nearly every Brethren church in these United States and talked over our denominational problems with our pastors. For a number of years he was the secretary of the National Conference, and one year, he was its Moderator. For a number of years, he served on the Executive committee of The National Conference, and has served as its chairman—thus has been "The President of The Brethren Church," although he will have to confess he never was aware that this high office existed until recently! For several years, he served as national statistician. He has been in almost continual attendance upon his district conferences, and upon the National Conference all these years. At these conferences he has listened through all these years to a discussion of our denominational polity. For nearly 40 years, he has been sitting as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church, most of the time in official capacity, and has helped to select every missionary that has gone to the fields for foreign service. For some years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Ashland College. For many years—nearly 20—he has edited the foreign missionary number of The Brethren Evangelist. He is the author of the well-known booklet, "The Faith Once For All Delivered Unto the Saints," the fifth edition of which is again exhausted—a booklet that has been used for the past 30 years by practically all Brethren pastors and their churches, to pass out among other peoples to inform them as to what the Brethren Church is and what it stands for. He has spent years in evangelistic work, holding revivals in practically every one of our larger churches. He has been closely associated at one time or another with most of the pastors of the denomination. He was for more than 30 years intimately associated, and a continual correspondent with Dr. J. Allen Miller, who was supposed to know all there is to know about The Brethren Church, its government, and its beliefs. He was an intimate friend of Dr. J. M. Tombaugh, and conducted a number of evangelistic campaigns for this man, who occupied the office of moderator of The National Conference more often than any other man. With him we often discussed the faith and polity of The Brethren Church. The writer is the son of one of the founders of the denomination, his father, W. J. H. Bauman, being the only delegate from west of the Missouri River to the famous Dayton Convention of 1883. He has been associated with others in the organization of a number of our leading churches. It has been his privilege, under the blessing of God, to lead in the building up of the largest Brethren Church in the United States. For nine years, he was the pastor of The First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, an intimate associate with Eld. Jacob C. Cassel and other members of that historic church, that existed as a Brethren church before The Brethren Church as a denomination was born. He stood on the historic ground time and time again, and studied historic Brethrenism before most of our modern promulgators of what they call "historic Brethrenism" were born. Many years ago, he accompanied Dr. J. L. Gillin over those historic grounds, assisted him in gathering data for his famous book dealing with Tunker faith and practice. It is in no spirit of self-glorification that we have written all this, which we have hesitated to write. But it would seem that in his connection with the work of the Brethren Church, he should have come to know something of our form of government. Yet during all this employment for the church, and during all these long years of active service, while **he continually preached and boasted before all people**

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that he belonged to a denomination of Christians that was congregational in its form of government, and was utterly free from the obnoxious Czarism under which Christians in other denominations were suffering—IN ALL THOSE YEARS, NO PREACHER, NO LAYMAN, NO COLLEGE PROFESSOR, ABSOLUTELY NO ONE EVER TOOK ISSUE WITH HIM ON THIS QUESTION OF OUR FORM OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, ALL WERE AGREED THAT ALL BRETHREN CHURCHES WERE CONGREGATIONAL EVEN (as some thought) TO AN EXTREME, AND CERTAINLY WERE ABSOLUTELY SOVEREIGN IN EVERY WAY. All agreed that when these churches assembled in any conference, it was ever a voluntary assembling of sovereign churches, and that no decisions of such conferences were binding upon the local congregations.

But, behold, several weeks ago, the writer had to go to Dayton, and there learn from the lips of leaders in the Ashland College Group that he was "all wrong," and has been wrong for years — that Brethren churches are not sovereign at all!

We had to go to Dayton to learn that no matter what Ashland College may teach, Brethren churches must support it, or be counted disloyal to the church, and not entitled to representation in the councils of the church. It matters not that Ashland College has repeatedly declared that it is not subject to the control of The National Conference, and that no district conference can elect its representatives on its Board of Trustees—that districts are thrown the sop of **nominating** trustees that can be received by the Board of Trustees or rejected at will—that the trustees can change the constitution at will, and give to non-Brethren as much control as they please—that powerful non-Brethren influences sit upon the board —all this matters not, for such was the testimony brought out at Dayton.

We had to go to Dayton to learn that if The National Conference elects a board for publications, for missions, or for any other purpose, no matter what the editors may believe and teach, no matter what views the missionaries may possess, unless the local congregation yields its right of sovereign action, and gives loyal support to that organization, it must suffer being set outside the fold, and any delegates it may choose cannot sit within the conferences of the church.

We had to go to Dayton to learn that local Brethren churches, to maintain their right to exist as Brethren churches, must approve and support a seminary for the vital work of the training of the ministry of the church—a seminary that is not controlled by the church, but is controlled by a college that likewise is not subject to the church, and whose Board of Trustees number a **powerful body of men who are not even members of the church**; and that these supposedly sovereign churches **may not** give their support to a seminary that is absolutely loyal to Christ and His teachings as set forth in the New Testament, and as are commonly accepted by The Brethren Church —a Seminary every one of whose trustees and executives are Brethren tried and tested through years—a seminary where no non-Brethren member may sit as a professor and trainer of a Brethren ministry. We had to go to Dayton to learn that for a Brethren church to support such a seminary will cost the congregation its right to representation in a "Brethren" conference, or to even be known as a Brethren church. The writer was in the court room long enough to hear the attorney for the plaintiffs say that because the First Brethren Church was guilty of such "disloyalty" as this, he proposed to prove that it was not entitled to be called a Brethren church, and **"is not** a Brethren church."

We had to go to Dayton to learn that back in the year 1915, the delegates to The National Conference adopted a Manual of Procedure that took from all Brethren churches their congregational sovereignty, and **that** without previous notice of such action, and without any subsequent consent! A strange proceeding — **that!** Even now, few Brethren churches on either side of the present controversy know that this was done, if done it was! The judge must say!

We had to go to Dayton to learn that The National Conference controls all local Brethren Churches. The local churches do not control the conference.

We had to go to Dayton to learn that Brethren churches that are loyal to all that, in years past, has gone to make a sovereign Brethren church, although they may choose delegates true to the faith and of unquestioned moral character, yet when those delegates come to the door of the conference, a committee of over-lords may sit at that door, accept whom they will, reject whom they will, without accusation and without trial—thereby giving absolute dictatorial control to the over-lords in control of the super-government inside the tent to do what they will, and to carry out their purposes, irrespective of the desires of any local congregation.

We had to go to Dayton to learn that The Brethren Church has returned to the very same form of government that brought about the division, and rended The German Baptist Church in twain in 1882; and that the battle that our fathers fought and in which they suffered so much—the battle for ecclesiastical liberty—has come to nought.

We had to go to Dayton to learn that our "National Conference" is only a resurrected "annual meeting," and that the "Loyalty Group" is only another "standing committee" to visit our congregations, to pass

THINK IT OVER.

If you witness to anyone about Christ, it will have to be while you are on earth.

"Miss Emmert Describes a Hunt for Big Game"

Yaloke, par Boali, par Bangui,
Oubangui Chari, A.E.F.
Feb. 5, 1940

Dear Friends:

What a joy it is to get out on the road once again! Those of us who seem to be of more utility on the station than out on trek, nevertheless often sigh for the privilege of hunting far afield. Isaac loved Esau because he brought in big game, but Rebekah was glad for the garden produce. How happy a family they would have been if they had been content to work together! So it is here in Africa: some of us till the soil on the home base, and others are able to combine hunting with the gardening, for we must all be toilers of the soil. But it is not difficult to see that it takes both occupations to make a balanced meal.

Africa is a big game country, but the weapons of our warfare are not carnal. We hunt for lost souls, and are enabled to find many who want to turn away from idol worship to serve the living God. Just today we found a village where everyone except one woman claimed to be a Christian. They said Volongou, our pastor, had been there and had told them to put away all their fetishes, tear down all their altars, and worship God. I looked around for their sacred cactus plant or for a carved totem pole or some other sign of devil worship, but I found none. All I could find was a string of tiny pieces of wood around a baby's neck. It appeared that they had nearly lived up to what light they had. But, oh, the depths of the riches of the Word of God of which they were ignorant — and this is where the station work is necessary. We must send out trained workers, and how can they be really trained unless they learn to read the Word? And how can they learn to read without schools?

This particular village was such a nice shady place at the edge of a wood. Two giant trees towered over the neat row of thatched roofs. A large coffee plantation on the opposite side of the road attested to their industry. A good herd of black and white goats, with two and three kids to each mother, roamed over the yard. Their black skinned owners had a goodly proportion of children likewise, and besides there were no disfiguring sores or itch as is usually the case. It was a prosperous, well-kept village, as Africa goes—a pretty scene that will remain in my picture gallery for some time.

A native "hunter," armed with a weapon not carnal, ready to hunt "big game."

The place where we had stayed the night before was a contrast. It was on a level plain with only one lone tree in the whole village. There was a plantation of young rubber trees at one side, it is true, but there was no shade to break the heat. A large number there said they were Christians also, but the outskirts of the village were bordered with cactus plants. When attention was called to this fact, the chief said he was going to have them all cut down. In fact, he had one large one hewn down that very day. Let us hope that he will complete the task—not that a cactus is not a decorative plant—but because in the African's mind it is connected with devil worship.

Another little sketch in the day's trip will not be soon forgotten. Across the stream from the place

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upon our loyalty to Christ and to His church—to tell us **who is**, and, **who is not!**

We had to go to Dayton to "learn" **what we do not know yet**, and what we believe that a lot of Brethren folks on both sides of this unhappy controversy, do not know. Nevertheless, everybody that was there knows that that—the right of a congregation to govern its own affairs—is the issue. So said all the attorneys. So said all who listened to the testimony.

It is now awaiting the decision of the judge who sat upon the bench. He must say whether the First Brethren Church of Dayton (and that means all of us) is a sovereign church, with the inalienable right to control its own affairs, or whether it must return to the former slavery of a super-government from which our fathers supposedly set us free in 1882 and 1883, through the organization of what they supposed was an assembly of free believers. We await the decision of the judge in the utmost confidence that God will preserve unto us the heritage that our fathers left us. Meantime to quote the attorney, who read through Holsinger's History twice, and read and studied every document that shed any light upon Brethren history, faith, and practice: **"Henry R. Holsinger must be turning over in his grave!"**

where we had spent Sunday was a cluster of three or four houses. There were eight adults and eight children sitting in the common court yard. The only man in sight had large swellings here and there on his body. A hunch backed woman had queer blisters all over her body. But I was especially attracted to one very pleasant faced elderly woman sorting over some grain. One of my boys said: "This is really part of the same village; they could have gone to the service there if they had wanted to." But some way, we felt constrained to stop and talk to them a little while.

'No, there were no Christians there.'—'No, they had not heard the good news often.'—'Yes, they should like to hear again.'

At the end of a very earnest plea from one of my native aids, there were five of the group who said they would quit the worship of their fathers and become children of God. Among them was the pleasant faced old grandmother. Perhaps she hadn't understood the import of quite all that was said. But if the end of her earthly pilgrimage should come before another messenger should pass that way, would not God understand the willingness of this old woman to turn toward her Maker and be cleansed? Was not the kindliness of this old heathen face her witness that she had followed after what good she had known? Yes, there are degrees even of heathendom.

But this letter is getting long enough. Multiply these villages by 20 and add variations, ad infinitum, and you will have an idea of my 15 day trip between Yaloke and Bellevue on the least frequented road. Dr. Gribble has kindly loaned me her Plymouth and her chauffeur. Our water boy, who serves as cook, is the third member of the party. We go leisurely, stopping at each village, and staying several nights where there is a suitable stopping place. There are government tourist houses at intervals convenient for the white traveler; and of course, the boys can always find a shelter for the night.

This is the hunting season, so occasionally we find the people gone to the hunt. This was the case where we stopped today. Not a person was in sight at our camping place. But our evangelist, Paul Belekaou whom we had seen at the chapel, soon came up to us. His young helper, Bouzou, was off to the near-by hunt. We could see the black smoke and flames at no great distance.

It was only a few minutes until Bouzou came running in to greet us, shiny with perspiration, and incoherent with excitement. There was a fight raging over the hunting ground. Two different villages claimed the same grass plot—the men of one village had set fire to it, and those from the second village were trying to drive them away. They had beat one man severely with clubs, and all were brandishing their spears at one another. The chief told this youngster to clear out or else he would get hurt, and since he was a stranger here, it was best that he flee. So he fled. He was sure there would be a great many wounded and perhaps some killed.

We were relieved later to find that the ones having set fire to the grass were driven back home but without any wounded, except to the man who had been beaten. Doubtless the animals all escaped in the meantime, and the fire died out. So it is that while men quarrel, the big game escapes. Let us center our attention on the game. There are many in this particular grass plot yet unreached, who will help hunt them out?

Yours for more souls,

MARY L. EMMERT

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Be occupied with Jesus
And you will surely know
How deep the joy of thirsting
Where living waters flow.

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Dr. Floyd Taber Writes His Usual Interesting Letter to the Home Folk

Yaloke, par Boali, Oubangui-Chari, A.E.F.
March 12, 1940

Dear Home Folks:

Is it true that I have not written to you since Field Council meeting?

We went to Bassai on Nov. 29. Just a while before getting there **the one new tire** on the Chevy blew out. There are two **good** tires on front . . . . which came from the factory, whose mates have all gone out long ago. And—no spare! Had ordered tires from Bangui in June, but they have not yet come. And those old tires are still running! Dr. Weber is right. The Lord is good to missionaries!

While on the subject of cars, the spring shackles for Dr. Gribble's Plymouth arrived by mail the end of January — six months after being ordered from Holland — and were not the right ones. She immediately wrote on January 29 for another to be sent by air mail, and we installed it yesterday! I have not heard of any exchange of communications between here and Europe so rapid since the war started. So now there is one car on the station ready to run.

But, to go back to conference. It is getting "gooder and gooder" every year. Dr. Gribble's key note message on the first evening, on the subject "First" (first things, putting Christ first), was carried thru the whole two weeks. One event not on the program was Marguerite's baptism by Brother Foster in a little stream nearby. It was the first white baptism the natives in our mission have witnessed.

One thing we brought back from Field Council was a greater zeal to **break loose** from the station and evangelize. So, although there were only 10 days between Field Council and our conference of native evangelists at Yaloke, I spent a week of it at Boda. Had a service each morning in the chapel, then spent the forenoon and afternoon reading the Sango New Testament with the group of between six and ten who knew how to read. At 5 P. M. daily I went to a different village to preach. Then, after supper, had reading and prayers with those who wanted to come.

This is a typical beginners' reading class. Although the boys attending the mission school come from a number of villages, only a few go back to live. This leaves many villages without anyone who can read the New Testament or give the Christians spiritual food.

While there I went one morning to a coffee plantation, where there are several hundred workmen, and no evangelist stationed, but one of the workmen, who maintains a Christian testimony and gathers a group together for prayer each day. Unfortunately, no one among them knows how to read, which makes it so hard for them to get spiritual food.

During the week, two Christians from M'Baiki came to ask me to come there and teach the group of about 40 who gather for prayer. M'Baiki is an old center of Roman Catholic work, and the natives of the local tribe are so indoctrinated that they will not listen to our message. But it is an important government post—so many "foreigners" come in to work for the government or for some private enterprise. Among these is this group of those who have heard the gospel in different places and are trying to maintain a testimony. A few of them are able to read a little, but not correctly. I was unable to visit them on this trip, but am very anxious to do so soon. It is so much more encouraging to find a group ready to form a church on their own initiative than to place a paid evangelist in a village, and never have them get ready to walk on their own feet.

On the day after Christmas began the two weeks' conference with native workers. The 27 evangelists were all in from the chapels, along with 20 youngsters in the Sango New Testament class who hope to be evangelists. In addition, we gave the school children and station workmen a vacation, and for the first time since I have been here, a good number of the Christians who are not evangelists took an interest.

Each morning, at six o'clock service, there was a report of work done in the villages and a Scripture message, given by the evangelists. Then, at 8:00, Dr. Gribble and Mary Emmert took turns giving devotional messages to introduce the prayer service, which lasted until anywhere between 10:00 and 12:00. When it finished early enough, there was a discussion of business before noon. As always, one of the big problems was how to spread our limited forces so as to come as near as possible to meeting the needs of the field.

At 1:30 came the regular class to teach the Sunday School lesson for the following Sunday. From 2:30 to 4:00 I gave a series of studies in the Epistle of I John. After sitting thru all that, they thought it was enough for a day; and that is not surprising when you realize that many of them did not know one letter from another until they were adults, and these who have

had the most schooling are in the stage of puzzling out a verse one word at a time. We have little idea what painstaking effort it takes just to go thru the mechanics of reading; and then we must add to that the colossal intellectual gymnastics of making those words, deciphered with such pains, convey an abstract idea to minds that never until recently suspected there was such a thing.

But of course the real problem is spiritual instead of intellectual. We constantly see examples of the word: "Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes." On the other hand, just as at home, there are many whose real underlying motives are position, prestige, money, or ease; so their eyes are blinded to the spiritual realities that can be seen only by the pure in heart.

On Jan. 3 Brethren Jobson and Kliever rolled in on their way to Bangui. We prevailed on them to stay and help us in the Bible Conference for a couple of days, which was a real blessing to all of us . . . .

When they left for Bangui, the plan was that on their return Brother Jobson and I would make a two weeks' visit to the chapels in the Yaloke field together. But they brought the bad (?) news that the governor was planning to come here between the 15th and the 18th and wanted to see me. Of course that meant I could not leave until after his visit, and he did not come until the 25th. Anyhow, when he did come he was very cordial and friendly, and seemed to be favorable to our work. However, he is **especially** interested in industrial work — training carpenters, blacksmiths, gardeners, etc. But I feel I simply **can't** undertake a program of that kind in addition to all the rest, to tie me that much tighter to the station, when **the villages are calling.**

On Jan. 29 Mary Emmert left for a three weeks' evangelization trip on the roads thru Bossembele, Lindahoro, and Bossangoa. A barge out of operation kept her from going on around by Bogangolo and Bouca, so we sent a couple of evangelists on that road. She and they reported a great hunger for the gospel on both roads. We rejoiced to learn that the Bouca church plans to send a resident evangelist to Bogangolo, since the chief there had sent repeated calls to us, and it was a great burden on the hearts of our evangelists that **someone** should go there; and yet we knew it was out of our territory. There was great thanksgiving here when they learned the Lord had answered their prayers by providing a worker from Bouca. It is also a source of joy to them to realize they are closing in the gaps and that workers from the different stations can meet for fellowship and mutual encouragement, with no unreached tribes between. She brought Florence Bickel back from Bellevue, to be here to welcome the twins. Since they have delayed their appearance, we are having the happiness of a prolonged visit with her.

During the same time I took Boumeli (who, after Volongou, is our best evangelist) and a couple of Bible School boys and a cook, and visited all the villages between here and Banakomo (50 miles) on the Bozoum road. At one time there were a whole string of chapels on that stretch of road, but now only one —Cazeli, where Allen Bennett is buried. It was very sad to go into villages where there had once been a good group of converts, but who were unwilling to go all the way with the Lord, and who lost interest to the point that the evangelists were withdrawn to be put in places more ready to receive the gospel. They still want to consider themselves Christians, but their lives are such a mixture of heathenism and immorality that they can have no testimony, to say the least.

On this dark background there were two brighter areas—the villages near enough to Yaloke to be visited on week end trips, and those near enough Gazeli to be visited by the evangelists stationed there. This encourages us to believe the evangelists have a testimony while they are active in a territory; but they have not formed indigenous churches that can stand when the evangelist is removed. If this territory is ever to be **permanently** evangelized, we must aim at a **native church,** capable of living and growing without a resident worker sent from the mission. Otherwise we will be forever beginning over again to evangelize territory already covered. So, the thing I looked for in each village was a nucleus to start a church, on whose head we could put the responsibility for carrying on the work. Here is what I found:

1. Although in almost every village the list of converts was made up of men, women, and children, it consisted of husbands without their wives, wives without their husbands, and children without their parents. This makes impossible, without further conversions, the formation of Christian families, which seems to me indispensable for the formation of the nucleus to a Christian community.

2. Although boys from more than half of the villages had been to school at the mission, they had afterward gone into the employ of some white man—of course, many of them in the employ of the mission—so had not gone back to their own villages to

Villages are pleading for teachers, but there are none to send!

live. So there was no one in the villages capable of reading the New Testament, and thus giving spiritual food to the Christians.

3. As is only to be expected with this lack of spiritual food and nurture, many had fallen back into the old ways—or rather, into an inextricable mixture of the old and the new, which in their eyes constitutes being a Christian, but in ours being a pagan. In short, they have already reached the stage of masses of people in "Christian" lands, making a superficial profession of Christianity, but never having had a complete revolution of the underlying purposes of their life and never having received a new life from above—which things, in theological language, we call conversion and regeneration.

In Zawa's village, after a message in which I tried to set forth the need of these things, the chief, who has never even made a profession of personal conversion, said: "When the evangelist comes we gather to sing and pray and listen to him preach. What more is there to do?" I pointed to a heathen altar and said: "You can't worship God while you keep that altar. You must turn your back on the old ways and worship God alone." He said he would have that altar torn down, but still it was only superficial. He was not ready for a complete change of heart.

So many are in the same case. They ask, "What good thing can I **do** to inherit eternal life? What lack I yet?" They want to **do** one more thing to add to what they have done already, not able to realize they are handling only the surface, and that the **first** thing is a fundamental change **inside.** They can see a list of commandments they ought to keep; but the god of this world hath blinded their eyes, lest the glorious light of the gospel of grace should shine in—that they must **receive** before they can **keep!** They want to add one more point to their goodness, not realizing that One only is good, not perceiving the idolatry of considering anything in themselves as good, not willing to renounce all, to **deny themselves,** to take up the cross, and follow Christ. They fail to see that they must either deny Christ or deny themselves; that they must either say "I am good, He is helping me to be better"; or, "I am nothing, He is all." You probably ask: "What have the missionaries been preaching out there all this time, if the natives don't understand the first principles of the gospel any better than that?" The answer is easy: **What have ministers been preaching in the homeland all these years?** (Not **all** of us, Brother Taber!—Ed.)

In two places on the road, there seemed to be a nucleus ready to organize a church—at Zawa, 20 miles from Yaloke, which has been visited regularly by the evangelists which go to school on the station during the week and go out preaching over week ends; and at Gazeli, where Allen Bennett is buried and where we have evangelists stationed. But the point that seemed to present the most promise of any was the mining camp at Datoli. A small group of workmen who had been baptized in the Mid-African Mission and in ours, are holding regular prayer meetings with a larger group of inquirers, and seem to be maintaining a testimony. The big difficulty is, not one among them knows how to read; so they want some one to come and teach them. The sad part is, many workmen at the camp have been to school at the mission, but no longer take any interest in the gospel. We are much in prayer that the Lord will call someone for this work, either from among the workmen there who already have the training, or from the station.

Four other villages on the road expressed an earnest desire for someone to come and teach them; but **we have none to send!** They have begun to understand a little of the gospel, and even have some baptized Christians among them; but have been so long without leadership that I was impressed as never before with the feeling of compassion Jesus had for the crowds "as sheep having no shepherd." "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest . . . ."

At Gazeli I had an unusual chance to preach to people from all over the canton. They had all brought their cotton on to sell, and the buyer did not come on the promised day, so they had nothing to do but wait; and I preached in front of the cotton hanger each morning and evening to about 300. Of course we never get crowds like that in the villages, because very few of them have that many inhabitants.

While I was away, Volongou stayed here to take care of the church work. Before that, while we were awaiting the governor, he took a trip on the Carnot road, as far as Yolo. Now, while we are awaiting the new arrival (who seems to be as much behind the promised date as the governor was!) he is making a circuit that takes about a month on the Zalaouance, Bozouma, Bamangangou, Boali and Bossembele roads. We had hoped to place a strong evangelist at Bossembele, and it was decided to send Boumeli; but then

LOIS IRENE TABER ARRIVES

The following communication from Dr. Floyd Taber has just reached us.

General Staff Headquarters of "The Storks"
Somewhere in Greater France

Official Communique of May 8, 1940:

Our aviation has just accomplished the most outstanding exploit of the war.

By means of false alarms and simulated attacks over a period of more than two months, we had completely demoralized the enemy defense. Then in a daring night raid we eluded their vaunted vigilance, and were able to land our expeditionary force, unseen, behind the lines.

After a desperate thirty-six hour struggle, our forces gained a complete victory all along the line, and remain masters of the field. The flying squadron has returned to its home base, without the loss of a single man, woman, or piece of equipment.

As a result of this decisive victory, the little isle "Lois Irene," which had been surrounded for several months, is delivered. Although small (twenty-one inches by eight and a half pounds), this isle is expected to have a glorious future, and already occupies a big place.

Yaloke, A. E. F.

it was discovered he had schistosoma, and had to stay on the station for a series of piqures (injections) for a couple of months. I took him on the road with me so that I could give them to him while he was out preaching. When Volongou gets back, we hope to send Boumeli on another long trip to visit M'Baiki.

While on the station, my most regular occupation is spending the afternoons teaching the class of evangelists and prospective evangelists the Sango New Testament. The forenoons are filled with a little bit of everything without accomplishing much of anything.

The pig palaver seems to be settled, at least for the time being. Since I penned up all the pigs belonging to Kolooouane and he had them hauled away, and we have a boy to take care of ours, they have not been destroying anything. But the goats—ah, **the goats!** They kept getting worse and worse, until they were destroying all the natives' gardens and all our shrubbery. So I gave the villagers until March 1st to make arrangements to have their goats kept somewhere, or in some way so they would not come here, and set my foot down hard (believe it or not!). The workmen were to catch all goats found on the station, and the owners had to pay a franc apiece (a little over two cents) to get them back.

At the same time, unbeknown to me, one of the natives of the mission put some poison on his coffee plantation, and two goats died from it. One of the two was a goat we were renting for milk, and which our goat boy was responsible for! Of course, that raised a big howl from all the goat owners of the vicinity. That was the method they always used in the old days, and the owner of the garden was recognized as having the right to kill any animal (or even person) destroying it after two warnings. But people of the mission do not have the right to defend themselves, according to the old laws! In dealing with offender, I said it was not the right thing to do. But I secretly hoped it would be a lot more effective than my system of fines in scaring the owners into keeping their goats away. But alas, three weeks have not passed, and the place is again overrun! And a lot of the owners fail to show up to claim their goats, giving us the embarrassment of keeping them in "jail."

What to do next?

I forgot to tell you, during the trip to Bangui, I was sawing some lumber for Jake Kliever to take to Bekoro, when—grrr!—something in the tractor transmission **"went bust"**! So now we are trying to have our lumber sawed by hand with a big pit-saw. Hope to find time one of these days to find out just what is wrong with the tractor. Of course there is no hope of getting any parts for it out here, as it is an old Model T.

Well, this letter has been in the making a week, and still the twins haven't showed up. Florence Bickel has thought up good names for girls — Rose and Morose, but we can't figure out a good combination for boys. Any suggestions?

Did you see the cartoon?—A man rushing into a layette shop: "Double the order I just gave you; and stand by for further announcements."

Oceans of love,

FLOYD.

JEHOVAH - NISSI

By Florence N. Gribble, Bozoum par Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, F. E. Africa

Before me as I write is a precious little book with which many of you are familiar—**"Daily Light."** The evening text for March 1 is "Jehova-nissi: the Lord my banner" (Ex. 17:15).

Funk and Wagnall gives as the definition of **banner:** "Any flag or standard." It gives a new thought to my tired brain, a new imetus to my weary body, a new comfort to my bruised heart. The flag that I am to fly, the testimony I am to bear before men is **Himself.** The standard I am to reach, the height I am to obtain, is **His** standard, **His** righteousness. The things which I am to seek most earnestly, most passionately, most ardently, is **His** glory. Others, perhaps, may seek their own glory; I am to make it the passion of my life to seek **His** alone! Every action, every decision must pass the test supreme: "How much will it glorify my **Lord?"**

Out here on the mission field we are privileged to bear a new testimony in these difficult days. In days of trial we are finding Him faithful. When most of the world is in turmoil we ourselves are in peace, perfect peace.

"Thou hast given a **banner** to them that fear Thee that it may be displayed because of the truth" (Psa. 60:4). And He is giving us a chance to display it. We are coming in contact on every hand with those who are spiritually hungry—here and there a miner who has not been mobilized, occasionally a planter who has been asked by the government to stand by his plantations, here a native chauffeur whose heart is rent with agony as he bows at the bedside of a dying wife and then must leave her in our care as he hastens to his duty—these are the ones before whom the banner is being displayed; and those who look at the banner know that it is being displayed **because** of the truth! Will you not pray for them, that they may accept Him who **is** the **Truth?**

"He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love." You dear ones at home can little realize, as you think of your missionaries far away in one of the colonies of a country involved in the world catastrophe; you can little realize, I repeat, that **He** has chosen **this** time to bring us to the banqueting house. There is in most parts of our field

greater interest in the gospel than before. Church attendance is larger, interest is wider, the Holy Spirit's working deeper than it was just six months ago!

"If **God** be **for us** who can be against us?"

"Behold, **God** Himself is **with us** for our Captain!"

"These shall make war with the Lamb, and **the Lamb shall overcome** them"!

"God is with us." Yes, and His banner over us is **love.** And of that love the heathen around us are receiving glimpses, shimmering and receding at times because of our imperfections, but glimpses nevertheless of Himself, through His missionaries and through the indigenous church in Oubangui-Chari, as we imperfectly reveal Him. Will you not pray for **us** and those before whom we display this wondrous banner of truth and of love?

Shall not the church in Oubangui-Chari, through your prayers, become "terrible as an army with banners"? Surely it means something to our enemies, those spiritual beings who surround us on every side, when our banners trail not in the dust but are gloriously upheld! Shall not you at home and we upon the field be to the prince of Oubangui-Chari, he who reigns in the hearts of the heathen, "terrible as an army with banners"? If so, it must be through prayer that our spiritual adversary may be overcome.

"Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees."

Some of us, during this dry season, have been "staying by the stuff." There have been classes to teach, hospitals to care for, the weak to be sustained. But there have been those who have been privileged to go forth with the gospel. Mrs. Jobson will be writing of the experiences she and her husband have had in hand-to-hand conflict with spiritual adversaries in the Karre and other villages. Miss Emmert will be writing you of the rich blessing that has attended her upon the Bambia road. Dr. Taber will be writing you of the need and response on the Bozoum road, etc. Native Christians, too, have had their conflicts and their victories. Voloungou, on road after road, has seen the gospel triumph; Salmouci and those with him have returned with glowing reports as they have suffered and served on the Bogangoro road. And you have shared in these victories as you have been praying for us.

We cannot think of a more fitting message to you who pray, and to our own hearts on this field of battle for the Lord, than the 20th Psalm:

"The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble;
The Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;
Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;
Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice;
Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel.
We will rejoice in Thy salvation,
And in the name of our God will we set up our banners:
The Lord fulfil ALL thy petitions.
Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed;
He will hear him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand.
Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:
But we will remember the name of the Lord our God.
They are brought down and fallen:
But we are risen, and stand upright.
Save, Lord: let the king hear us when we call."

The African as Seen by a 'Green-Horn' Missionary

By Jacob P. Kliever, Bekoro, Oubangui-Chari, F. E. Africa

When one starts out to a new country for a new work, to be among a people that have never been his neighbors in the homeland, there are many thoughts that enter the mind, many questions that appear, and a few guesses are made as to what it and they will be like.

There are also others that have never been there that are ready to tell what it will be like. There are also those who have been there that tell you what their eyes have seen and what their expriences have been. In this case, it would be a miracle if there was an identical story told by all concerned as to their guesses and impressions. But nevertheless, here is another forthcoming to be added to the long and varying list.

On being introduced to the natives, we noticed there were some that felt real important, and it was necessary to give them an extra good hand shake. There were others that wanted to be noticed, but were shy. There were those that wanted the front seats, and the choice places in the chapel services. Thus we came to the conclusion that we weren't, thus far at least, among a people so different from some of those we had just left.

When I found time to take a hike, gun in arm of course, and shot a little game, I found that there were those that wanted the choice pieces, those that were anxious to get all their share and plus, if possible. Again I couldn't help but think, "Why, that is what I have seen at home also."

Then some folks told us that it wasn't safe to trust the native, that it was necessary to have things under lock and key. I found that they have a philosophy very much as I have often heard at home: "Every one has a right to live," even if it is by taking the other fellow's goods.

How impatient we sometimes get, when we try to get the native to do a little work for us. They must certainly be related to the fellow that fell heir to $10.00, and when they brought it to him, he asked them to turn him over and put it in his "left hind pocket"! One missionary has said he wondered if they didn't feel bad when at the end of the day they looked back and saw so little accomplished, and another answered that no doubt they were proud of the amount of work they got out of doing that day! Well, we had the P.W.A. and other high-powered labor organizations at home before I left, and either they learned from the African, or else someone here has already taught the African! **But** you ought to see these same lazy natives when it comes time to hunt or play. They have changed so that you wouldn't recognize them. Oh how our hearts long to be able to produce this same energetic application to the things of the Lord.

I have been saying **"some"** right along, because, few as they may be, we find some notable exceptions, and others that are apparently becoming interested as we would see them. I have been trying to show some of the natural and native characteristics, and I have found, and trust you see also, that they are really **just human beings** that are included in those mentioned in Jn. 3:16.

Let us take a quick trip into one of our church services. What do we see there as to motives that brought the native to hear, and as to results?

We have noticed that when there is lots of work in the plantations, but the chief and administration let those off who want to come to church on Sundays, there is an increased attendanec on those Sundays. Wouldn't it be the same at home? There are those who we can see, have come to let others see the new dress or the old pair of shoes they have just bought from a white man, or a new pair of yellow and red golf socks they have just acquired. It seems to me that it was in the United States of America that I have noticed some that were worthy of being suspicioned as being in that group. Yes, some come with motives that are not those that we have for coming, but **how glad we are that they come!** When they come, and the Word is given, **it** is quick and powerful, and can bring about results here as well as at home.

Here again there are some that come, hungry. It has seemed such a long time since they have been around the board for a meal from the Word. They have walked, starting the day before, and after 35 miles of travel on foot, they are tired, dusty, but happy to hear again the Words that have, and are, Life. How they drink it in, as dry ground drinks in the first few drops after a long dry spell!

They return to the villages, and by His grace, are living a life of testimony, taking the beating for not drinking and eating food to the idols, for not dancing and entering into the dissipation of the village. Bravely they face the charges that their children are sick because they are forsaking the way of their fathers. But time after time, the Lord has taken these very times of testing and used them as a dragnet to bring others to Himself.

The native evangelists have all the love of my heart. I almost believe I envy them. They have the language, and are not bound down by station duties. They are ready to go in ten minutes. If a call comes to go to another tribe or village, in half an hour, family, goods and all are ready to go. A small trunk of the few clothes, a song book, a Testament, etc.—his bed mat rolled around his blanket—and he is ready to go. If we would decide to move, there would be at least a week of packing, a truck load of **stuff,** and then all to unpack again! Why can't we all be free to go and come like they are? There are a few that covet some of our **stuff,** but they don't know how well off they are!

Why do I love to preach the gospel to the native? Why am I happy even though keenly I miss the wonderful fellowship with my Christian friends and loved ones in the homeland?

First of all I must answer that I am sure the Lord has called me here, and thus I could do nothing else than come. To have stayed in the homeland would have brought unhappiness to loved ones and friends and no peace and joy to self But if even the going to the place that the Lord has called you brings a sweet peace and joy, how much more when there are experiences that come your way bringing added joy and blessings. I have often thanked the Lord for the joy of rich Christian fellowship with native Christians, especially with several groups of evangelists. We forget they are black and see them as children fashioned in the image of God!

One of the black evangelists had been preaching in a village, saying that the folks listened to his message as if it were a wind blowing (not much attention to words). After the message, they came to him and asked if the missionary had given him that shirt. He answered, "No." He was then asked, "Did he give you the money with which to buy it?" Again he answered, "No." They then started to listen. Again he was asked: "Doesn't he pay you for going out with this 'affair?'" We at Bekoro are trying the indigenous system to the Nth degree, and thus he answered again as before, and that it was his Christian brothers that made it possible to come to them with this message, which was a message for them to take to heart. It was God's message, and not man's. Thus that village is now ready and anxious to have an evangelist that they will support and to have a chapel that they will build!

Another evangelist has been going to a district 35 miles away, from the which there have been folks coming here. Yesterday, four young men were here to buy Gospels of John. Only two of them could read fairly well, and thus we sold only to those two. The others wanted one, and we told them that we were asking the Lord to make possible the placing of a full time evangelist, that would be their evangelist and that could teach them to read etc. How happy they were, and they went back rejoicing to tell the news and to pray also.

J. Irvin Overholtzer Visits Our Argentina Mission

J. Irvin Overholtzer, director of the Child Evangelism Fellowship movement, recently visited our missionary field in the Argentines. You will certainly be interested in his impressions of our work and of our missionaries, and therefore we shall quote from a personal letter that he has written to the editor, and also from a circular letter he sent out all over the world to his "prayer helpers." In a letter to the editor Dr. Overholtzer says:

"I have wanted to write you about our visit to the Brethren Mission in Rio Cuarto, Argentina, but I have waited until I could enclose our circular letter giving something of our experiences on the whole trip.

We were delighted with both the missionaries and national Christians whom we met at Rio Cuarto. Mr. and Mrs. Dowdy are certainly rare workers, and their ministry is being greatly blessed of the Lord and bearing fruit that will abide.

After visiting so many missions which have Bible Institutes for the training of native workers, I am praying that your board will see their way to open such a school at Rio Cuarto."

In the letter to the editor Dr. Overholtzer expresses a desire to visit our work in Africa also, and he is planning to make a tour of Africa in the very near future, if the Lord opens the way.

And then in his circular letter which is sent out to all countries and all those who are interested in the great Child Evangelism movement, Dr. Overholtzer further says:

"We closed our last letter at Santiago, Chile. From there we flew over the Andes to Cordoba, Argentina, a flight which gave us the most thrilling sight of God's handiwork in nature that we have ever seen—range upon range of mighty mountains literally piled upon each other! Surely such a God can care for all of us and meet our needs. Long before we left for South America, Dr. Louis S. Bauman of Long Beach, Calif., secretary of the mission board of The Brethren Church, wrote urging that we visit our mission with headquarters at Rio Cuarto, Argentina. Rev. J. Paul Dowdy of that mission met us at Cordoba and took us in his auto to Rio Cuarto—130 miles. Here we spent over three wonderful days. The missionaries literally sat at our feet eagerly drinking in every word so that they might put Child Evangelism in their station, covering a wide area. I addressed their national Christians several times and held two children's meetings, with many children accepting the Lord. One of these was a Sunday School held in the open air. There were about 40 children there and everyone professed to accept Christ. This is an indication of the willingness of the children in Latin America to come to the Lord. Mr. Dowdy has become a member of our International Advisory Council and I have asked Mr. and Mrs. Dowdy to become **fellowship** directors for western Argentina.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowdy and dear little Jimmy, their small son, drove us back to Cordoba, where we took the plane for Buenos Aires."

It is evident that the work of Child Evangelism can suceed and does succeed in Roman Catholic South America as well as in Protestant North America. We believe that the solution to the evangelism of Argentina or any other country on the face of the earth is more readily found in the work of Child Evangelism than in any other way. "Train a child up in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." That was the Lord's advise in this matter 3000 years ago and it stands today!

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One blind woman, all wrinkled, her skin about 3 sizes too large for her (We could see this, as her full dress was made up of a string of beads and about two dozen leaves!) gave this testimony, "All my life I have tried to find satisfaction from the idols, in drinking beer and in smoking, but now I am happy in Jesus; and even though I am blind, I am so glad that some day I shall see my Savior's face!"

Why do we want to preach the gospel here? Because the Father loved these "poor black sheep," which are among those **"other"** sheep, enough to allow his only begotten Son to lift the penalty and burden of sin through his sacrificial death on Calvary. Christ loved them enough to empty himself, come in humiliation (He the Son of glory!) and die for these to whom we are witnessing. If I truly love the Father, if I truly love the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, can I sit idly by and not be concerned about those whom He is so anxious to have hear the message of salvation also?

"How shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach **except they be sent"**

O, let us take our hearts off of **things,** and let them be stayed upon **Him!** Then we will be interested that **all the world may know** this wonderful gospel of love and grace!

EARTHQUAKES

Do you know that earthquakes are on the increase? The World Digest for March 1936, in an article on earthquakes listed seventeen major ones which took place in 1935. Only the severest quakes receive mention.

From 1906 to 1924 there was an average of one each year.

From 1930 to 1933 there was an average of 10 a year.

In 1934 there was a total of 33.

In 1935 there were 95 quakes which was a number equal to the entire 29 years which preceded.

When our Lord was asked concerning the signs of His return, he said "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matt. 24:7). If our Lord was not talking about our time, He was talking about a worse time. It takes a mighty good laughter to laugh off all this.—W. 10th St. Bulletin, Ashland.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration

Cabrera, Prov. Cordoba, Argentina

By Luis Siccardi, Pastor

On Jan. 27, on the occasion of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the gospel work in Cabrera and vicinity, we passed an afternoon of spiritual rejoicing at the country home of our sister Ana de Bornand. As may be seen by the accompanying photograph, there were 88 in attendance. Some 35 Brethren of Cabrera, Deheza, and Las Perdices, were not able to be present.

I shall relate the history of the beginning of this work according to the information I have been able to gather. In the year 1915, a Sunday School was opened in the rural home of Don Samuel Bornand, now deceased. This school was conducted by Sister Emma Perrin, a widow, who, not speaking our language, taught in French, her pupils being Swiss-French. Some time later, Brother Gayetano Spring, who was conducting a Sunday School in Cabrera, took notice of the work of Sister Perrin, and consulted with the Brethren Bornand and Perrin, who sought his help in teaching the class in Spanish. So he began with regular meetings, with cooperation of the families Stoller, Bornand, Rosell, Muller, and others, all of Swiss origin and Protestants from the beginning.

25th Anniversary Celebration — Cabrera, Prov. Cordoba, Argentina

Later, Dr. Yoder learned of the existence of this group and visited them. He arranged with them to hold monthly preaching services alternately in the homes of Don Marcos Stoller, Don Julio Perrin, and Don Samuel Bornand. In this manner the work continued for a while until a hall was rented in the town of Cabrera. Then the first pastor, Mr. Edward Atkinson, was sent to this place, and our church was formed by those from this group who conformed to our Biblical principles. The rest of the believers continued to cooperate with us in matters of spiritual, moral, and material aid.

On the occasion of this 25th anniversary, the speakers were Brother Remy Perrin, an officer in the Salvation Army, his mother, Emma Perrin, and Don Gayetano Spring, these being the founders of the work. All of these speakers gave prominence to the above mentioned points, and then gave a call to the unsaved to accept the Lord. They called attention to the fact that to obtain salvation it is not sufficient to belong to a Protestant family, since salvation is not inherited from the parents, but is of Christ and is an individual matter.

After the service a brief social period was greatly enjoyed, and the accompanying photograph was taken. I close now expressing thanks to all the Brethren who cooperated in the celebration of this notable date. I pray God that our work here may come to be, by His grace, what He would have it be. In spite of His inexhaustible mercy and patience we are not what we should be at this late date in our history. For this we ask forgiveness, and expect, by God's help, a new and glorious era for our work here.

PRECAUTION

They say a wife and husband, bit by bit,
  Can rear between their lives a mighty wall,
So thick they cannot talk with ease through it,
  Nor can they see across, it stands so tall!
Its nearness frightens them, but each alone
  Is powerless to tear its bulk away,
And each, dejected, wishes he had known
  For such a wall, some magic thing to say.

So let us build with master art, my dear,
  A bridge of faith between your life and mine,
A bridge of tenderness, and very near,
  A bridge of understanding, strong and fine—
Till we have formed so many lovely ties
  There never will be room for walls to rise!

"NO PEACE TO THE WICKED"

"I have found no peace anywhere. It is a troubled world."—Fannie Hurst.

THE UNFATHOMABLE GRACE OF GOD

"All through the depths of sin and loss
There drops the plummet of the cross;
Never yet abyss was found
Deeper than the cross could sound."

TOMORROW

Honey, jes' lissen! Don't cry an' fret;
Der's a whol' day t'morrow thet ain't been teched yet!
Mought be a sunrise mek yo' heart shout—
Look jes' like heaven turned inside out.
Mought go a-walkin' long o' the road,
Fin' a gol' nugget big as a toad.
Mought turn a corner mos' eny place—

On an African Safari for Christ

(Concluded from magazine dated June 1, 1940.)

By Miss Mabel Crawford, Missionary in Oubangui-Chari, F. E. A.

January 20, 1940

Only eight kilometers to Baibokoum, so we got in in good time after preaching at Mbassai. The Mboum there are so hard to reach. What a change in such a short distance! We have left the Mboum tribe and entered the Sarra-Laka district where the Mohammedan influence is strongly felt. This is a peculiar post showing its predominating Moslem influence in the privacy obtained by high mat enclosures. The village is divided into streets where one walks between high grass mats. The government buildings are beautiful and the grounds well-kept. We found a group of interested and happy Christians. Noel (our best Karre evangelist who has been stationed here temporarily) was happy to see us. The work here is truly indigenous, having been started by the native Christian nurse who is in charge of the government dispensary here. The "church" is an enclosure where many rocks afford good pews and benches, where the sky forms the roof above, and a man-made mat gives the desired privacy. We were impressed by the spirit of reverence and worship that invaded the whole evening service.

"We entered the Sarra-Laka District, where the Mohammedan influence is strongly felt."

January 21

We are glad to have the opportunity of spending Sunday here. Late last night the administrator and his wife returned from buying cotton. We went to church early, and didn't get to see them; but she sent us a large basket of vegetables and strawberries. The head administrator from Moundou arrived during the morning, and the official left with him in the afternoon; so we didn't get to see them at all. The cook of the Moundou official came over to greet us. He said he was a Christian, and after talking with us a few minutes he took out his Sango New Testament and read the fifth of

Romans with excellent diction, after which we had prayer together. We sent a note by him to our missionary friends, the Vearys.

January 22

Left Baibokoum about 4 A. M. and had to travel for a long time by lantern light. We had a long hard trip to Lakka-Panna on the Kounang road. The loads didn't get in until late afternoon, although we had stopped to preach along the way. We were strongly impressed by the many large villages in close proximity on the road. This road has just been put thru the wild rough Panna mountains this year to make the tribe a bit easier to control. Near Lakka-Panna, we met a road employee who tried to impress us in a big way, but didn't seem to draw much but ridicule from the men of the village. He wanted to talk of how much he accomplished by whipping people. "Pika" seemed to be the biggest word in his vocabulary. He did get his wife busy in a hurry to bring food to the boys who were tired and hungry. The village here is almost as large as that of Mann, and the chief seemed to be unusually fine. We spoke by moonlight to a huge crowd. After we were in bed, our boistrous, blustery friend arrived from the neighboring village with 30 some children he had rounded up. He said he had to whip them to get them there, but he was determined that they and he himself should hear the gospel.

January 23

Crossed the Kounang mountains. We had to walk much of the way to help our boys. The climb over the mountains was hard and reminded me of some of those out of the way roads through the Colorado mountains, or of the old grapevine of the Ridge Route (California) of former days. I started out ahead of Estella and preached twice before she caught up to me. We crossed the river Lim in canoe. The chief of Lakka-Panna came that far to escort us on our way. No preacher of the gospel, either black of white, had ever been over that road, and the people "heard us gladly." Late in the afternoon, I stopped to preach at a very large village. My interpreter punctuated all his sentences by puffs on a smelly old pipe. The story was so new to them that there was much exclaiming, slapping of their mouths, etc. Reached Kounang just before sunset, and had a royal welcome. Louis, his wife, and all the Christians seemed glad to see us. We visited Louis' class, and found him doing good work.

January 24

Since both we and the boys are getting tired, we decided not to attempt the difficult bush trip to Paoua, but to back track and go home by the shortest route. We left early for Touloulou, stopped to greet Christians at Ndim, and reached our destination in good time. These Pondo people certainly are a hard lot. The boys say many of them are yet hidden out in the bush uncontrolled. About midnight, I was awakened by commotion outside the door. I had it barricaded with chairs, after getting up several times

African Women Portering Cotton

to chase goats. We didn't object strenuously to sharing our quarters with chickens and rats, but we did draw the line at dogs and goats. I got up to see what was the matter, and found two men outside the door with a large pot. They said it was water, and since I knew there had been difficulty getting water earlier in the evening, I decided to open the chair barricade and accept their gift. As they entered the hut I thought: "Well, I never smelled water like that. nor heard any that sizzled so!" It proved to be beer, and I had a difficult time persuading them to remove it, as none of us drank. After all the noise was over, and the men had gone, two of our boys came quietly around the edge of the rest house to see if we were all right. Good protectors they would be, if we needed earthly protection!

January 25

We went by the auto road to Lokadia, and left our loads to take the short-cut through the field. We were surprised to arrive ahead of them and have to wait for hours. Finally our three boys who were with them came limping in. The Pondo porters we had hired had set their loads down in the middle of the bush and skipped. Our boys had to double up the loads, and finally managed to come in with them. We appreciated their faithfulness in the face of difficulty.

January 26

My push boys had a stubborn streak today, so I decided to walk and "Put shame on their heads," as the natives say. They tried in vain to persuade me to ride after they caught up with me at the Pende river. I walked the whole distance, 18 or 20 miles, and was glad to find that I could take such a jaunt and still feel well afterwards. We are spending the afternoon and night here at Poumbe again. The baby we left here two weeks ago was brought to us immediately by the mother. It looks so frail; but we hope that it will live to grow up as a testimony to

God's working. Those poor ignorant people have no idea of the care such a tiny mite of humanity should have.

January 27

This has been the longest, hardest day of our entire trip. We left early, expecting to make a fairly long run to the big village of Lia, where we would stay all night. Before we got there, however, we learned that the officials were there buying cotton so we would have to go on. We had a hard time getting porters, as everyone was at Lia selling cotton. The 10 children that are going in to Bassai to school helped out, though, by dividing up the loads so they could handle them. We took a long rest at the river, then pushed on. Since so many villages were empty, with practically everyone at the cotton center, we went on through to Gani. We walked quite a bit to relieve our boys and reached Gani after dark to find all the people of that district gathered there to sell cotton the next day. The chief, a good friend of the mission, gave us a royal welcome, and fed our large family of boys and children well.

January 28

Even though this was Sunday, we had to move to make way for the arrival of the administrator, so we broke camp right after service at the chapel. We are now back in our own territory and at home.

We hadn't gone far, when a car came along and we were invited to ride the rest of the way home. We accepted the offer, and left our boys to bring in the empty pushes. In about an hour, we made the trip that would have cost us the entire day by push. "Be it ever so humble, there is on place like home." Bassai looked pretty good to us when we alighted at our very door after 24 days of roughing it in the bush. The Lord had been gracious to us all along the way. He had kept us all in health and strength, He had kept our people here at Bassai, and He had protected our property. We had had a blessed trip.

The Lord had been with us, and at times we had been conscious of the evil one too in his attempts to thwart the work of the Spirit; but, in spite of difficulties, we thank Him for the seed that was sown, and ask Him to nurture it until it brings forth fruit. Our part is to sow the seed. We must leave the results with Him. We are sure that He will bless those who professed His name and whom we taught to pray. Wherever we found a group who wanted to step out for the Lord, we made someone responsible for gathering them together to pray and to ask the Lord to send them a teacher.

"The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest that He may thrust forth laborers unto the harvest."

STIMULATING BUT NOT NOURISHING

Some one asked John B. Gough whether alcohol was a food or a medicine. His reply was, "It is very much like sitting down on a hornet's nest—stimulating, but not nourishing."—The Expositor

Minutes

Selected from the regular minutes of the board of trustees of The

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH

Special Meeting at Winona Lake, Indiana

Friday, May 10th, 1940

Present: Kimmell, Bauman, McClain, Koontz, Barnard, Shively, Mrs. Whetstone, Mrs. Vanator.

1. Conference with Missionaries.

The following missionaries met with the board: Ruth Snyder, Mr. & Mrs. Morill, Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Miss Tyson. The problem of learning French was discussed. Charles F. Yoder, retired, also met with the board.

2. Transportation and Language Problem.

A motion prevailed that the matter of transportation to and from the fields, and advisability of French study in Canada, and the determination as to which of the approved missionaries are to be sent out and the time thereof, be committed to the officers of the board, with power to act, the Secretary-Treasurer to act as chairman. Mr. & Mrs. Dunning are to be regarded as members of this group.

3. The Hathaways.

A motion prevailed that the Hathaways be returned to the field with the understanding that his work and station shall be determined by the board.

4. The Yoder "Retirement Agreement."

A motion prevailed that the pension of Dr. C. F. Yoder be paid up to Mar. 9, 1940, and be terminated on that date, because in his editorial published in The Brethren Evangelist of that date he seriously violated Article 4 of his "Retirement Agreement," which reads as follows:

"RETIREMENT AGREEMENT
Between the Board of Trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church and Dr. C. F. Yoder

In response to Dr. Yoder's own expressed desire to retire from active missionary service, set forth in a letter under date of Jan. 25, 1937, and renewed at this 1938 meeting of the board, and in recognition of the 30 years service he has rendered to the cause of Christian missions under our Society, he is hereby retired from active service, on Sept. 1, with an allowance of $50 per month under the following terms and conditions:

"1. That since Dr. Yoder has expressed a desire to reside at Cordoba, Argentina, with his family, this city shall be regarded as the place of his residence.

"2. That any missionary activities he may engage in shall be limited to the city of Cordoba (Population 250,000).

"3. That any such missionary activity, together with all Brethren missionary activities in the Argentine, shall continue under the direction of the regularly

constituted authorities of the Society in that country.

"4. In his utterances and writings, both public and private, Dr. Yoder shall support loyally the work and authorities of the Foreign Missionary Society which is undertaking to make financial provision for his retirement.

"5. Snce the Society is providing the financial allowance for Dr. Yoder's retirement, it is understood that he shall report to the board all missionary contributions sent to him directly or through channels other than the board, and that the disposal of all such contributions shall be under the direction of the board.

"6. That, in addition to the writing he desires to do, Dr. Yoder be encouraged to continue his preaching ministry outside our missions and territory, but it is understood that any such preaching or visitational ministry within Brethren missions or territory shall be exercised only in response to the invitation of and under the direction of the regularly constituted authorities of the Foreign Missionary Society in the Argentine.

"7. That since the board feels that any continued agitation, either on the field or in this country, of the recent problems affecting Dr. Yoder and his family can only hinder the progress of the gospel, and wishes it discontinued by all concerned, it is a part of this agreement that Dr. Yoder and his family shall cease any and all such agitation of these problems.

"8. That the stated amount of this retirement allowance shall be readjusted in the event of Mrs. Yoder's death, or in the event that Dr. Yoder's earnings from outside sources shall exceed $25 per month.

"Note: Because of the peculiar and unusual conditions surrounding the relation of Dr. Yoder to the board, it is understood that neither the age of retirement nor the amount of the allowance stated in the agreement shall be regarded as establishing any precedent or general policy on the part of the board in the matter of missionary retirement.

"This agreement shall become effective on Sept. 1, 1938.

Signed: Signed, on behalf of the Society by:
C. F. YODER A. V. KIMMELL, President
LOUIS S. BAUMAN, Sec.-Treas."

The section of Dr. Yoder's editorial which violates Art. 4 of the "Retirement Agreement" reads as follows:

"The Brethren Church came into existence because of abuses by which church authorities, acting on man-made rules, expelled those who believed in a certain liberty of conscience. By adopting the Bible only as its creed, the church has preserved both loyalty where the Bible speaks, and liberty where it is silent. It stands for one gospel, and not for two or half a dozen.

"In regard to missions it wisely provided for one mission board, The Missionary Board of The Brethren Church, chartered to do both home and foreign work, for, after all, it is one work.

"The whole future of the missionary work of the church must await the action of the coming General Conference, but as that is not far distant, there are two things that loyal churches, and individuals can do. First they can lay aside the offerings as usual (and even more than usual, for more will be needed) and hold them until conference, or since the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church is chartered to do both home and foreign work, offerings may be sent directly to this board, being made payable to Dyoll Belote, Office Secretary, 225 W. Liberty St., Ashland, O. If designated to be used for any special work, offerings will be so used, and if not so designated, they will be held subject to the will of the coming General Conference. This matter must be left in the hands of each congregation, (or individual) which after prayer and full consideration of the matter must do as led of the Lord.

"There is no simpler solution for the unification of our mission work. With one board there will be more perfect relations between home and foreign work and less expense of administration. The sytsem has long been successful in the Church of the Brethren and requires no new machinery whatever to do applied in the Brethren Church.—C.F.Y.."

Upon above motion, Shively, Whetstone, and Vanator voted "No."

5. Resolution of Confidence.

The following Resolution was passed unanimously by the board, each member present voting affirmatively on a recorded ballot:

"RESOLVED: that we, the undersigned members of the Board of Trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, hereby express our firm confidence in the work of our Society, and in the Christian devotion of the missionaries laboring under its direction: that we expect by God's grace to stand behind these faithful workers with our prayers and gifts so that their ministry may continue and be enlarged; that we condemn without reservation all efforts to divert to organizations other than our Society the contributions which have been providing for their support in past years; and that we call upon all Brethren churches and pastors to continue their support of our Society under whose direction these faithful missionaries are serving the Lord."

Signed:

Arthur V. Kimmel
Louis S. Bauman
Alva J. McClain
Herman Koontz
Russell D. Barnard
Homer A. Kent
U. J. Shively
Mrs. S. M. Whetstone
Mrs. F. C. Vanator
*Charles H. Ashman

*Elder Ashman made request by mail that his name be recorded as favoring this "Resolution," also, as

A Letter From Mrs. Sheldon

Dear Friends in the Homeland,

Tomorrow will be Easter, the day which we commemorate the resurrection of our blessed Lord. The heathen in this land do not know a living Savior, for their fetishes have no life. We praise Him for all who have turned from serving idols, to serve the true God, and to wait the coming of His Son from heaven. Our thoughts will be much with you in the homeland as you give to make the continuation of this work possible.

In January our family spent two weeks at Bossangoa, where we gave forth the gospel and assisted in reorganizing the reading classes. The children, and older ones as well, took new interest in the primers which we had completed just before going down there. Some days we took a number of the native Christians and went preaching on the different roads that lead out from the post. Mr. Sheldon expected to take a trip on one of the bush roads, but the meningitis epidemic has curtailed our work considerably.

It has been about two months since the first case of meningitis at the post, and now the doctor says there have been more than 200 known cases. About three weeks ago our water boy's little son fell ill with it and he was deathly sick. The French doctor happened along and said it was meningitis. Well, our water boy is a very fine Christian and much prayer went up for the lad's recovery. To make a long story short, the boy was up and around in less than a week. We all feel that this is a special answer to prayer, for the other cases either died or are still very sick. There have been four cases on the station, two of which have died. We have closed school and regular services. Tomorrow (Easter) the Christians expect to meet in little groups here and there so as not to have too many together. Some of the Christians have died at the post chapel, but we praise the Lord that there have not been many. We have to commit ourselves to Him for keeping in these days.

Miss Bickel went to Yaloke to nurse Mrs. Taber, and has not yet returned. We expect to go for her when it is time to return. We are more or less cut off from the other missionaries because we are not allowed to send runners at this time. We have heard that there have been some cases of meningitis in the Bozoum and Bekoro districts also.

Our furlough was due in January but we don't know when we shall be able to take it because of the war. The missionaries on furlough so far have been unable to return, and of course that makes us short of workers. It probably would be easier to go home than it would be to return, but of course there is a great risk either way. We are quite tired out after four years under this tropical climate, but He is able to keep us and to renew our strength. Pray for us as well as Mrs. Kennedy's and Miss Emmert's furloughs which are about due. They, of course, have the same difficulty as we.

Yesterday three lads arrived at our door, tired and footsore. They had come over a bush road, tramping about 30 weary miles—and all to buy a gospel of Mark and a song book. We have never been to their village, but faint rays of light have penetrated to their darkened lives and have made them want something better. They, as yet, know not how to read, but they are hoping to learn from another boy who was once at the mission. We hope to visit their village as soon as the roads are open. Don't you think that lads like these should have the opportunity to hear the Word a few times at least. Many in other places have grown tired of the old old story, and are turning to other things which can give no peace.

May the Lord stir your hearts to pray for this work and to give that it might go forward. We have an opportunity that angels would covet, so let us not treat it lightly.

Yours in His service,

HATTIE C. SHELDON

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favoring the termination of the Yoder "Retirement Agreement."

6. Delozier Letter.

Motion prevailed that the secretary write a letter to Brother Delozier, assuring him of our continued prayers.

7. Trustees Election.

A motion prevailed that C. H. Ashman, Geraldine Judd, and Alan Pearce, arrange the details for the election of trustees for this year, 1940, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, Section IV.

8. Adjournment.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to the call of the chair.

A. V. KIMMELL, President
LOUIS S. BAUMAN, Secretary-Treasurer.

PRAISE and PRAYER

PRAISE

Let us praise the Lord that the door which He opened in French Equatorial Africa for our pioneer party in 1920 is still open for the testimony of Jesus. Complete liberty is granted for the evangelization of this territory thru itineration, village chapels, translation of the Scriptures, circulation of the Word, Bible Schools and reading classes, and all station activities. This is truly an item for thanksgiving in these days of war and apostasy. Let us ask the Lord to keep the door open until the last village has heard the message of salvation and the last soul comes marching home.

We are sure that you will join with us in praising the Lord for the blessings we enjoyed at Bozoum over the Easter season. Pre-Easter services were held in the chapel and a goodly number listened with keenest intrest as we read and explained the chapters from the gospels that relate our Lord's arrest, trial and crucifixion. The Christian women who come to

the afternoon reading classes read from these portions during the afternoons preceding Easter, and as they read these precious chapters for themselves they exclaimed, "Oh, how He loved us." Many of the Baya children heard the story of the resurrection "straight" for the first time. The Easter morning services, attended by a chapel full of people, was a blessing to natives and missionaries alike.

PRAYER

About the time these prayer notes are read by members of our prayer bands and supporters, the Lord willing, the Central Bible School will again be in session. Pray very earnestly for all the students who shall attend, and especially for their wives, that the Lord will give them a new vision of what **they** could do for Him if they would walk out upon His promises in faith. Pray for both Mr. Jobson and I as we minister to these workers and their wives.

We are rejoicing in renewed interest, in the Bible reading classes here at Bozoum, and solicit your prayers for four classes of men and boys, and one class of women and girls. Pray that the Lord will open their eyes to see His truths as they labor over the the mechanics of reading.

Noel is still at Baibokoum, a post 230 kilometers north of Bozoum. The Lord has been testing both him and the group of believers there. Pray for his ministry in the Word, and that those who love the Lord there may grow in grace. We are looking forward to having baptism, the first in that place, in the month of June, and organizing the believers into a local church.

Pray for the converts' class here at Bozoum. There is a large number attending, but the most are irregular due to the changing work in the town. Pray that the Lord will enable them to grasp the meaning of His grace for them, and their standing in Christ. Jacob has been faithfully teaching these believers since the first of the year. They have memorized many verses from the Word. Pray that the Lord may speak to them out of these inspired words.

In Psalm 28:9 we read "Save Thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever." This is the prayer that we would have you offer for us as missionaries. We need to be lifted up. Discouragement is one of Satan's effective tools—one that he uses constantly on missionaries. Pray that the Lord will lift us up, quicken us, vitalize us, and give us a greater vision of possibilities in Him. Pray that He will prosper us in our conflict with the forces of evil, for His Name's sake.

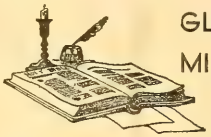
Yours in Him,

MRS. ORVILLE D. JOBSON

HE WAS A "POOR HEATHEN"

A certain rich man did not approve of foreign missions. One Sunday at church, when the offering was being taken up, the collector approached the millionaire and held out the bag. The millionaire shook his head. "I never give to missions," he whispered. "Then take something out of the bag, sir," whispered the collector. "The money is for the heathen."

—"The Outlook"



GLEANINGS FROM MISSIONARIES' LETTERS

BROTHER JAKE KLIEVER of Bekoro, Oubangui Chari, F.E.A., in a letter to the editor dated Jan. 25, 1940, gives a hint which someone in The Brethren Church might take. Apparently our mission in Africa is badly in need of some practical fellow—of what my mother used to call a "Jack of all trades"—to "do these secondary things." We believe the Lord would richly bless somebody who may not be able to preach the gospel or to go out and tell the story effectively, but who would go to Africa and do for our missionaries the "secondary things," relieving them so they could put in their time out in the bush telling the story of redeeming love. Anyone who would "do these secondary things" in that way would be a real missionary. Brother Kliever writes a very interesting letter, and we give to our readers several paragraphs therefrom:

"We are entering into the heart of the dry season now, but there are waters ever refreshing that quicken the soul, and praise God, we have access to them at all seasons of the year. I have never built anything but a bird house before coming here, and now I am to try to put up a mud house. My name will probably be **dirt** as a builder, all right. If dad and mother weren't so near the crossing line, I would urge them to come and do **these secondary things** for us so that we could give our time for preaching. I am sure, since he is also a good hunter, that the food situation would be cared for and that clothes wouldn't be too great a problem. **But** I guess that will just have to remain a 'would like to' thought.

"We are having two epidemics this year, according to last news. The roads are closed south and west of us on account of spinal meningitus, and north of us there is a barrier (10 miles above us) for yellow fever. There is a strange calm over us, though, as we realize nothing can touch us but as His loving hand permits. We are concerned about those that shall die this year, and so many in the regions that as yet we have been unable to touch. That means also that itineration will be restricted until the rainy season. I am not made of sugar, and thus won't melt from a little rain. I have been rained on before, and that in Africa too. I hit three showers (really downpours, bathtub at a time!) coming on motor bike, and in 35 miles got it three times. I took a little extra quinine, and all is well.

"As to the weather here. I see nothing different from our California weather as to heat; it is quite bearable. As to rains, we have them at home also. The only thing that is against us here in the way of health is that pesky little mosquito that gives malaria. I personally feel better here than I did the year I studied in Europe. Anne has a little attack of malaria at times, but is as peppy as you would want any

youngster to be, impatiently waiting for that baby brother. She asked why he didn't come by auto, so as to get here quicker! Freda is as well as at home, so we are praising the Lord for keeping us, and we trust to be used to His glory."

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MARY L. EMMERT has written the editor a very interesting letter. Our readers will be interested in this paragraph:

"The last few Sunadys we have been having a fairly good attendance at church and Sunday School. The total hovers around 680, without counting the babies in arms. I had 79 in the beginners' class, which consists of those below school age, supposedly. It took two native assistants to help me keep the toddlers quiet. They really are fairly well behaved, though, for they enjoy the picture chart so much. Children who never see a picture in their home are naturally more entranced than those who are surfeited with them."

What do you pastors in the homeland think of an attendance like they have at Yaloke? How many of you are preaching to 680 souls, excluding the babies in arms, each Sunday? What a wonderful work God is doing through these saintly men and women who have laid their lives upon the altar in order that the story may be told in darkest Africa.

BRETHREN FOLK IN HAWAII

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. McConahay, a deacon and a deaconness of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, are now living in Hawaii, where Brother McConahay is in charge of the Associated Gas Company's interests on the island. These folks are greatly missed in Long Beach. We are hoping that they will grant our request for an article for this magazine, showing forth what our Lord and Savior has done for that great Isle of the Pacific. In a very interesting letter that the editor has received from Mrs. McConahay, she gives us a touch of life in Honolulu, the capital city. She says:

"We wish you and Mrs. Bauman could come over for a visit. Some things are nice here, and others—not so nice.

"Wish you could have been with us the other day when we attended our first Hawaiian luau—or feast. The luau is as old as the Hawaiian people, and whenever they wish to honor someone or celebrate a great occasion they have a luau. This one we were invited to was in honor of the new son and heir of Mr. and Mrs. Char, high class Chinese. There were over 150 guests there including Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, Hawaiian, and Haoles as the white people are called. We were seated at long Ti leaf covered tables under a huge canvas canopy out in their garden. The tables were decorated with ferns and huge hibiscus blossoms of various hues. The menu was—roast pig, wrapped in leaves and baked whole, underground; roast sweet spuds, cooked in the same manner; raw salmon with some kind of tomato and pepper sauce; chicken cooked with tarro leaves, which looks and tastes like spinach; poi, which is the native's main diet; pudding made from ground coconuts and their milk; fresh pineapples; 3 kinds of cake and all kinds of soda pop. It was all pretty good, but the poi! Everything was served on Ti leaves or paper cups. We were given paper spoons, but they were very inadequate and it is customary to use fingers—we did! Either that or go hungry! Upon leaving, each guest puts a dollar into the calabash for the baby; this is also 'customary.' We enjoyed it very much, and it certainly was a new experience.

"Shortly after we arrived, the company employees had a Chinese Kau-kau for us. We never saw so much and such a variety of Chinese food in all our lives. Some was good, and some wasn't so good, but we tasted it all.

"We find the climate rather trying, but hope to get acclimated eventually. The temperature has been around 80 degrees most of the time, but it is a heavy and humid 80."

HERE AND THERE

By Robert Culver

Dr. J. C. Beal was speaker at a Bible conference in the Bellflower (Calif.) Brethren Church during the week of June 3-9.

Alva J. McClain, Pres. of Grace Theological Seminary, delivered a series of Bible studies in the Book of Revelation at the La Verne (Calif.) Brethren Church June 10-14.

Bro. R. D. Barnard, pastor of First Brethren Church of Dayton, O., writes, "Had fine services yesterday. Seven accepted Christ yesterday, three the Sunday before, five the Sunday before that. We baptized 10 last evening. We have a baptismal service about every two weeks. The Sunday School and worship services have gained back almost all the losses sustained in the 'walk out' last fall. Finances are better than they have been in years. We just thought you ought to have this little report, since other publications report a work in Dayton that isn't ours as though ours didn't exist. Well, it does exist, and is quite alive to be non-existent."

Members and Friends of the South Gate, Calif. Church recently welcomed their pastor Elias White and family back home in the pulpit after several weeks of absence. Bro. White received the degree Doctor of Theology at the last graduation exercises of Dallas Theological Seminary at Dallas, Texas.

Recently Dr. L. S. Bauman addressed the Bible Class conducted by Brethren A. D. Cashman and R.

D. Barnard at Middleton, O. A record crowd of 148 attended.

A Three Weeks Daily Vacation Bible School has just closed at the Brethren Church of Rittman, O. Attendance averaged 120.

Mr. L. L. Legters, Bible teacher, writer, and representative of the Pioneer Missionary Society, well known in many of our Brethren churches, was promoted to glory May 17. He was stricken by a heart attack at Porterville, Calif.

The Brethren Church at Clayhole, Kentucky attained a record attendance of 158 June 9. The building is crowded. Pastor Sewell Landrum has organized a regular Sunday evening jail meeting at Jackson, Ky. Four confessed Christ in the jail meeting June 2.

The Grace Brethren Church of Vinco, Pa., recently organized and now meeting in a dance pavilion attained 135 in Sunday School attendance June 9. The morning church offering was $55.74. Lots for a new building have been donated by a layman, Geo. Singer. Excavation on the new site is complete. Construction began this week. Pastor Ord Gehman reports six confessions in the last two weeks.

The First Brethren Church of Buena Vista, Va. closed a five day Bible Conference with Prof. Herman A. Hoyt June 16. A revival meeting with R. Paul Miller as evangelist is planned to begin soon. Bro. Arthur Malles came to this church as pastor a year ago. Since that time 40 have been baptized and 45 received into church membership. A spiritual revival has taken place and many improvements have been made on the church property.

A Jewish Bible Conference is planned for the First Brethren Church of Waynesboro, Pa. A. B. Machlin, Christian Jew from Buffalo, N. Y. is the speaker.

The West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, O., recently published the report of all previous attendance records broken on four consecutive Sundays. The attendance records were 290, 296, 305, and 328. A Vacation Bible School and Bible conference were conducted simultaneously during the week of June 10-16, and a Vacation Bible School through the next week to June 20. Robert Culver, pastor of the Ankenytown, O. Brethren Church taught classes throughout the Bible School and spoke at the evening Bible conference meetings. Enrollment in the Daily Vacation Bible School reached 250.

REGISTER FOR BETHANY!

Send your pre-registration fee for Brethren National Youth, Bethany Camp, Winona Lake, Ind., to Leo Polman, 3326 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, Ind. The pre-registration fee is $2.00. One week at Bethany — room, board, and all recreational facilities — $9.00 if pre-registration is postmarked on or before July 15th; after, $10.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR JULY 21, 1940

Naaman, The Leper

(2 Kings 5:1-14)

Suggestions for the Leader

The story of Naaman has many interesting parallels and illustrations in the experiences of the sinner. Leprosy was incurable as far as men knew; so is sin. Leprosy made a man an outcast; so does sin. Leprosy was deadly; so is sin. A man can be great in the eyes of the world but still be a sinner, as a sinner he is as nothing in the eyes of the Lord. The healing came through faith; not that the water could wash away the disease.

There are some people who place a meaning upon baptism that should not be there.

Faith saves. Baptism is an outward sign of that inner faith.

1. The Condition of Naaman. 2 Ki. 5:1.

Leprosy caused separation and was deadly in the end. It is like sin. Naaman was an honorable man and mighty; yet a leper. So sin strikes all men regardless of position. His attitude was not favorable for a cleansing and had to be changed. No matter how many good things a man might do, if he is a sinner, he is not ready for heaven. Sin may allow ordinary relationships, but eventually slays its victim.

2. The Personal Testimony. 2 Ki. 5:2-5.

The gospel is for the "up and outers" as well as for the "down and outers." The testimony of a little girl led to the healing of the mighty warrior. How would we witness for God if we were taken away from home to a strange place where the name of God was dishonored? How many of us have really done any witnessing? God appointed the little girl for a witness for the great general. We also are appointed to witness to someone some place.

3. The Pride of the Leper. 2 Ki. 5:11-21.

Pride is really worse than leprosy. Pride goeth before a fall. Naaman marched in military style for a healing but it was for a show. The sinner, like Naaman must be humbled and must simply depend upon God's Word.

Naaman made another mistake by supposing that a

healing could be purchased with money. Gifts of God can not be purchased.

4. Naaman's Faith. 2 Ki. 5:14; Lk. 4:27.

Faith is to hear the Word and claim its blessings. As long as Naaman refused to obey God's plan for healing he remained a leper; upon submitting he was healed. Here is a case of a gentile receiving a blessing that the Jews lost because of their unbelief and disobedience. Our business is to persuade men to have faith in God. The water didn't heal him but his faith did.

Questions

1. How does the story of Naaman prove God's willingness to bless the Gentiles as well as the Jews (Lk. 4:27).
2. Why did Elijah refuse money for Naaman's healing?
3. In what way does leprosy stand for sin?
4. Can you give an example of a testimony that led to a conversion?

Additional Scripture

The steps of the sinner's healing in the N. T.:

All are sinners. Rom. 3:23; I Jn. 1:8, 10.

Only one Name for healing. Acts 4:12; Heb. 9:22; 10:19.

The gospel simple and unassuming, and disappointing to many. I Cor. 1:18; Jn. 1:12; I Jn. 5:12.

It works. Jn. 9:6-25.

Junior-Intermediate Topic

Mrs. Ruth Waymire

Old Testament Characters—Daniel

Opening Song: If Jesus Goes With Me I'll Go.

Scripture: Daniel 1:8.

Prayer.

Special number: Duet, "Dare to Be a Daniel."

Story:

The picnic basket was all packed. There were delicious little cakes that mother had made, and eggs that Jean had stuffed. Tommy had helped to make the sandwiches. Everyone had helped so well that it lacked a half hour of the time when Miss Smiley would call for them. The fifth and sixth grades were having their picnic together this year down in the new park. Mother had wondered a little if she should allow them to go with only two teachers to look after them. After all there was a lake, and she knew how free everyone felt on an outing after so many months of school. But she couldn't say no to the eager faces of her children.

She had planned to get everything ready early, so when Tommy looked at the clock and said "Shucks, its a whole half hour yet," mother said, "Lets sit here in the swing, and I'll tell you a story while we are waiting. This is one about a boy named Daniel. Sometimes we think about all the Old Testament characters as old men who lived long ago, but after all, we know that they were all boys or girls once, and even tho we live differenty now in so many ways, our desires and problems and temptations are still the same. So many folks always want to do everything the crowd does. They are afraid to be different even if they know what the crowd is doing is wrong.

"Daniel was one of the children carried away from Jerusalem into Babylon when the people were captured; and he wasn't the only one, for there were many of them. But there are several whose names are given to us. They were such nice looking and healthy boys too. Just think how they must have felt to be carried away from their homes and their parents too maybe, and to have to go into a strange land to work for the king. For the king picked out all the nicest looking and smartest boys to work for him. Now the people in that land were pagans, they didn't worship God as the little Hebrew boys did. They did strange and terrible things for their worship of the pagan gods. And of course they thought the boys ought to live as they lived. But these boys were too loyal and true to their God for that.

"The king wanted them to eat the meat and drink the wine which was on his table, but Daniel said no. He wasn't afraid even if the king should punish him. But the prince who was put over the boys was afraid to tell the king as it might make him very angry. So he said, 'If you don't eat what we give you, you will get thin and pale, and then the king will find out that you have disobeyed him.'

"But Daniel said, 'Just let us prove that we can eat only herbs or vegetables and drink water, and still look healthy.'

"So the prince let them try out the plan, and sure enough, at the end of 10 days they were even fairer and fatter than the others who had eaten of the forbidden things of the pagan king. You see God took care of them when they were true to Him.

"Thank you, mother," said Jean, "for that lovely story, I think I know why you told it to us. We promised to be different since we accepted Jesus last fall."

"Here comes the car," shouted Tommy, as he picked up the lunch basket, and then he stopped and kissed his mother goodbye.

"Now don't you worry about me, mom. My middle name is going to be Daniel from now on."

Closing Song: He will hold me fast.

Benediction.

A REAL PREDICAMENT

A little Boston urchin named Mary, aged five years, is a Christian Scientist to the marrow.

Mary fell one day and barked her shin, and rubbing the hurt with her hand she began to cry. Her aunt, an unbeliever, happened along at this moment. The aunt was mindful of Mary's faith and of those contradictory tears, and with a mocking smile, she said:

"Why, Mary, are you hurt?"

"No, I ain't hurt," sobbed the little girl, restraining her sobs as best she could.

"But if you are not hurt, why are you crying?"

"I am crying," said Mary, "because I am mad!"

"What are you mad about?"

"I am mad—boo-hoo—," wept the little girl, "because I can't feel I ain't hurt!"

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A SURE CURE FOR THE SUMMER SLUMP IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS

"That must mean me"

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The Muddle of the World

Every great crisis in the world has called men and women back from the dream-world of their own creation into the grim world of reality. And this is no less true of the crisis which now threatens civilization. Certainly, with the second major disaster of the 20th century now in progress, men and women will recall the aircastles of the past generation, especially those dream "Utopias" which the so-called intelligentsia have been building since the first World War, and which the people so heartily endorsed. The peace conferences, the disarmament conferences, the League of Nations—all of these belong to that dream-world out of which men and women are awakening to find that just like dreams of the night, they were only dreams. At least **some** are awakening to the fact that men are not so educated that they will not fight, or else this is just a horrible nightmare through which we are passing.

But where many are awakening to the grim realities of war that threaten civilization from without, others are awakening to the fearful facts which threaten civilization from within, if we can draw any conclusions from the writings of Walter Lippmann appearing under the caption "Today and Tomorrow." For he writes as follows: "Democracy cannot be made to work by people who think it enlightened to be cynical, grasping, concerned with the expediency of the moment and contemptuous of all standards which transcend it. There is not enough intelligence or character in this way of life to govern a nation successfully. For democracy was founded by men who had convictions that there is truth and that there is good and evil; it was never meant for men who reject this view of life, and in so far, and it is now very far, as the democracies have fallen into disbelief and unfaith, they are in a desperately dangerous muddle about everything that matters most to themselves and their children."

Now while we are all inclined to agree with Mr. Lippman, for he is right as far as he goes, admitting as he does that men have ignored, if not rejected, "truth and good" upon which democracy is founded, still, even Mr. Lippman, with his keen analysis of the present situation, has not touched the vital spot in the present crisis. He seems to be completely oblivious of the fact that "truth and good" as a way of life is completely powerless to operate separate and apart from character that has been made new by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. The thing which he suggests, to put it into Biblical language, is the "law of Moses." That was the way of "truth and good," and it is the only real standard of "truth and good" for men. But it failed utterly, not because it was not a good standard, but because "it was weak through the flesh" (Rom. 8:3). It had poor stuff to work with. Human character was corrupt, sinful, undone, unreliable, unstable, impotent, failing utterly, and it still is. And there is the trouble with any sort of kingdom that may be established today.

God's Idea of a Real Kingdom

All of this leads one to ask what God's idea of a real kingdom is. And while the Bible is full of information on this point, the Lord Jesus felt it necessary to deliver further information to his mistaken and muddled disciples covering this subject, and this we find recorded in Mt. 5-7. Since kingdoms must have subjects, laws, attitudes, and responsibilities, so this is true of the kingdom of heaven, and so the King of that kingdom discusses these very important matters.

At the very outset he discusses the subjects of the kingdom. And this he does because this is the most important aspect of the kingdom after the question of the king is settled. So Mt. 5:3-16 is devoted to a discussion of the character and influence of the subjects of this kingdom. "Blessed" marks the opening of this manifesto of the King, and ought to be well marked in every Bible, for it is the most important word in the entire discussion. Indeed, it is almost startling for the King to begin the description of His kingdom in this manner, for you will notice that there is nothing formal or documentary about it. It does not begin with "whereas" as such official statements would begin today. Instead it begins with the word "blessed." And since the King begins there it is well that every student of the Word begin at the same place. And if the kingdoms of the world were

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A worthy missionary in India had the hymn, "Rock of Ages," translated into Hindoostani. On retranslation into English by a student, the first two lines bore this inspiring and illuminating aspect:

"Very old stone, split for my benefit,
Let me absent myself under your fragments."

—New York Times

to begin there, as Jesus did, sorrow and sighing and crying would flee away, for trouble and turmoil and trials would disappear. Be careful to note the fact that this word begins this great message of the King, it also begins every verse from 3-11, and thus this section derives its name from it, namely, the word "Beatitudes," meaning supreme blessedness.

Now this word appears 49 times in the New Testament and is rendered 43 times "blessed" and 6 times by the word "happy," the latter rendering being the more accurate, but the former word carrying the finer and fuller meaning, so long as it is understood to refer to a consciousness, a condition, or a state of character and not the bestowment of blessing from without. Thus the King is describing the character of the subjects who shall make up His kingdom and over whom He shall rule. And this character is a "blessed" character, that is, a "born-again" character, which has been imparted to men by the operation of the Holy Spirit. Thus we find the words of Christ agreeing in this manifesto with His great declaration to Nicodemus, "except a man be born again (from above—Greek) he cannot see the kingdom of God" (Jno. 3:3). And here, the very place where the kingdoms of the world have failed, the Lord has laid the foundation for the success of His kingdom, for no kingdom can succeed whose subjects do not possess the right kind of character.

One day it was the writers good fortune to come across an excerpt from the writings of Elihu Root, one of the former statesmen of the United States. He said, in commenting upon the various forms of government, that in his experience he had seen hundreds of panaceas, both political and governmental, all of which would work if we just had the right kind of men. And how true that is to the facts. Governments fail because of the kind of men who make up those governments, for all world-governments operate on the principle that men are good. And men are not good. So where the governments of men fail, God's government will not fail, for He plans that every subject who enters his kingdom shall be born again.

Character Creates an Atmosphere

Such character, when it is in operation, produces characteristics that make for the beauty and richness and blessing of such a kingdom. It creates an atmosphere that men want but for which they have been seeking in the wrong way. For such characteristics issue from character, they do not produce the character. And here is what such character produces: "poor in spirit, mourn, meek, hunger and thirst after righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers." Among these will not be found any of those characteristics which are so highly esteemed today among men, and by which the kingdoms of the world are rated as strong or weak, great or small, succeeding or failing. Nothing is said here of race-power, or military prowess, or material pomp, or political prestige. And yet all of these are the current talk of the newspapers and the bane of legislators. Germany's air-fleet is the greatest in Europe. England dominates the seas with her mighty fleet of warships. Russia's army is the greatest in its history and greater than that of any other nation. America is the wealthiest nation on the face of the earth. But none of these are mentioned as characteristcs of Messiah's kingdom. And herein is the blessedness of this kingdom. But mark it well, this blessedness issues from the "blessed" nature of the subjects of this kingdom.

Perhaps the most striking characteristic of all those that are mentioned in this list is the one which heads the list, "poor in spirit." Now this does not mean a poor spirit, nor poor spiritually, but is the exact opposite of **proud** in spirit. And you can very readily see that this looks from the self to the sovereign of the kingdom. Here we see self-abasement which results in submission. It is that appraisal of self which sees only deficiency and failure, and when looking at the sovereign sees His sufficiency and success, which ultimately produces submission to the sovereign. Although the sovereigns in the kingdoms of men must force submission to their wills, not so in the kingdom of heaven. For there the subjects will bow the knee willingly to their great, good King, and His will will be their will because they love His will above their own.

But what fact is more patent to the minds of men today than that the kingdoms of the world are refusing to bow the knee in submission to the great King, the Lord Jesus Christ. Nor will they bow the knee until He comes in glory, and with the sword of His mouth lays them in the dust. Then, and not till then, will the world experience and enjoy the peace which today a sad world rejects because she rejects the Prince of Peace.

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The Underlying Causes of the European Crisis

By Arthur N. Malles, Graduate of Grace Seminary, 1939

With the world facing one of the most drastic changes of all time, with most of the western world at war, it might be well for the Christian to attempt to understand the underlying causes of this European crisis. The writer well realizes that only time will reveal all of the causes of this conflagration. Nevertheless there are certain outstanding causes which can be plainly seen even now. These may be grouped under the following four heads.

The Material Cause

During some of the more recent shake-ups in Europe in the 1900's, certain large nations have lost valuable colonies. This is a very real cause of our present crisis. The average citizen of the United States cannot fully appreciate what these colonies mean to the nations of Europe. Our country produces such a variety of products and has such a wealth of natural resources that we are not nearly so much dependent upon our colonies. Europe's picture is different. Some of these nations are hardly larger than a few of our 48 states put together. Their natural products and resources are limited, making their colonies very necessary. This scramble to regain lost colonies lies behind the present war.

The need for raw materials and the like must also be mentioned under this head. This has become a world of steel and oil and coal. Few if any nations of Europe have all of these in sufficient quantities to suffice. Grasping for these raw materials adds more oil to the present flames.

The National Cause

Under this head we may notice first of all the desire for national prominence. This desire to shine nationally has motivated nations down through history. But in these days of dictatorships and one-man nations, the desire for prominence for the nation must be classed high among the causes of war.

One must not overlook the late treaty of Versailles of June 28, 1919. This treaty placed requirements that constituted national insults upon Germany and her allies. Colonies were taken, military restrictions laid down, heavy indemnities had to be paid. One needs but read the current newspapers showing the German flag proudly flying over the historic French city of Versailles to understand what a large part this drive to undo this treaty had in the present crisis in Europe.

The Racial Causes

Europe is made up of so many different nations, each with its own separate language, each with different customs. And each nation seems to feel that those who differ from themselves are wrong. Strangely enough, but true just the same, each nation feels it is the top of perfection in all ways, and people with any other language or customs is a barbarous nation, much inferior to themselves. This racial attitude must not be overlooked when one is searching for a cause.

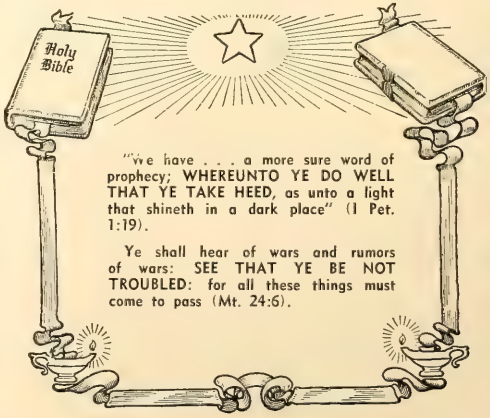
On the other hand, Europe is one big conglomeration of races, for the most part intermixed. True, there can be found some centers, even large territories where one race is predominent. But there is so much of Europe that is inhabited by a mixture of various races. These groups in any one locality have been allotted to one nation, often to the wrong nation. Here is another cause for the present crisis.

The Spiritual Cause

Last, but by no means least, must be mentioned the spiritual cause. Lying beneath the surface of all these material causes is the larger cause: sin.

Natural man, without God in the world, has the sinful Adamic nature motivating and controlling him. And it is only as we recognize this fact of sin in unregenerate man that we have an edequate explanation of this present war. Natural men cannot continue long to do good. Greed and lust will come out. Not until that great King of kings comes into His own kingdom to purge out all that is sinful will this old world ever be past crises such as we are now facing. Not until God deals with sinful man finally will this world be the place God intended it to be.

No matter what the cause or causes of this crisis, the true child of God sees **God** behind the scenes, ever controlling these events to His own glory and to the good of His children. No matter how black the gathering clouds may seem, such a person can look up with confidence to the great God of eternity and cry, "But thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ" (2 Cor. 2:14 A.R.V.).



The International Effects of the Present European Crisis

By Robert D. Culver, Middler in Grace Seminary

It is extremely difficult to do more than estimate the final extent of the effects of the present crisis which finds its center in Western Europe. In the first place, the cloud of hate, prejudice, and wishful thinking that is dust in the eyes of every individual is bound to distort in some respects the true picture. And in the second place, we are only in the first inning of the game and nobody knows what the final score will be. Nevertheless there are a number of forces, international in scope, the final effects of which may be closely ascertained.

1. The world's commercial and economic system has been already tremendously affected. German bonds and investments are selling high and investments in Allied business are selling cheap. Evidently investors are afraid that the French franc and the British pound may be worth no more in a few weeks than the German mark was at the close of the last war.

2. The industrial system of the whole world is undergoing a drastic change. The war industry is now the only industry in both Germany and England. Women are replacing men in the factories and in the fields in order that the men may shoulder guns. Natural war materials, which a few months ago were not being used at all or were used for purposes of peace, are now being run through our munitions and armament factories as fast as wheels can turn. In our own nation, practically every citizen is behind our government in its effort to speed up the production of arms for our own use and for the use of the Allies. Shipyards are building battleships as never before. Henry Ford offers his services as a builder of airplanes and promises a thousand a day when he gets going. Rayon mills are turning to gunpowder factories. And before long even the farmers may be told what produce of the soil is most needed and be commanded to produce it.

3. We are just now beginning to see the effect of this war on scientific enterprise. Germany's scientists are searching for new synthhetic products to take the place of commodities cut off by the Allied blockade. Allied scientists are searching for the answer to Hitler's war machine. Even Richard E. Byrd in far off Antarctica feels the effects of this war, for Congress just turned down a bill to finance him for another year because of national defense needs.

4. It is self-evident that the world's collective and individual thought is beginning to change radically as a direct result of this war. Our general interest has changed from our immediate surroundings to a certain fearful wondering if what is happening in France may happen here, whether we be Brazillian, Canadian, American, Japanese, or Palestinian. Intolerance and war frenzy is taking the place of our boasted enlightened attitudes. Only this week a Cleveland customer was knocked down in a cigar store by two Legionaires who thought his credit signal of the upraised arm was a Nazi salute to the proprietor. A German bakery clerk was slapped by a salesman in my own community this week when she dared to voice pro-Nazi sentiments. Uraguay is thinking of the fifth columnists as well as Uncle Sam. And even Orphan Annie has turned to the company of those who expunge the subversive and fifth column elements from our borders.

All these are but phases, symptoms of a greater world eruption, that informed people everywhere believe certain to follow soon. And these same movements are obvious and available to anyone who reads his newspaper once a week. But there are certain other effects that are seen for the most part only by those who read news in the light of prophecy.

5. One thing is sure, the war has given a tremendous impetus to the religious forces of the anti-christ. in all of Western continental Europe, Daniel's "God of forces" now reigns supreme. He is the real deity behind the "form of godliness" in every nation of the world. The watch-word is "Prepare war," not "Prepare to meet thy God." Unless God's plan for the age includes another great revival, this trend is bound to lead to the enthronement of the "man of sin" who 'opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the tempe of God, showing himself that he is God" (2 Thess. 2:4).

6. A very obvious result of processes now at work, the most impossible to conceive a few years ago, yet the most interesting to every one who "loves the appearing" of our Lord from heaven, is the rise of the four great political powers of the end-time. Heretofore inconscpicious Japan now asks to sit in with Europeans in the settlement of affairs of Europe and shows signs of dominating the whole of south-eastern Asia. The Bible reader underlines Rev. 16:12 and knows the "way of the kings of the East" is being prepared. As early as last fall, even unbelieving Walter Lippmann saw the great merger of northern nations coming. The Bible reader turns to Dan. 11:40 and knows that the king of the "North" is getting ready, even as he takes over Esthonia, Lithuania, Poland, and part of Finland, and acts as if he would either eventually join Hitler or swallow him up. He hears Mussolini demand the Mediterranean possessions of France and sees the Revived Roman Empire taking shape as predicted in Dan. 7 and Rev. 17. The king of the "South" has not yet plainly made his appearance (Dan. 11:40), but 24 hours could reveal him.

7. Moreover, this force is most obvious for everything seems to be moving toward the coming of a final world dictator. It seems that he is rapidly moving to "Take peace from the earth" (Rev. 6:4). And multitudes are already saying, "who is able to make

The Prophetic Significance of the European Crisis

By Blaine Snyder, Graduate of Grace Seminary, 1940

A recent conversation with a young man revealed a very commonly held notion among men. This is the attitude that there have always been wars and rumors of wars, so this present crisis is nothing unusual in history. To the natural mind there is an element of truth in that view and we are told to expect such a feeling among men in the last days. Yet for the student of God's Word there are some events taking place today of unparalleled significance. Not all of these can be dealt with in the space of this article, but at least three should be mentioned.

The first thing to notice particularly concerning the present crisis is the alignment of nations pointing toward the final four great powers spoken of in Dan. 11 and in Rev. 16. Two areas of especial interest are the "south" and the "east." One of the latest bits of news carries the information that Italy and Egypt have severed relations, while the tie that binds England and Egypt is tightened. The Italian minister Serafino Mazoline was handed his passoprt and arrangements were under way to escort him back to Italy. Every precaution is being made by England in the Great Sea area to maintain her position. Who is to say that the final kingdom of the "south" is not even now taking shape?

Another quarter of the picture which demands our attention is the "east." Rev. 16:12 speaks of the coming of the "kings of the east." Until very recent years it seemed that the literal fulfillment of the prophecy was almost impossible. Now the story has changed. After many years of almost inactivity Japan is coming to the front to dominate the east. Little by little that nation is pushing her way into the once great Chinese Republic and cutting it up into small puppet states under the domination of Japan. The radio informs us of a fresh attack by the Japanese in their struggle for control here and a place in the sun. At last there is arising in the "east" a military power of no mean significance, confirming to the letter the Word of God.

Movements in other quarters of the globe indicate that the stage is being set for the final great powers. In spite of Italy's present association with the Germans, when the proper time has come the revived Roman Empire will raise its hoary head. Perhaps the exhaustion of the present contestants will be the signal for this event.

A second factor of importance in the present crisis is the destruction of human liberty. Mussolini is reported to have said, "Liberty! Is there such a thing as liberty? Civilization is the inversion of personal liberty . . . . Mass cannot govern mass. Quantity cannot govern quality." With this in mind he proceeds to destroy what we call human freedom. With the capitulation of France will go the last of the great democracies on the continent. With the bowing of Latvia and Estonia we can see the spread of Russian influence in western Europe. Thus, even in these moves we can see faintly outlined the culmination which will result in the final powers.

A third factor which must be mentioned is the attitude toward God's chosen people. Hitler went into power pledged to a program of anti-Semitism. (This is at least one of his 25 points which he has lived up to!) Mussolini hates the Jew. In fact every one of the great dictatorships is against the Jew. Even England has come to the place where her word to the Jews is no longer trustworthy. What does all this mean? It means that our Lord spoke a truth of which men were not aware when He said, "Ye shall be hated of all nations." Never was there a time when the truth of these words have been so apparent.

As the Christian views the present situation what does it all mean to him? What should be his attitude toward it? Briefly the answer is this: "When you see these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh. Seeing then that you look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless."

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war against him" (Rev. 13:4). This does not necessarily point to Hitler as this world dictator, but it does definitely indicate that his personage may soon appear on the scene.

8. Finally, these thunderously and magnificently awful events of which we hear daily, may be but the prelude to the "terrible day of the Lord." If so, then the effects or rather the consummation will be universal and international, for it will very shortly come to pass that "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea'" (Hab. 2:14). And so our prayer is, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus."

MANY ARE CONCERNED

Many are concerned about the state of the nation. On every hand people are asking who is going to pay the bills, who can pay the indebtedness of our national, state, and city governments? Someone has figured out that our public debt has reached a total of $415 per person. Dear reader, the word of our Lord is coming closer being fulfilled each day than many realize. Read Luke 21:25, 26: " . . . upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."—Washington D. C. Bulletin.

The Unveiling of Jesus Christ

An Exposition of Revelation 7

By R. I. Humberd

The Two Great Companies

"And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of heaven" (v. 1).

When in college, one of our professors took part of the chapel hour to convince the students how ignorant the old Hebrews were. They even believed the earth was flat and square. But probably that professor had never read the Old Testament; especially where it says, "It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth" (Isa. 40:20). It is even common language with us to say "the four corners of the earth" when we speak of the four directions.

These angels control the winds. Another angel has charge of the waters (ch. 16:5); while another has power over fire (ch. 14:18). No doubt there is more about us in control of angels than we can realize.

Here, as well as in the former chapter, the fruit trees are protected, but soon the storms will be let loose to work great havoc to this source of human food supply.

The Seal of God

"And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea" (v. 2).

Just what this seal is, we are not told. When a person is born again, he is sealed with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13). So here this sealing may mean a special anointing of the Holy Spirit for a special purpose.

"Saying, hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads" (v. 3).

There is a lull in the judgments between the sixth and seventh seal, to give time for this sealing. This may be a visible mark in the forehead, for it will be during the time when others will wear the mark of the beast in their foreheads. This mark is the Father's name, and will thus set them aside, as they move among men, as followers of the true and living God (ch. 14:1, 13:16). Also under the judgment of the fifth trumpet, the infernal creatures of the pit are able to see and distinguish those who wear this mark.

Keep on Sighing

Because of the wickedness in Jerusalem, the Lord sent one to "set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh, and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." When the wicked were slain, they were to "come not near any man upon whom is the mark" (Ezek. 9:4).

Many a righteous soul today is tortured with the wickedness of the times in which we live—great bill boards, screaming out the advantages to the nerves and digestion of those who will smoke a certain brand of cigarettes; other signs, announcing the theatre and the movie with pictures so bold and so full of adultery, and trampling under foot every virtue held dear by those who love the Lord.

It may seem useless to thus "sigh and cry for all the abominations," but there is a God in heaven who takes note of every attitude of heart, and soon a day will come when He will speak. Thus in face of seeming failure, let the righteous still cry out against the daughters of our land who "walk with stretched forth necks—making a tinkling with their feet—the chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers—and the ornaments of the legs—the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins" (Isa. 3). True, they will be marked and shunned, but close by their side and just behind the scenes, there walks the Lord of glory.

The 144,000

"And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed 144,000 of all the tribes of the children of Israel."

If a Seventh Day Adventist should claim to be a member of this throng, let him give proof to which tribe he belongs. These are all Israelites, not a Gentile among them.

A time is coming when Israel "shall declare my glory among the Gentiles" (Isa. 66:19). Christ, speaking of the end time said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Mt. 24:14).

Christ sent out His 12 apostles with directions to "Go not into the way of the Gentiles—but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand—Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come" (Mt. 10).

These last words no doubt leap forward to the preaching of the remnant during the tribulation period. Their gospel will be the same as John the Baptist and the apostles—the gospel of the kingdom of heaven.

The gospel of the grace of God was given to Paul by special revelation (Eph. 3:2,3). It is the good news of salvation by grace through faith alone and is characteristic of the church age. The gospel of the kingdom of heaven, that was proclaimed by the apostles and that is to be again proclaimed before the "end come," is a call to repentance because the King is ready to set up His kingdom.

The Jews of our day are most certainly being prepared for such a ministry. They are in every nation under heaven; they know the language and the customs; they are used to the food and the climate. Let them receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the entire world will be evangelized in a short time. Turn 144,000 John the Baptists or apostle Pauls loose and the world would be evangelized in short order.

Preaching of the Remnant

The 12 apostles, representing the remnant of their time, had a special endowment to preach this gospel,

and so in the end time the faithful remnant of the 144,000 will have a special sealing in their foreheads.

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory — then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats" (Mt. 25:31).

Here we see that at the close of the tribulation period, Christ will gather the living nations and judge them. He "shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire—Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Mt. 13:41).

The standard of this judgment will be, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Mt. 25:40). As the apostles went about the "cities of Israel," the standard of judgment was the treatment given them. Let a city reject them and it rejected its God; let them refuse to hear and "it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city" (Mt. 10).

So here, the 144,000 go forth with a call of repentance to all the nations. People do not become righteous by feeding these messengers, rather do they feed them because they are righteous. A righteous person will receive God's people with peace and will enter the kingdom age. The unrighteous will hate and persecute them and will be cast into a furnace of fire.

Judgment of Individuals

This judgment of living nations in Mt. 25, is often misunderstood. The nations are not judged as nations but as individuals. It will be the unrighteous individuals that will be cast into a furnace of fire. There are righteous in all nations and God will not deal thus with them because their leaders were evil.

In the kingdom age there will be no nations as we know them today, for they will be dashed in pieces as a potters vessel (Ps. 2). The Gentile nations will become "like the chaff of the summer threshing floor" and pass into oblivion (Dan. 2:35). The kingdom of our Lord must fill the whole world and the law of the whole earth must go out from Zion.

(To be continued)

BETTER GARDENS

E. R. Black

Gardening has long been my recreation. God's fingerprints are upon everything in, around, and above the garden. Nature's voices quiet the nerves. Man's first home was a garden. The soil, water, air, light and darkness, every species of grass, herb, tree, flower, vegetable, grain and fruit was the gift of God. It was "the garden of the Lord." Man's eviction from that Paradise is a parallel to the spoiling of the garden of his soul.

In "God's tilled field," "the garden of the Lord," are all my deeper interests today. This garden is entirely "a new creation," a new life, a new nature, a new spirit, a new heart, with possibilities glorious to contemplate. This garden is **His**; I am only His gardener. My supreme ambition is to "bear fruit" that will "glorify him" today and merit His "well done" when my gardening days are ended on earth.

I am learning better that everything that hinders this fruit-bearing hurts and dwarfs my own soul and spoils my peace and joy. My Employer has so made the garden of my soul that my joy and His glory are inseparable. His wonderful Book on gardening lists all the lovely fruits and flowers that beautify a man; and also specifies the long list of noxious, offensive and destructive weeds, thorns, and thistles that defile and degrade character.

I think neighbors and friends are more critical today than formerly; they discern the difference between possession and profession; they observe **what I am** more than what I say. My garden must have God's fingerprints upon it. I want to attract my neighbors and friends to my garden, so that I can introduce them to my Employer and persuade them to garden for the Lord. My prayer, "Lord, make me a better gardener for Thee."

THY WAY IS BEST

By Mildred Michael, Flora, Ind.

Dear God, because Thou knowest best,
  I dare not turn away
When to some long and cherished hope
  Thou answerest me "Nay."

When I have thought within my grasp
  I saw my dream complete,
And then before my outstretched hand
  It crumbled at my feet—

When I have prayed with aching heart,
  With hope and faith sincere,
That Thou wouldst spare to me the one
  Within my heart held dear—

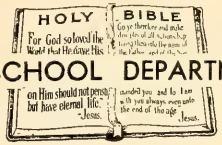
When I have thought these things should be,
  In faith I asked for them,
Why they should be denied to me,
  I could not understand.

Perhaps I've looked with longing eyes
  Toward yonder distant goal,
And all unknowing wrecked my bark
  Upon the rocks and shoal.

So, Father God, call Thou me back,
  And make Thy will be mine,
And let my work, my hopes, my will,
  Be gladly lost in Thine.

And though I can not see Thy face—
  For night is dark and long—
Or can not see Thy outstretched hand,
  Thy voice shall lead me on.

Thus I need never stand before
  The great white throne of God,
For I have walked no path I chose,
  But walked where Jesus trod.



BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

By Tom Hammers

CREATING EFFECTIVE MISSIONARY EMPHASIS

(Continued from June 8th Issue)

II. Methods of Presentation

A. **To Beginners and Primaries**—by illustrated stories.

1. **The sand table.** This makes a desirable setting for the story, as the mountains, valleys, rivers and lakes can be easily represented. People, huts, trees and other objects characteristic of a country can be clipped from magazines, mounted on cardboard and cut out for sand table use. Thus the life and customs of a people can be easily presented.

Tom Hammers

2. **The story.** Let us profit by the reactions of a child as he visits a new home. First he sits shyly on his mother's lap, then he begins to notice objects in the room and soon ventures to examine them. Before long, he investigates the whole house if he is permitted to do so.

When we present missions to children, we open the door to a new country. Let us therefore take them on a trip to show them its entirety—the houses, trees, transportation, costumes, how the people eat etc. Make the story so vivid they will never forget it. Locate everything—"Here is the house, here is the low door, here the meal is ground" etc. Make the story center around your pictures of curios—i.e. if you portray life in an African village, build it in its natural setting and make your story fit your display (which, of course, you are certain is correct in every detail). Live the story as if you and the children were actually sitting beside the native on that grass mat laid on the dirt floor of his windowless hut, or were engaged in the duties of which you speak. The vivid imagination of the child will make these things real as the pictures help him visualize the facts which you relate.

3. **The method.** To give a child a clear conception of missions, discuss thoroughly one country at a time (rather than a certain phase of several), and give a review at the next meeting. In studying a new country, the various aspects can be presented and then compared or contrasted with previous studies.

4. **The scope.** Though our denominational interests should be stressed, no other fields should be overlooked, for until Christ withdraws His command to teach **all** nations, the mission field remains the whole world. Missionaries tell us they mention severally the work in every land when they pray. Should not we, therefore, familiarize ourselves with the needs of all that we also may uphold them in prayer?

5. **The training.** The Beginners and Primary Departments should also lay the foundation for missionary gifts and prayers. The children are simply thrilled to support a native boy or girl, and it is surprising how earnestly their prayers accompany their gifts. All their offerings should be for a designated purpose, of which they should be reminded each time they contribute.

B. **In Junior and Junior High Departments**—Deepen previous impressions by doing rather than by hearing.

1. **Missionary portrayals.** It is quite instructive for the boys and girls to give an occasional missionary presentation in native dress, depicting customs and local incidents and fixing in their minds geographical locations. This can and should also contain a definite message which will result in souls being saved and lives consecrated.

2. **Missionary classrooms.** One department combined interest and instruction by having each class choose a country and decorate its classroom accordingly. Each class also chose a name in the native tongue of the country represented. Competative tendencies so predominant at this age made the results most gratifying. An inspection of all the rooms was like taking a trip around the world.

3. **Missionary assistance.** The natural tendencies of these children to make collections can also be put to practical use in making scrap books of helpful material for missionaries on the field. Chalk talks and object lessons clipped from old quarterlies or religious magazines are always useful. Songs for both children and adults with an especially good message and suitable music, are welcomed and can be translated into the desired language. New methods which have been helpful at home will be profitable on the field. These, when put in looseleaf form for convenience in filing, will be of infinite value to a busy missionary.

4. **Missionary responsibility.** Personal responsibility to support and pray for missions will become more interesting and vital if the children send missionary boxes to the field. Here the foundation is laid for future missionary societies, so care should be taken that only practical articles in good condition are sent. This worth-while service will also mean more to them if they earn the money to send the box. Perhaps they will also want to support a child in a mission school at home or abroad, or have a part in some difinite missionary project.

5. **Missionary activities.** The Junior and Junior High age is the opportune time to begin to train for service. Talents consecrated to God in this great habit-forming period are not likely to be squandered in future years, though one may not be privileged to devote his life to Christian work. The common tasks of cleaning up the yard or mopping the kitchen floor

The Jews Past - Present - Future

By Irene Karrar

(This article is the prize winning essay in the young peoples class of the Lake Odessa Brethren Church.)

Some 4000 years ago God separated Abraham, the father of the Jewish nation, and told him that he would bless the world through his seed, the Jews. He said, "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Our Savior was a Jew. In Hebrews we find He passed by angels and chose to take upon Himself the seed of Abraham. As a Jew He wrought out our salvation.

The history of the Jew is without parallel in human history. Though oppressed, downtrodden, carried through nations, the Jews have outlived all their conquerors. No nation has ever given to the world such a number of great men: Such a man of faith as Abraham, such a great leader and lawgiver as Moses, such a statesman as Joseph, and such a wise man as Solomon. The preservation of the Jewish race is a miracle of history. It is like the bush burning, yet unconsumed. For them the Red Sea was driven back and Jordan parted. They were miraculously fed in the wilderness and divinely sheltered and guided by a pillar of cloud and fire. The sun and the moon stayed on their courses so that they might have time to slay their enemies.

The Jew stands today either among the cultured or the peasant, as one in desperate need of the gospel. He knows too much about the unbelief and hypocrisy of the churches today. But he has a hungry heart. The modern Jew-hating propaganda is driving the Jew away from the gospel because he knows there are many engaged in the business of anti-semitism who are supposed to be Christians. How wonderful if Christians could see the Jew as God sees him! Concerning the Jew, God holds out salvation on the basis of reconciliation in the cross of Christ. The time is not far off when we in America must decide as individuals what attitude we will take toward the anti-Jewish movement in the world. We should love the Jews as God loves them. The greatest thing we can do for the Jew is to lead him to Christ, our Savior.

For centuries the Jew has wandered among the nations as the Bible says. He has been without a national home, without a king or any form of government, and without any national defense. Moses wrote by the inspiration of the Spirit of God, "And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy feet have rest; but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and a failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind, and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night and shalt have none assurance of thy life."

The Jewish nation today is out of the direct will of God, away from the Lord, the place of blessing, and dulled by unbelief. Today the Jews are wandering in a new way—not among the nations but in the sea. More than 900 refugees from Europe have been cruising from one continent to another looking for a place to land. Not a nation on the face of the earth has so far offered these homeless people a place to rest the soels of their feet. If it were not revealed in the Scriptures we would not understand the meaning of this. Many have attempted suicide as a door of escape from their helpless condition.

The Jews are without a king for the time being. Their King is in heaven and they are scattered among the nations of the earth. The living Jews shall be saved when Christ comes again.

The Bible tells us that the Jews will go back to the Holy land and regain it. We find this true today. God is slowly gathering them up from all nations and putting them where they belong. When the nation goes back in unbelief, God will allow the great tribulation to act as fire of judgment and the nation will turn to God, and they will finally turn to Christ, confessing Him as their Savior and Lord. After Christ their king reigns supreme all the nations of the earth shall turn to the Jews for the knowledge of God. The Jews are unaware of the great future God is providing for them. Although they rejected their Messiah once when He came the first time, they will receive Him when He comes the second time

The least any Christian can do is to pray that the Jews of the world may quickly respond in the proper way to the world trends and that they individually

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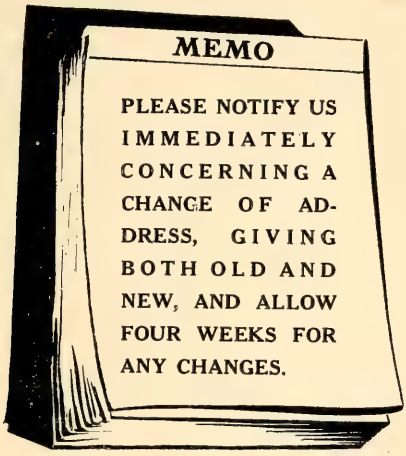
for an aged couple, or of doing other deeds of kindness in Christ's name, may become a labor of love for Him who said, "Bear ye one another's burdens," and "Consider one another to provoke unto love and good works." Carolling at Christmas and Easter or singing outside the window of some lonely shut-in will prove a blessing. Visitation at the children's hospital or among the aged in the general hospital (how the old folks love children)! will be most enjoyable, but care should be taken that no wards be entered where contagion is possible. A few songs, and perhaps the recitation of a fitting Scripture passage or a cheery poem with a Christian message, will mean much to many an aching heart. Bouquets (or at least one flower for each person), with a Bible verse attached, may be left to cheer after the children are gone. Postage stamp text cards are suitable and even adults will not resent receiving them from a child. They often revive childhood memories and sometimes lead to conviction.—G.A.



and collectively may consider the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ. Two thirds of the Jews are to be cut off and die during the great tribulation yet to come. Surely the most vicious Jew hater will be satisfied with such a slaughter.

When the Lord comes back again the Jews will have been converted to Him, and He will make them a ruling nation. The prophet Isaiah says concerning them. "The nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall be punished; yea, those nations shall utterly be wasted." There is no future blessing for the individual nor for the world that is not in some way connected with the Jews. Do we hope to go to that city for which Abraham waited? That city is the new Jerusalem. A Jewish Bible, a Jewish capitol city of heaven, Jews all to be converted and to rule the earth; our honor to sit down with Jews in heaven!

RECKONED DEAD

(Rom. 6:11)

By Dr. V. C. Kelford

Why should I pray for power, dear Lord,
When Thou dost dwell within?
All power on earth to Thee is given—
All power to Thee in heaven.

Help me, I pray, to understand,
Divide aright Thy Word.
To pray for power when Christ-indwelt
Is not the will of God.

Presenting this, my body, now
As Thou Thyself hast willed,
According to the promise given,
I shall be Spirit-filled.

So, then, when crucified with Christ,
When **He** lives, and not I,
To learn to yield will be my prayer
And what it means to die.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR JULY 28th, 1940

Brahmanism

(Col. 2:16-23)

Suggestions for the Leader

The reason we have so many religions is that men are bound to be religious. If they do not know the true worship, then they will make another.

Christian mission work is the best answer to the spread of false religions. We must evangelize or be overrun by other systems. Even here in America we have all kinds of false religion. The speakers will tell us of the evils of Brahmanism.

1. The Ways of Life of Brahmanism.

Like every system apart from Christianity it is based upon works. The worshipper depends entirely upon the priest to make his sacrifices. The system claims knowledge as a way of life. They say men are holy and perfect beings. To become divine one must practice self denial. Notice how Christianity emphasises belief, truth, acceptance of Christ.

2. The God of the Brahman.

The followers worship the sacred writings known as The Vedas. They worship many gods instead of one. They do not believe that he is personal. They have a negative aspect to their system instead of a real constructive program.

3. Self Denial.

Brahman followers practice strict self denial and even torture their bodies. The holy men dictate to the people and they must obey. To deny oneself ought not be to the point of hindering the body. The Bible teaches that the body of the Christian is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Real self denial will be to God's honor and glory.

4. The Future Life.

They say that man must become extinct and at death the soul goes to Brahman. They believe at death the soul enters the body of another form. This is called transmigration. They believe that men may even come back as animals, and that an evil man comes back, but in a low scale.

5. The Brahmans and Christ.

The teaching of the Brahmans has fastened upon

India the awful caste system. The vast difference in social planes makes it difficult for the people to realize that God is no respector of persons and that Christ came to save all. Their teachings such as that man is not a sinner, that God is not personal and that there are many gods instead of one, make the approach of Christian missionaries hard.

Questions

1. How far do you think a Christian should go in the matter of self denial?

2. How does the future life, as taught by the Bible, differ from the teachings of Brahman?

3. Contrast the teachings of the Bible with that of Brahman on the subject of earning eternal life (Eph. 2:8-9).

4. Explain the only Way of Life as found in Jn. 14:6.

5. How do we depend upon a priest in Christianity? Tell how Christ is our High Priest.

Junior-Intermediate Topic for July 28, 1940

By Mrs. Ruth Waymire

Bible Heroes: MOSES

Song: Throw Out the Lifeline.

Prayer.

Scripture: Heb. 11:23-26.

Special Number (solo, duet, or instrumental): Under His Wings.

Story: Moses and Miriam (Ex. 2).

"Let me tell you about a boy who didn't care for wealth and power when he had them instead of his family. While the children of Israel were in Egypt, a Pharaoh came to power who did not remember what Joseph had done for his country. He began to persecute them. He made them work very hard, and even said all the boy babies must be killed. A young woman named Jochabed could not bear to think of her beautiful baby boy being killed. She hid him for a while. Then one day she had a wonderful idea. She made of waterproof ark of bulrushes, like a little basket, and set it in the part of the river where the princess came to bathe. She told her daughter, Miriam, to watch and see what would happen. I know she must have prayed that God would take care of her baby son. Sure enough, the princess came down to the water, saw the little ark, and called her maids to bring it to her.

"Such a beautiful baby" she cried. "I will take him for my own." Then she saw Miriam and told her to call a woman who could take care of him. Miriam called her mother, and how happy the little family was to be together again. So baby Moses lived with his own family for a while. His mother taught him all about his own people and the God of his fathers. One day the princess came to take Moses to the palace to be her son. He was old enough to remember his home and mother. Though he had all the riches the court could give him, I think his heart was hungry for his simple home and family, for as he grew older he would go back to the place where the Israelites lived. One day he saw an Egyptian beating one of his brethren and was so angry he killed him. When it became known he ran away to the desert rather than go back to the court. Here he lived until God called him to deliver his people from bondage and take them to the promised land.

Questions for Discussion

Name some things that money cannot buy. Rom. 6:23; Eph. 6:8-9; Prov. 18:24; Rom. 5:1-8; 8:32, 35-39.

What will Christ do if you let Him come into your heart? Jn. 1:12; II Cor. 5:17.

Bethany Camp Through the Eyes of a Christian Worker

"Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him" (Col. 3:17). We are one of those who believe that the fruit which is going to stand the fire in the day of His appearing is that which has been done unto Him. No service is menial in His sight.

As we visited with the workers at Camp Bethany we felt and discovered that all seeked to be working as unto the Lord. Whether washing dishes, running errands, setting tables, or what not, all seemed to be working as "unto Him." Needless to say, then, there was cooperation without which no work is a success. Every one wanted to do his share, to help the other party in any task that was before him.

Personally, we believe that one of the requirements of a minister is that he be willing to do a little manual labor. How we rejoiced to see these young preachers and students from Grace Seminary roll up their sleeves, put on their boots, unbutton their collars, and demonstrate the truth of Gen. 3:19. One could mention the names of Kriegbaum, Remple, Miller from Tracy, and others. We feel this example was good for the youngsters who assisted in the camp. This spirit of work, cooperation, and doing all as unto Him is going to bear fruit in any field where God leads our young men to take a pastorate.

One could not close any testimony without a word of commendation of Brother and Sister Polman, who demonstrated what we have known so many years—a general, a commander, and a captain who loved not only our Great Commander but all His servants.

May Bethany Camp grow and continue to be blessing is our prayer.

A visiting (elder) sailor, CLAUDE H. PEARSON

UNCLE EBAN SAYS, "Seek to know de way ob righteousness, and avoid all de unnecessary detours."

MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR

On their respective birthdays, the names, favorite Scripture verses, and prayer requests of pastors, missionaries, and others in the brotherhood who are prominent in Christian work, will appear under this head. Please see that each member in your society is assigned one of the following names for daily prayer. Assign a different name to each member weekly. If you know of others whose names should have appeared this month, please notify your News Editor at once.

July 2—Mrs. Elias Zimmerman, wife of missionary in charge of the Los Angeles (Brethren) Jewish Mission. Ps. 103:1-2. No requests submitted, but pray for the testimony given forth at the mission and for the Jews everywhere.

July 4—Robert Hill, pastor of Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind. II Cor. 5:17. Requests prayer for the unsaved in that district, for the plans for building their church, for a new young people's weekly Bible class (two were recently saved at one of the meetings), and for a place to meet until their new building is erected.

July 7—Dr. Kenneth M. Monroe, Dean of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. II Cor. 5:15. Requests prayer for the 90 Bible Institute graduates who desire to be used when and where He wills, and for his own trip throughout the east during the month of August, and for speaking engagements in several Bible conferences and churches.

July 7—Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum, wife of pastor of Third Brethren Church, Los Angeles. Requests prayer for young people's summer camps, missionaries (especially those in countries engaged in war), and the new home mission points under the Home Missions Council.

July 8—Mrs. Floyd Taber, missionary in Africa. (Requests supplied since war conditions prevented arrival of Mrs. Taber's requests.) Pray that the native Christians may grow in grace and remain faithful to the Lord, that the missionaries will receive all the money sent them, and that their supplies will last until more can reach them under present chaotic conditions.

July 10, Miss Florence Bickel, missionary in Africa. (Requests supplied since her own were delayed by war conditions.) Praise the Lord for the indigenous churches in Africa. Pray that they may stand true and be able to carry on however war conditions may effect the work, and that someone may be sent to replace the Sheldons during their furlough so Miss Bickel need not be alone on the station.

July 11—Rev. Orville D. Jobson, superintendent of our African mission stations. (Requests supplied since his own are delayed by war conditions.) Pray for wisdom in arranging the work on the field, in carrying on the volume of official business with the government at this critical time, and in shouldering his many other responsibilities, also for the seminary in his charge.

July 15—Robert Williams, missionary condidate to Africa. Requests prayer for the missionaries in Africa in this uncertain hour when the territory may be seized by another power which may thrust out the missionaries with suffering and persecution; that the way may be opened for missionaries to go to Africa; and that the native evangelists and pastors may be "strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man" so that they may be able to carry on the work if the missionaries have to leave.

July 15—Mrs. Leo Polman, wife of pastor at Ft. Wayne, Ind. I Cor. 15:58. Requests prayer that Christian homes may be a real testimony of steadfastness and stability to the world, and that our children may be kept in these trying times and be called in service for the Master

July 16—Rev. Claude H. Pearson, missionary to seamen at San Pedro, Calif. Gal. 2:20. Requests praise for safe arrival of over 400 lbs. of Japanese and Norwegian Gospels shipped through the war zone; and prayer for definite decisions for Christ upon the vessels, especially those from the warring countries, and for financial aid for the new work they are starting among soldiers at Ft. MacArthur in San Pedro.

July 16—Ricardo E. Wagner, native pastor in Almafuerte, S. America. II Cor. 12:9. Requests prayer that the Lord will give him wisdom and very special guidance in all of the problems relative to his wide field of service (besides his pastorate he holds services in Berrotaran and Elena and visits a number of other towns when possible), and that they may be found ever in His hands and in His will.

July 18—Rev. E. W. Reed, pastor at Sunnyside, Wash. S. of Sol. 2:16 first clause. Requests prayer for our brotherhood in the words of Paul in Eph. 3:14-21.

July 18—Rev. George M. Richardson, pastor at Glendale, Calif. No requests submitted, but pray for this thriving home mission church.

July 19—Rev. Robert Culver, pastor at Ankenytown, O. Eph. 2:8-9. No requests submitted, but pray for his ministry.

July 21—Mrs. Orville D. Jobson, missionary in Africa. See "Praise and Prayer" elsewhere in this issue for her requests.

July 25—Mrs. Randall L. Rossman, wife of pastor at Altoona, Pa. Jn. 14:27. No requests submitted, but pray for the work at Altoona.

Extracts from the Kliever Diary

Feb. 25—We praise the Lord for the decisions that were made. But always we feel as if so little is accomplished on Sundays. The natives have their work that they must do, planned by the chief and the administration. Although the administration doesn't force them to work Sundays, the folks get so little done of what they should that they have to take Sundays to do it, and thus we hardly ever can have more than one service a day in a village even on a Sunday.

Feb. 26—Had breakfast (by myself) at 4:30 and then on the bike and a moonlight start to preach in a village a good hour's stiff pedaling from here. We arrived just as they were gathering around the gathering place to get their assignments to work for that day. Had a nice service and started back to headquarters. On the way back we stopped at the different villages to greet the chief and get acquainted a bit. This evening we backtracked to another village, and I had a sort of reading class with the men of the village while waiting for my interpreter. We used the dirt for a blackboard, writing the letters on the ground; and later using a stem of grass for a pointer, started to make paper talk to them. Meanwhile Jean (John) the evangelist came and we had the service, after which we returned to Benamkor again.

Feb. 27—As there is a path that circles this whole circuit, and by going round the circle we may touch each village, we started another trip on bike by moonlight. The circuit is about 75 kilometers or about 50 miles. We preached three times and returned by 2:30 P. M. We took it rather easy, as the bush paths are rough in places, sandy in others and over logs and rocks in others. We got a good idea of the section of the field that we are calling Benamkor Circuit. We saw all kinds of game on the way around: antelope, large and small; scared a herd of water buffalo (more dangerous than lions when wounded or alone); and also saw wild pigs and fowl. When we got back, here was a runner with my gun and the needed lamp parts. A quick walk around the suburbs (?) and after stalking a small herd of antelope I brought down one and we had fresh meat!

Feb. 29—News has arrived of the death of one of the babies of the mission, the baby of an evangelist. He writes to us, as if he were trying to console us, saying that the Lord gives and the Lord takes. There is news of an epidemic of meningitis in Bekoro vicinity.

Mar. 2—A runner comes by bike from the mission at Bekoro. There is a bad sickness: some of the mission villagers are sick, many in the neighboring villages have died, and one of the poisonous snakes has bitten the wife of a workman. The venom from this snake deteriorates the blood and it becomes as water, and the ears, mouth and little wounds or cuts are all outlets for the blood. This is about 3:30 P. M. so Mrs. Kennedy and I get into the truck and hurry to the mission, not knowing what this is, but knowing that we are needed. Freda and Anne stay at Benamkor, as we plan on looking into the epidemic and giving medicine to the snake case and then returning to pack or stay out the planned time. The first thing we see is that the garage has fallen in. One of the workmen is taken with this disease, and others are afraid they will have it, so they crowd the dispensary for medicines of prevention. We return to Benamkor. Darkness has set in, and as there is a little getting ready of the truck to store it for a few days more, Mrs. Kenedy goes on by bike, and the cook and I make the necessary arrangements. We cross the river in the canoe; and in getting his bike out, the cook almost capsizes the boat and into the water he goes, cook, bike and all. It is black-night. His shoes came off in the spill and are finally fished out of the river bottom. Here was hoping I wouldn't go and do likewise, and thus it was, I disembarked safely, and we arrived to a very late but welcome supper.

Mar. 4—Started out again to pick up the villages that we had missed on our previous almost daily bicycle preaching trips. Sent the runner on ahead with my bed and to arrange to have water for washing and drinking purposes. He started in the morning and we left at 3:30 P. M. by bike and arrived right after he did.

He had been detained a little by lions that were drinking at a water hole, and he did the wise thing by not moving after he saw them until they departed. I asked if they attacked cyclers also. They said no, not if you go fast enough. I thought of how every bridge near these water holes has a sandy stretch which requires slow speed if not walking, and decided that I would rather not meet lions on a bike trip. It was quite warm, and after a blessed service, we sat around a small camp fire and chatted. You learn many things from natives as to their customs, beliefs, etc. around the campfire that way. These will be the subject of a series of articles if time and opportunity comes for them. I will say that there is a spirit in one of these villages that tells where the inquirer may find lost articles, what medicine to take to get well, what to do to straighten out certain affairs, etc. It is the spirit of someone that died, they say. I asked if there was a medium, and they said no. Then they said they had to pay money or give food for the advice or council of this spirit. Then I asked who took the money, and it is his former wife, thus the mediator. A chief, for instance, lost his money. This spirit told him where it was and for another sum of money was to tell him the name of the person who had it! One party said they had only so much money, and the spirit said, "You hid 10 francs under that fallen tree by the path," and it was true! Your guess and conclusion is as good as mine. This medium, by the way, refuses to have anything to do with children of God!!

Mar. 7—We are up early after gathering things last night, and are on our way back to the mission. We make the short extra run to Paoua to see the administrator about the epidemic, to get advice and also to make a few purchases. Arrive home in time for noon meal. Anne was pleased to see Bekoro again, although she never once asked that we should start for home again. The funny thing about it is that when we go to Bassai or to Bozoum (also the time we went to Yaloke), she almost immediately asks to go back home. After asking around, we found that she likes Bekoro and Benamkor because they have mud

THINK IT OVER

Just suppose the membership of your church was 50 people, would you be in or out?

Suppose your membership was good for just one year, and that reelection depended upon the good you have done in your church during that time. Would you be reelected?

houses, and she apparently doesn't feel at home in the brick mansions of the other stations. If she doesn't feel at home there, what will it be when she gets to U. S. A.?

Many are sick with this whatever-it-is. We are sure it isn't meningitis, but it is something seemingly contagious and yet not highly contagious.

Mar. 13—Minnie has been working almost day and night fighting this whatever-it-is. I have been trying to get workmen and material to get a house together and to replace the garage and the workshop that caved in after 4 year's service. Minnie's and our house seem tired also and ready to cave in, so something has to be done; thus am putting up another house, temporary of mud. (Never even built a good bird house at home!) There is enough work in the mission to keep a builder busy building and repairing, and how it wears on the nerves to have the call to preach, people dying all around, people wanting to hear the message of salvation, and here we must be occupied, with what? **building,** carpenter work! Why? So we have a place to sleep. If it wasn't for wife and child, I'd say, "Forget the building and get out and preach," but I know Rom. 8:28 is still in the Bible.

Mar. 18—Buried the wife of a prospective evangelist. She had been taking good care of her husband, and came down with it and died. He is so sick, they think he doesn't know she has gone on. This is the first adult of the mission village Christians to die. The villagers were going to come here and have a heathen mourning. We put a stop to that, and then they wanted to take the body and mourn over it and bury it in the village. We refused this also, telling them to help dig a grave, and we would have a funeral service right here in the mission. It was my first funeral service, that is the first service I conducted since in Africa. What a joy to be able to preach that this soul will live again in a body to die no more!

Mar. 20—I felt well enough to get up again, and thus started to move around to get ready for the work of the day. A couple of workmen came. It was still a half hour too early, but time to beat the first drum for prayer meeting. I asked them to beat it, and they said, "Shall we work today?" I asked, "why not." They said, "Can we work and bury our brother at the same time." So I knew that Mannanie, the prospective evangelist, had gone to keep his wife company in awaiting the glorious resurrection.

Mar. 29—After a hard day, decided to visit one of the nearby villages, and as Mrs. Kennedy, wanted to go also, we took the truck and went. We went to Bedam, another prospective chapel point, and found them working, preparing for the chapel and evangelist. We divided the group that came to hear the Word. Mrs. Kennedy took the believers, and I took the unbelievers. After a short but definite message and appeal, 15 more in that village professed to accept Christ. That is one fine way of getting rid of "that tired feeling"—get out an preach to lost souls!

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—Mrs. Leo Polman.

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

CAMPBELL BRETHREN CHURCH
Lake Odessa, Mich.

Times of refreshing from the Lord have come to us at Lake Odessa thru the preaching of the Word by our Bro. Harold Dunning. Even before the meetings began there were evidences of Satan's opposition, and this opposer of the universe of men and angels and of God kept up his work thruout. But thanks be unto God Who giveth us the victory thru our Lord Jesus Christ, he was not able to overcome the work of the Spirit. The people had a mind to work and pray, and as a result of the preaching of the Word with power, there were 17 decisions for Christ.

During the second week of the meetings we ran a Bible school, our first experience. We had an average attendance of 80, and 11 of the decisions for Christ came thru our Bible school. Altho all of these decisions were children of ages 9-15, we nevertheless have a nucleus for the future of the church. Evidence that the revival is continuing since the meetings is borne out in the confession of Christ by a young mother. Many of these have been baptized and taken into the membership of the church, and four await baptism. We covet your prayers in behalf of our Junior Dept. and our transportation system.

There were 53 who joined in the communion service, the highest number at the Lord's table for several years. Rev. and Mrs. Dunning were indeed very enjoyable guests, and our fellowship was of the finest order. We kept them and they kept us busy every minute of the two weeks. Our appreciation goes to them, and to all who entertained, and to all who helped with the Bible School work. We were a tired but happy group of people in this experience.

ARTHUR CAREY, Pastor

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NEW TROY, MICH.

I am writing to tell you about our summer Bible School which was held during the week of June 17-22.

The school was held in cooperation with the Rural Bible Missions of Michigan. This group is doing a great and effective work in reaching the children of the rural communities for Christ. They work primarily through the schools. At present they are covering the rural schools in 15 counties in the state about once each month.

Our church is too small to hold the school we planned. Therefore, after much prayer, we approached the superintendent of the school in New Troy. The superintendent very graciously opened the building for our use and has already granted us the use of the building for our school next summer. While the town is small, they have a large beautiful school building to serve the outlying rural community.

The next thing we needed was a bus to transport the children, as we had promised free transportation to all who would come, and some of the children lived several miles from New Troy. The Lord knew our need and laid it upon one of the rural districts, which brings their children to New Troy in the winter, to loan us their bus for the week. When we asked the use of the bus, the driver replied, "I would like for you to pay for the gas." We are praying that the Lord may send us a bus of our own by fall to use every week in a Saturday Bible School.

Three neighboring churches (all fundamental) cooperated with us in the school. Teachers came to help us from two of these churches. The third church did not have any teachers who were free, but urged their children to attend. We also enjoyed the fellowship of Bro. and Sister Umbaugh during the week. They were both students in Grace Seminary during the past winter and are serving two little churches in Indiana during the summer months.

Ten teachers came during the week to help us in the school. Some of these teachers were not able to attend evry day but others always came to take their place. The school was divided into seven divisions or classes. On Friday evening a graduation service was held. Awards for attainment were given to those who learned the most Scripture verses during the week and to the ones who brought the most new pupils. Three girls, 14 years old tied for the Scripture verse award by learning 47 verses apiece during the week.

Sixty children, 5-14, were enrolled in the school. This number would have been more than doubled if the strawberries had not decided to hurry and ripen during this week. For this reason, we are planning to have the school earlier next year.

Yours in His Service,

RUSSELL L. WILLIAMS

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WEST HOMER BRETHREN CHURCH
Homerville, Ohio

Our Daily Bible School was a very good success, averaging about 45 in attendance. Five teachers gave of their time and sacrificed money in order to hold the Bible School from June 5-14. They spent time that many housewives would have thought was needed at household duties, all because of Him Whose they are and Whom they serve, that children might be trained in the things of the Lord. These teachers planned the school and saw to the transportation besides teaching from 9:00 A. M. till near noon.

On Sun. night, June 16, 36 pupils of five classes, under the direction of the five teachers, took charge of the service. In this service songs, choruses, Scripture verses, answers to catechetical questions by verses of Scripture, charts, and outlines to stimulate interest in the study of the living and written Word were given, which indicate the Lord by His Spirit had been directing the school from beginning to end each day. Bible Schools are necessary and possible in rural communities even though for short periods.

PAUL A. DAVIS

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The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth, so is every one that is born of the Spirit—Jn. 3:8.

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HERE AND THERE

By Robert Culver

Alva J. McClain, who has been on a speaking tour of the West Coast, had the following itinerary, all in California: June 10-14, La Verne Brethren Church; June 16-21, San Diego Brethren Church; June 23-26, First Brethren Church, Long Beach; June 29-July 6. Mount Herman Bible Conference; July 7-10.

The Building Which Now Houses The First Brethren Church of San Diego, Calif. was dedicated at a special Saturday afternoon service June 15. This new building was completed three years after the founding of the work. Our congratulations to the congregation and pastor Albert Flory.

About the first of May Robert W. Hill, student at Grace Theological Seminary, became pastor of the Brethren Church of Osceola, Ind. The church has been without a building for several weeks, but has been meeting in homes. Attendance has passed the 50 mark and recently nine persons accepted Christ in a Sunday morning service.

Brethren Young People of Southern Calif. aged 12-25 attended Camp Seeley, July 6-13.

Camp Buckeye, training camp for Brethren young people of Northeast Ohio was conducted at Camp Y-Noah near Akron June 22-28. There were 127 in attendance, including staff.

Green Mountain Camp for Brethren young people of the Southeast was conducted near Edinburg, Va. June 20-July 13. During the first week, young people, aged 11-15 attended, and during the second week young people over 16 yrs. of age.

The First Brethren Church of Waynesboro, Pa. recently closed a very successful summer Bible School. Children ranging in age from 4-15 attended, and enrollment attained 150. The Waynesboro church has recently adopted a unified Sunday morning service, and from all reports seems to like it.

The Danville Brethren Church (Ohio) recently enjoyed nine days ministry of Bro. Conard Sandy. Bro. Sandy presented stereoptican lectures on the Near East and Palestine. Even though the services were not definitely evangelistic, three souls accepted Christ as Savior. Pastor S. M. Justice reports renewed interest in the Word and in attendance.

Pastors and church correspondents please notice!!! There is no change in the mailing address for material for this column. Continue to address Robert D. Culver, Winona Lake, Ind. Yes, the news editor moved for the summer, but forwarding arrangements have been provided for all classes of mail.

Has the Emergency Offering Disappeared?

As this copy is being prepared we are wondering what has happened to the emergency home mission offering that was taken in June by the churches. We had heard of many fine opinions as to how it would be reached. BUT TO DATE WE HAVE SEEN NOTHING OF IT EXCEPT THE REPORT OF ONE MISSION POINT AND A FEW ISOLATED GIFTS!

We are going ahead with the fields and projects for which this added offering was supposed to have provided. But we cannot do so very long on limited funds. Since there were few, if any, pledges, the offering should be ready at once. So pastors! look around and make a few inquiries and see if your treasurer knows what to do with the offering since he has it. We need it now.

The offering will need to come in during the next two weeks if they are to be reported before national conference. This is what we would like to do. Help us make a full report then. It will encourage everybody.

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By R. Paul Miller, Editor

THE NEW WORLD ORDER—

That we are approaching the end of an era seems to be the widespread conviction of present day world leaders. It is preached from thousands of pulpits; it is forecast from hundreds of lecture platforms; it is published far and wide and repeatedly, in newspapers and magazines. "The present order of things is passing away." "The end of this war will see the end of civilization." "The ship of civilization is not gong to sink in five years or fifty years, it is sinking right now, right before our very eyes." "It is all over now—mankind will take to caves." And so they continue. When Jesus Christ came the first time—when He came to die on Calvary—the philosophers of the world were commonly agreed that the world was getting old and that they had tried everything and everything had failed to elevate man and save him from despair. A new era for the world of men after a terrible upheaval of human experience was anticipated.

All of this is not without real significance. There is little doubt but that the presentiment of woes ahead is already taking hold of the hearts of men. Did not Jesus say in Lk. 21, "Men's hearts failing them for fear because of looking upon the thing that are coming upon the earth"? There is little doubt that keen minded men of the world can see the trend of things from a purely materialistic standpoint. But what about the 'new era'?

This new era is forecast by many in many different ways. There is an organized group of British leaders who already for years have had a new world arrangement all thought out. They are organized and are working feverishly in this country now seeking converts among American leaders. The Hitler group have their plans for the new world after this war is won—by Hitler. Stalin has his plans for a Communistic world, and is waiting slyly to put it over. Mussolini also has a new world plan with Rome over all. Here in this land there seems to be no end to idealists who have what to their minds is a perfect plan for a perfect world "after the war is over."

It seems never to occur to any of these that God has a plan, and that God is the only One able to put His plan into effect! The rest will all fail for they are all built upon the might or goodness of man, and neither of these is genuine. Only after God's mighty arm has bound Satan in the bottomless pit can a new order for this world come about (Rev. 20:1-3). Only after antichrist has been cast alive into the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20) can "righteousness cover the earth as waters cover the sea." Only when the saints shall reign with Christ a thousand years, (Rev. 20:6), shall "every man dwell under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid." **That** will be a real new world order in contrast to the way men's hearts are now failing them for fear. The only time this world of men will enjoy rest and peace will be when God Himself is at rest with this world. Only those will enjoy God's new world order who have "God's order" in their hearts through being born again through faith in Jesus Christ.

HAS SATAN'S SHORT TIME BEGUN?

In Rev. 12 we have the prophecy of the day ahead when, with the time at hand for winding up all things in this age of grace, Satan will be cast out of the heavens for good, with all his fallen angels. When that time comes, says the record, Satan will at last realize that he has but a short time left in which to do all the damage he would like to do. His crowning hate is against Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Who has received all honor and power from God the Father, the hour and power that Satan enviously sought to grasp for himself. Therefore the first object of his wrath will be the Jews, for out of them Jesus Christ came according to the flesh. The Word says that he will send out a flood of water 'from his mouth' with the purpose of swallowing up poor Israel.

When we behold the flood of hate that is pouring from the lips of men like Hitler and thousands of others who hate Israel, and observe the flood of human armies which they are forming for the final purpose of crushing not only Israel, but Israel's Messiah when He returns to deliver them, we wonder much if perhaps Satan has not already been cast out of heaven and now realizes that he has but a short time before he shall be cast down to hell, 'to the sides of the pit'. He is moving things pretty fast today. The nations are churning and raging; madly, blindly, steadily converging toward the final roundup before the Mount of Olives and—death. The present world holocaust was born in a hell of Jewish hate and persecution in Germany. Can it be that here Satan is starting his last campaign against Jesus Christ? If it is, there is one glorious comfort—it won't last long. Christ has promised that His true saints will not be left here to endure it, but will be taken away to be prepared to take part in His glorious victory which will soon follow (Rev. 19:14). Keep your ear atuned for the 'up-calling'.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES IN JAIL

Down in Waxahachie, Tex., 200 so-called 'Jehovah's Witnesses" descended on the town and distributed literature inciting the people to renounce the United States government and despise our flag. When some of the recipients read the literature and realized the nature of it and protested, the police came in. The Jehovah's Witnesses started to run, but 90 were arrested and jailed. In Odessa, Tex., 50 more were jailed and then set out of town for the same reason.

Now no doubt there are some very sincere people among these zealots, and we sometimes wish that many of the people in our own Brethren churches had half the zeal for the real truth that these folks have for their miserable concoction of religious ideas. How-

ever, we deplore that such a pitiable association of unscriptural ideas should bear the name of Jehovah, our blessed Lord, and that such misguided zealots should be heralded far and wide as His true witnesses. The militant, harsh and unchristlike spirit that we have observed in them is enough to turn anyone away from the things they profess. Their manner also embitters many unbelieving people against all things religious. It has not been so many years since the first world war and it was then that the militant pacifist spirit of this group of devotees made it very hard for many of our sincerely conscientious Brethren young men to obtain the consideration for their non-resistant principles that was provided for them by the government. There is little doubt that if our nation enters war again that conditions will be made worse than ever by these very same people.

In stirring up the people to "renounce all man-made governmental systems," and in refusing to salute the flag of their country, they reveal plainly that they are not witnesses of Jehovah, at all. Rom. 13:13 declares, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether it be to the king as supreme, or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the igonrance of foolish men; as free, yet not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of the Lord. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king." May these and all other misguided folks be led to the simple truth as it is in His Word. Let us as Brethren beware that we do not attempt to use our Scriptural liberties as a cloke for maliciousness. The only way that we can hold the truth and love with a pure heart is that we be born again. The saddest thing abroad is the sight of those who are unsaved, unborn again, and yet trying militantly to 'defend' the truth of the Bible—a truth that they do not even know. We wonder how many of these so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses" really know Jehovah ! ! Let us pray for them.

"UNION NOW" !—

Paul Mallon, well known American journalist, in his recent column declared that the union of all democracies is swiftly taking shape. He quotes Dale Carnegie as publicly declaring that Governor Stark of Missouri was sure to be the next president after Roosevelt; that Roosevelt is sure to be re-elected and then become the first "World President of Democracies" in about two years, or about 1942 or 1943; that then he will resign and give the office to Stark; that the Canadians are not worried over the future at all in spite of what may happen to Europe; that the Canadians are expecting the United States to soon bear the large part of the weight of the present war with men, money and materials; that soon after the war the population of Canada will spiral to 50,000,000 instead of the present 11,000,000; and that all of Great Britain will soon be under one government with its Capital at Ottawa; that the outlook is such that the dreams of a world union of democracies is very near at hand, since Britain is certain to become a pure democracy very soon.

It all sounds very nice. Men continue to plan and propose and lay out the future of the world as they would like to have it. But God's future plan for this world is not a democracy. It is a pure despotism! And Jesus Christ the Lord of glory is to be the Despot! (Jude 4; Acts 2:34,35). Happy day for the world of men when they are ruled over by One Who loved them and gave Himself for them!

YOU AND YOUR TROUBLES

Recently the Reader's Digest carried this little gem:

> "Don't go out to meet trouble. Just sit still, and nine times out of ten someone will intercept it before it gets to you."

That is a good piece of advice for all of us. But there is something better than that. The Christian has it. He has a perfect "Intercepter."

> "This poor man cried, and **the Lord** saved him out of **all** his troubles" (Ps. 34:6).

Hide behind the Lord, brother. He will deliver you!

You Should Read These

The American Prophetic League has been publishing some short, pointed, timely and Scriptural pamphlets. They are especially designed to be helpful in these tragic days. They have recently sent out three pamphlets written by Rev. Keith Brooks.

The little booklet entitled, "The Age End Prophecy of Our Lord," is challenging to many untaught and mistaught professing Christians. It will be an eye opener to many.

"When He giveth Quietness" is rich for the souls of Christians in these trying days. Without question this is the most helpful and rich little gold mine of encouragement for tried hearts in these days that we have ever read.

"Inescapable Facts" is a tract to place in the hands of any unsaved person either in or out of the church. The reading of these recent works will stir the soul of any one. You may obtain them by sending to the League at 4747 Townsend Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. They may also be obtained by sending to The Brethren Missionary Herald Company, 3326 South Calhoun St., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse—Are They Riding Today?

By R. D. Crees, Pastor at Waynesboro, Pa.

Riding, riding, riding! Faster, faster, faster! Here they come!—The four horsemen of the Apocalypse!! Their hoof-beats sound nearer every week. They are mentioned in the newspapers every day. They bring war, famine, and death. They usher in the end of this age. It is high time that we awaken to the need of winning men to Christ before their chance is cut off by the pounding of the hoofs of the horses of these four mad riders.

1. The Rider of the White Horse—The Antichrist

In Rev. 6:2 we read, "And I saw, and behold a white horse, and he that sat on him had a bow, and a crown was given unto him, and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

This rider should not be confused with the coming of Christ pictured in Rev. 19:11-16. There will be no crown for Christ and He will have a sword instead of a bow when He comes to earth again.

Satan is the world's greatest imitator, and knowing of the prophecy in Rev. 19 of the coming of Christ on a white horse, he will mount his false Christ, the antichrist, on a white horse to fool the nations. The prophecy of this deception is in Mt. 24:5, "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

The antichrist, who is the beast of Rev. 13, will rule over the ten-kingdom federation occupying the territory once covered by the old Roman Empire. In turn he will conquer the kings of the south, north, and east, only to be defeated by Christ in the battle of Armageddon. The rider of the white horse may be alive now and may be preparing to begin his conquests.

2. The Rider of the Red Horse—War

In Rev. 6:4 we read, "And there went out another horse that was red, and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another, and there was given unto him a great sword."

This rider takes peace from the earth! This Peace Palace of the League of Nations at Geneva has recently practiced "blackouts" for protection against possible air-raids. Mussolini laughed at the League and took Ethiopia; Spain was conquered by the aid of foreign troops; Japan wars on China; Germany takes Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland; Russia turns against little Finland, etc. Almost the entire world is at war today. War is the rider of the red horse! Men are killing one another. The world is armed to the teeth, a world war seems inevitable.

All this was predicted in Mt. 24:6, 7a, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom."

General Pershing declared, "Unless some move is made to reduce armaments we may well ask ourselves whether we are doomed to go headlong down through destructive war and darkness into barbarism."

Dr. L. S. Bauman declares, "As a matter of bald fact, peace in a world that is armed to the teeth with the most hellish weapons that the ingenuity of demons ever invented—peace in a world that has placed these great arsenals in the hands of madcaps such as Stalin, Mussolini, Hitler and other lessor paranoiacs —peace in such a world has about as much chance as a snowball would have in hell."

War is riding the red horse today and the stage is rapidly being set for the final battle of Armageddon when Christ will intervene and set up His kingdom of peace. Until then we will have no peace!

3. The Rider of the Black Horse—Famine

In Rev. 6:5,6 we read, "And I beheld and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see that thou hurt not the oil and the wine."

War always leads to famine. Farmers are drafted for fighting and the ground lies idle. Naval blockades cut off outside food supplies. Nations concentrate on killing other men and find it hard to feed their own people. Profiteers flourish and prices soar.

The Scripture pictures a shortage of food, accompanied by high prices and government control. Who said, "It couldn't happen here?" A few years ago our own government controlled production and prices under the NRA. In all the warring nations of Europe food is scarce and is controlled by the government. Many people are starving already. Famine has come and the worst is not yet! Such conditions were pictured in our parallel Scriptures in Mt. 24:7, "And there shall be famines and pestilences."

The passages in Revelation also indicates the restrictions to be placed on oil in that day. Today in sections of Europe men are allowed only a limited amount of gasoline per week. Oil is needed for war. Without it to facilitate transportation, men are useless, airplanes are grounded, tanks are stalled, guns are silenced, ships are anchored.

Frazier Hunt, writing from Tripoli, Syria, on Feb. 20, 1940, says, "There is a three letter word that holds the secret of this war. It is **oil.** The British and French armies are now in the Near East to help guard the oil fields, the two outlets being Tripoli, Syria, and Haifa, Palestine.

According to the same Scripture wine will be priceless but necessary. What a tragic picture! Millions may be starving in a great famine, but oil and wine must continue to flow—for this is war!!

4. The Rider of the Pale Horse—Death

In Rev. 6:8 we read, "And I looked and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given

unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

The fourth horseman is Death. Grim, savage, and relentless, he always rides with war and famine. One-fourth of the population of earth will thus meet death through war and famine.

Thousands of men are being slain today on many battlefields. Civilians are perishing in air-raids. Many are starving.

Scientists claim civilization cannot survive another war for the instruments of destruction are so severe that mankind will annihilate themselves. It is beginning now.

We can recognize three of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse now. War, famine, and death are riding all over Europe and are threatening America. But what of the first horseman, the antichrist? He is the leader. He may be even now preparing to lead the other three horsemen on their mad ride around the world.

Christians today should ride, too, as Paul Revere did, warning this sinful world of the coming of the four horsemen, even to the United States! Let us seek to win souls to Christ so they may be prepared, come what may!

SELF PRAISE

By C. A. Jackson

"Self praise is half scandal." So the timeworn phrase goes. But if the truth were really applied with a twist and needed energy, I would say, "Self praise is 90 per cent scandal, and 10 per cent cheap gossip."

Why do we want it?

Here are a few reasons why praise lappers will lose out at last:

1. They will lose the respect of those who love them now.
2. They will diminish the conception others hold of their ability.
3. They will cheapen the service they render.
4. They will move to the spawning ground where certain tumbles are germinated!
5. They will merit demerit!
6. They will develop a phobia for New Testament humility.
7. They will forestall the growth of meekness as a "fruit of the Spirit."
8. They will twist the words, "inspiration of God," into, aspirations of men.
9. They will fail in bringing down conviction on human hearts.
10. They will well earn, and get it, the title, Chief Praise-lapper!

TESTIMONY TO THE JEW

The First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif., has been giving a very definite testimony to the Jew for several years. We are not satisfied with the giving of money only. We sought out a place where we could personally give the testimony of the Lord to the Jew direct. We discovered it in the Mission conducted by Brother Zimmerman in Los Angeles. We offered to come once a month and conduct a service. Our offer was accepted. The Lord has abundantly blessed our fellowship together, and souls have been saved.

Ashman, Zimmerman and helper, and converts (Jewish)

This Mission is being sponsored this year by the Brethren churches. All gifts for it are being sent to the Home Missions Council. It is a most worthy work, and there need be no hesitancy in giving to it. It is located in the very heart of a large Jewish center. We have learned to love Brother Zimmerman and his workers.

Recently it was our privilege to baptize and receive into the membership of the church three men and one woman from this mission. All four are Jews and were won to Christ thru the testimony given there. The pictures accompanying this article were taken on the front porch of the Whittier Brethren Church.

CHARLES H. ASHMAN

Group from Jewish Mission, including those who were baptized.

A NEW FEATURE — Home Mission Story No 1

We are glad to announce the beginning of a new children's column which will appear regularly in our Home Mission Number each month, beginning with this July issue. Ever since we started The Brethren Herald we have had a desire to launch a department that would provide the home mission spirit for our children. We desired something that we could put into the hands of our teachers of children to help them in this angle of the work.

Mrs. Herman Koontz

Several months ago while in Roanoke, Va., we were talking of this need to our sister Myra Koontz. At once she said that she felt the same way and was willing to try to provide that very aid. We jumped at the chance to obtain her services, for her high talent in this sort of work is outstanding. We lost no time in making definite plans for the work.

Today we publish the first story of a series of 12. They are adapted for reading to children, for expanding in a larger lesson, and for providing the teacher with a story to tell in her words to her department. The clarity and simplicity of these stories for children make them extremely attractive to teachers. They are of such high quality that when one series of 12 is over, they will be gathered together in a booklet and used later as standard work for teachers in this department of the work.

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A LITTLE BOY'S GIFT

By Mrs. Herman Koontz

The cheerful sunbeams slipped in and played upon the flowers set on the windowsill and on the bluebirds pasted on the window pane. They fell, too, on children's happy faces, for they had found the Childrens Department of the Blue Ridge Sunday School.

No wonder the children had happy faecs. Singing all the choruses and praying their thanksgiving prayers had made them ready for Miss Brice's Sunday morning story. Now they were listening to her voice.

"You remember," she said, "how we all enjoyed giving our pennies and nickels and dimes last fall so that our home mission offering could make it possible for many more children to hear the Word of God." We were so pleased that this department was able to give $100.00 to that great work.

"And now we hear that so many new groups of people want churches that our Council needs a great deal more money in order to help them. This means that we have another chance to give to the Lord Jesus in this way.

"For the next few Sundays, while you gather your offerings, I shall tell you some Home Mission stories at our regular story time. Most of them will be "truly-true" stories. A few of them will be "let's pretend" stories. But all of them will tell you how you can help home mission churches, or what great things home mission churches are doing.

"The story today is from the book we love the best, the Bible. So we know that it is a "truly-true" story. We will see that a little boy's very small gift can become very large when it is given to the Lord.

"Little Hiram was hurrying along a rough steep path. He kept saying to himself, "Oh, I hope I am not too late." Only that morning he had heard that the great Master, Jesus, was not far away, and he had longed so deeply to hear him speak that he had asked his mother for permission to go to try to find Him. She had said he could go and had wrapped a lunch for him to eat on the way. Five little pancake-like loaves and two small fishes were fastened together in a bundle which he still carried. He was much too excited to stop to eat them.

"Soon he followed the path over a little ridge and there before him on a gentle slope he saw a large company of people.

" 'I am so glad I am not too late'," he said to himself, as he slipped through the crowd, as only a boy can, up to the very front. He wanted to be as near to the Master as he could.

"The Lord Jesus had already been talking to the crowd for some time, but they were so eager to hear His words that He talked on and on. Finally He closed the wonderful sermon, and mindful of the hunger and weariness of the throng He said to Philip, one of the disciples, " 'Where shall we buy bread that these may eat?' "

Hiram was near enough to see the astonishment on Philip's face as he answered.

" 'Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them that everyone might take a little.'

"At once Hiram was reminded of his own little lunch. "Do I dare offer the Master my lunch, which is so small even for one person?' he asked himself.

But he wanted so much to give the Lord Jesus something, however small, that he slipped up to another disciple named Andrew, murmuring that he wanted the Master to have it, and handed him the bundle of lunch.

Andrew took it at once to Jesus, and after the people were seated He said grace and then began to break the loaves and fishes, and under His fingers the pieces grew and grew until there was more than enough for everyone.

Hiram was the happiest little boy you ever saw as he trudged home that night, because he had given all he had to the Lord and the Lord had blessed his gift."

Miss Brice smiled at them as she said in closing, "God will bless your gift too, if you give it to Him gladly and wholly, and He will make it grow, as well."

Brethren Youth Ready for Second Camp at Bethany

Some testimonies from our youth, as well as from those older, who were in attendance at Bethany last year. They bring back memories.

Mother and father, no better vacation investment could be made in youth than to send your boy or girl to Bethany Camp. Read the following testimonies. They speak for themselves!

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A TESTIMONY FROM A JUNIATA YOUTH

The most enjoyable week of my life was spent at Bethany Camp, Winona Lake. The spiritual atmosphere of the camp is a real inspiration to those whose privilege it is to stay there. I never met or fellowshipped with such Christian young people in all my life—young folks who are out and out for Christ and who count it a wonderful privilege to serve Him.

The campfire, faggot, and dedication services are so inspiring, and create a feeling of spiritual friendship among all. How shallow and little the things of this world become after a week of real refreshing Christian fellowship at Bethany Camp with true born again young people in the Lord.

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BETHANY CAMP—A FINE PLACE TO STAY!

As one who in the matter of age is of course not eligible to belong to the B.S.L.V., I am able to speak of Bethany as an onlooker, who nevertheless had the privilege of being on the inside.

From this unique position my impressions were formed, and I hope some of us "oldsters" will be permitted again to enjoy the fellowship of that fine group of young Christians.

Brother Leo Polman and wife did an excellent job. No doubt they learned many things which will be helpful in a later experience; but no complaint could be made of their handling of what must often have been a trying situation. Their unfailing Christian graciousness was outstanding.

The high spirits and love of fun of our young people will be a happy memory for years to come, and how we rejoiced when those same fun-loving youngsters turned to the serious side of their program and proved themselves really consecrated, Spirit-filled, obedient children of God.

MRS. A. B. KIDDER, Editor W.M.C.

WHAT A PASTOR'S WIFE THINKS OF BETHANY CAMP

To me the results of a Christian camp are what we should look for as to whether it was a success or not. I have seen the lives of some of the young people who attended Bethany last summer entirely changed, their lives given to Christ for whatever service He may call. Surely these are the results we should see from a truly Christian camp. I think the refreshing and spiritual atmosphere of Bethany Camp instilled in the lives of our young people will cause them to bring this same spirit home into our churches and make our young people's groups at home more usable in His service. It is the changes we see in the lives of these young people after they return home that makes us realize Bethany Camp should receive our whole-hearted support.

MRS. ERNEST PINE, Juniata, Pa.

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SECRETARY OF HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL SPEAKS

It is the conviction of the undersigned that Bethany Camp not only served a most vital need last fall, but also has shown that such a movement in behalf of our young people must be maintained through the years to come. We believe that God used Bethany Camp to provide the outlet for young life, and that spiritual inspiration which young people need in the process of obtaining a true Christian fellowship. We believe that Bethany Camp with its program of teaching, testimony, spiritual encouragement, and responsibility of life to Christ, together with a healthy social fellowship and recreational program, forms a priceless contribution to the awakening and strengthening of our young people to the ministry of the gospel. We trust that such a movement shall never pass from among our Brethren young people.

R. PAUL MILLER

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VICE-PRESIDENT OF W.M.C. COMMENDS BETHANY FOR OUR YOUTH

"Who could be more interested in young people than women—mothers who have young folks of their own whose lives must be trained and guided so carefully? In these days when practically all of their contacts are as one huge magnate in the hands of Satan to pull them away from spiritual things, we need to be on the alert to supply proper fellowship and recreation as well as teaching.

"Bethany Camp last summer met that need in a very wonderful way. As an adult, I naturally enjoyed the fellowship we experienced around the tables in the dining room. My greatest thrill, however, was not

On to Winona Lake!
Aug. 26th to Sept. 2nd

in my own enjoyment but in hearing the testimonies of the young people themselves, expressing the real help and spiritual inspiration that had come to them from this time of retreat.

"Should our Lord delay His coming, may He grant our young people another such privilege in the year before us."

MRS. W. A. OGDEN

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A TESTIMONY FROM A MOTHER AND A FATHER WHO WERE PRESENT AT BETHANY CAMP

When we learned from the Polmans, some time prior to national conference, that there would likely be some accommodations during conference for married folks at Bethany Lodge, we decided we would take advantage of the opportunity. We had not been to Winona for several years, and the annual reports from conference were not particularly inviting. But we went, and what a delightful time we had. We really lived right with the young folks in the camp. The Polmans did a very commendable job of entertaining and caring for the campers. And we would not overlook the part played so faithfully by the seminary boys and others in dining room and camp service. The meals furnished were good, and it seemed to us, all that could be expected. Brother Polman contends that they "broke even" on the venture. They deserve our sincere praise.

The spiritual feast of fellowship in the dining room was far more beneficial than the material. To join in such inspiring songs as "Oh, Oh, Oh, Oh, What He's Done for Me," "Every Day Wth Jesus," "This Little Light of Mine," to say nothing of "Here We Stand Like Birds in the Wildnerness" and "Everybody Happy, Well I should Say," really made us feel at least young in spirit. And the spiritual feasts at Victory Circle! To hear such wholesome testimonies from young Endeavorers, and the encouraging messages from older Endeavorers, was really marvelous. For these young people to hear the thrilling reports from our young mission pastors, and how God has been blessing their efforts, means only more and more lifework volunteers. And the young peoples' church in the camp auditorium on Sunday morning was a real soul-searching service, with definite decisions and rededications. The Spirit can work only where there are yielded hearts. We feel that the greatest inspiration of this conference lay in the vicinity of Bethany Lodge and Victory Circle.

We doubt not about the future of our small church. God is anxious to show us what can be accomplished when we yield our wills to His. Camp Bethany (as well as Camp Buckeye) have produced marvelous changes in the lives of our Dayton young people. Praise His name, for He is worthy.

MR. and MRS. MORSE M. HOOVER, Dayton, O.

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HERE'S A WORD FROM ONE OF THE SPONSORS

"Bethany Camp for Brethren young people at the national conference has been a dream for several years. Last year as it was about to be fulfilled, our hearts almost failed us as we considered the details in the entirely new venture. But it was truly a great blessing to us. We never worked harder, nor were any happier. From the first registration to the last goodbye, every minute was filled.

"Mrs. Morgan, a most competent lady in the kitchen, organized the kitchen and serving staff in short order. We all agreed that if the seminary boys preached as hard as they washed dishes, they would be a grand success.

"The smaller children enjoyed the classes led by the seminary girls.

"The fun, singing, and good food, made the dining room a popular place. Tennis, rowing, croquet, swimming, and afternoon speed boat rides, took up any spare minutes. And the evening devotions at Victory Circle will long be remembered by many as the place of definite surrender to the will of the Lord in their lives."

LEILA POLMAN, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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AND HERE'S WORD FROM THE OTHER SPONSOR

This year, our second National Brethren Youth Camp at Bethany will without question be better than last year. The program and activities will make this year's camp a real vacation with a purpose for young and old. We learned much by way of experience from last year's camp.

Many already have sent in their pre-registration fee of $2.00 for their reservation for this year. More is still available for youth, and a limited number of reservations can be taken for adults as well. Do not take a chance. Send in your pre-registration at once. Total cost, including room, board and recreation, $10.00. This includes all bedding (sheets, pillow case and blankets). For full particulars, see **The Brethren Missionary Herald** magazine for June 8th.

Send your registration or for further information to Leo Polman, 3326 South Calhoun Street, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

"On To Winona Lake and Bethany Camp."

A Great Bible Conference in Fort Wayne

The Indiana Brethren Bible Conference held its second gathering in the First Brethren Church at Fort Wayne June 18-20. This is a small conference from the standpoint of number of churches associated with it, but it is not small in blessing. There are just seven churches and three mission points in the conference.

The first day the attendance was not large but after that it grew steadily until the building, which is not a small one, was well filled. Throughout the conference the Eureka Jubilee Singers filled each service with melodies that filled and stirred the heart. The Spirit of God surely uses consecrated music to the glory of the Lord and the blessing of His people.

The Bible teaching was of a very high order. Dr. Harold C. Mason of Winona Lake, Russell D. Barnard, Arthur Carey, Robert Ashman, A. B. Machlin, and R. Paul Miller gave Bible addresses.

An aggressive extension program for the district was approved and several new points were endorsed. This district is surely wide-awake to its opportunities and is determined to make the most of them while there is time.

The name of the conference was changed from "The Indiana Brethren Bible Conference," to "The Central Bible Conference." The place of the conference for meeting in 1941 will be Bethel Church, Berne, Ind., where a royal welcome always awaits visitors. The date was set for June 10-12, 1941. Because of the premature stage of our work the constitution committee did not report a finished draft, so the committee was continued for another year.

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RESOLUTIONS OF THE CENTRAL BRETHREN BIBLE CONFERENCE

Rejoicing in the experience of salvation full and free through faith in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and testifying to our faith in Him as very God of very God and that He is the sole and only hope for salvation for every man as well as all creation;

Testifying to our faith in the Bible as God's only and complete revelation of His will to man, and submitting ourselves to its absolute authority in our personal lives and our united service, be it resolved:

That we, the members of the Central Brethren Bible Conference, assembled at Fort Wayne, Ind., June 18-20, 1940, declare,

That we offer our sincere thanks to God for the privilege of worshipping Him unhindered, in this Bi-

THE CENTRAL BRETHREN BIBLE CONFERENCE OFFICERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: WILLIAM JOHANSON, REV. R. PAUL MILLER, REV. LEO POLMAN, REV. RUSSELL D. BARNARD, REV. ROBERT A. ASHMAN and REV. ARTHUR CAREY.

Officers for the ensuing year elected by The Central Brethren Bible Conference (formerly The Indiana Brethren Bible Conference) at the second annual meeting of Brethren churches from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, held at The First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Rev. Robert Ashman of Peru, Ind. was chosen moderator succeeding Rev. Leo Polman of Fort Wayne, Ind. Rev. Arthur Carey of Lake Odessa, Mich. was elected vice-moderator. Rev. Russell D. Barnard of Dayton, O. was elected secretary to succeed Rev. R. Paul Miller. William Johanson of Shipshewana, Ind. was reelected treasurer.

ble conference, that we rejoice in the special music rendered by the Eureka Jubilee Singers, and the faithful proclaiming of God's Word by th visiting speakers, Dr. Harold C. Mason and Rev. Abraham B. Macklin, and that we also express our appreciation to the other speakers and all officers and leaders that have had a part in the success of the conference;

That we express our thanks to the Fort Wayne people for their generous hospitality in their homes and in the church, and to the kindly interest of the newspapers and radio of the city;

That we dedicate ourselves to reaching lost men through greater evangelism and personal soul-winning, believing in our Lord's soon return as indicated in I Thess. 4:13-18, and that this should motivate us to greater efforts to spread the gospel;

That we assure The Foreign Missionary Society of our whole-hearted support, and pray that the will of God might be done as the missionaries of the African field face the possibility of German or Italian rule;

That we extend our sympathy to the Jewish people in their present suffering throughout the world, and recommend earnest and continuous prayer for their salvation; that we urge all our churches to cooperate with the program of The Brethren Home Missions Council in its endeavors in this respect;

That we most heartily recommend the work and progress of the following institutions of The Brethren Church, to which we pledge our continued support: The Brethren Home Missions Council, The Women's Missionary Council, Grace Theological Seminary, The Brethren National Christian Endeavor Union, The Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Brethren Student Life Volunteers, and that we recommend to the National Brethren Bible Conference such Sisterhood and Brotherhood units as shall be in harmony with the above mentioned institutions;

That we as children of God reaffirm our stand for a separated life as being the only plan that God has for a contented, victorious, Christian life;

That we here reaffirm our historic position to the effect that we as Christians believe that we should not engage in war in any capacity as combatants; that we realize that the nations of the world may feel it necessary to engage in war at times, but because of our heavenly citizenship we as Christians are enjoined not to return evil for evil;

That we here reaffirm our belief that Christians should not go to law with each other as stated in I. Cor. 6:1-8, but that we should rather "take joyfully the despoiling of our goods" (Heb. 10:34);

That this Bible conference be dedicated to the "progress of all local Brethren churches" in our sphere of service "without interfering with congregational control and government" as set forth in the charter of The Brethren Church; and that cooperation in this conference be entirely voluntary on the part of local Brethren churches, understanding that the work of the conference is only advisory as it relates to our local Brethren churches.

(Signed)

R. D. BARNARD, Chairman
ROBERT HILL
BERTHA STEVENS
MRS. J. D. COMERFORD
MRS. ARTHUR CAREY, Secretary

"What the Home Missions Council is doing"

ACROSS THE NATION

with our secretary

THE REVIVAL AT MUNDY'S CORNER

The first meeting that the secretary has held at Mundy's Corner has just closed. This is a country church nine miles northeast of Johnstown. This congregation was once united in a circuit with the Vinco Church. Now each church is independent and going along in a fine way. While the population of the nation has been going cityward for generations and our greatest field is undoubtedly there, yet we must not forget that there are sections where strong country churches can be established and maintained. There are many advantages that the country church has over the city work.

At Mundy's Corner we found a field well prepared. There had been good advertising done and the people of the community were expectant. Good attendance was had on the first night, and the full house greeted us right along except for a couple of stormy nights. The Spirit of the Lord moved among the people from the very first. A favorable and friendly attitude was everywhere. Each night, two prayer meetings were held, one for men and the other for women. These prayer meetings were well attended and were the secret for success.

The spirit of soul winning among the people was fine. The way men sought their friends and won them for Christ and the way young people led others to the Lord was simply great. If these folks continue thus the church building will soon be unable to hold the people who come.

Neighboring churches manifested an excellent spirit of fellowship. Delegations came from Juniata, 35 mi. away, from Conemaugh, 9 mi. away, from Vinco the nearest neighbor, some from the 1st Church of Johnstown, etc. The Franklinboro Mission under the leadership of the Rev. Ray Starr, a minister that has recently come into The Brethren Church from the Evangelical Church, came twice. They brought some fine children's musical features. One day we were pleasantly surprised to have Brother and Sister Lorenz drop in.

We greatly enjoyed these meetings. The people were responsive. A large group of young people dedicated their lives and joined the Brethren Student Life Volunteers in a special service held for young people. The hospitality of these people is second to none. Our home was with the pastor and his bride, the former Harriet Martin. Their new parsonage is now almost completed and we had the privilege of sharing it with them. This parsonage is a tribute to any congregation. Altogether we had a very happy

time with Bro. Ken Ashman and his people.

Bro. Ashman, the pastor, has done a most excellent work in this community and is highly respected by his congregation and all others. The hard work that he has put in here is now being rewarded with real success. It is enough to make any pastor's heart glad. The congregation already is in need of a Sunday School addition to their building. There is a real future in this community, for our church really has no competition. There as a big field here and the people are getting a vision of a real future. We expect to see an addition to their building very soon.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCES HAVE BEGUN

Realizing the need of special work among our young people designed to help them in their life problems and in deciding their life work, the Council has finally arranged with Brother and Sister Harold Dunning to hold special young peoples meetings in all of our eastern churches during this coming summer. The meetings have already begun at Listie, Pa., and the early reports are that God is richly blessing this work. We had the opportunity of a conference with Brother and Sister Dunning while we were at Mundy's Corner, and this enabled us to get them started right away. We believe that this work will bring a rich harvest in dedicated lives among our young people.

VINCO, PA.

Our people at Vinco, as all will recall, were forced out of their building with their pastor last winter. They immediately started up again with 40 members, meeting in an old dance pavilion. Now they have a new site and their building operations have already begun. The high point in their Sunday School was reached a short time ago with 117 in attendance. On the last Sunday that we were at Mundy's Corner, Bro. Ord Gehman, pastor at the Vinco church, reported 5 conversions that Sunday and that he baptized 15 that afternoon. God is surely blessing them and they are enjoying peace and prosperity in every way.

WOOSTER, OHIO

After our return from Mundy's Corner it became necessary to make a trip to Wooster, Cleveland and Fremont, all in Ohio. We needed motion pictures of these points in preparation for the secretary's trip to all the churches this fall, in behalf of the swiftly increasing Home Mission fields.

We found Wooster's congregation present bright and early for Sunday School. We lined them all up and took their pictures, and a fine group they made. The people had just completed one coat of brilliant white paint on the exterior of their building, and it looked mighty fine.

The work at Wooster is growing and we noticed that the Sunday school and church had many new faces that we had not observed before. Bro. John Squires is pastor here and is doing careful foundation work. The growth so far has been slow but very promising.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

From Wooster we drove to Cleveland for some more pictures. We arrived just in time to get the folks before they left the morning services. We found an excellent congregation in attendance. We noted especially a new optimism as the result of the increased opportunities that were theirs since obtaining a permanent house of worship. We got a fine snap shot of Rev. and Mrs. Tom Hammers and little Janet.

Rev. and Mrs. Tom Hammers and Janet

Upon our arrival we found the pastor and his young people in the midst of preparations for leaving for Buckeye Young People's Camp. Bro. Hammers is one of the leading figures in the establishment and maintenance of this wonderful young people's work.

We preached for them that Sunday night. We were surprised to find such a fine attendance in view of the tremendous rain storm that came up just before the service started. Cleveland has a new spirit of progress and is now beginning to go forward.

FREMONT PURCHASES GROUND

From Cleveland we drove to Fremont on Monday and met with pastor Phillip Simmons and officers of the new church. We made final arrangements that day for the purchase of the building site for this growing congregation. More will be heard of this work in the very near future.

KENTUCKY CHURCH GOING UP

This has been a hectic week for the secretary. The task of assembling material for this new building and getting it transported to Clayhole, Ky., has been quite exacting, coming as it did just at the time of the Indiana Brethren Bible Conference sessions and at the time that it was necessary to get out the Home Mission Number of The Brethren Missionary Herald. It gave us a busy time.

By the time this is being read, we expect the church building to be completed and all the men who have volunteered to help put it up back home again. We are anticipating a great time together in this good work.

Bro. William Schaffer of Conemaugh has been secured to do the interior finishing since Bro. William Johanson's health would not allow him to go. Bro. Schaffer snapped into action with his characteristic zeal and already has plans set for his work.

Bro. John Leistner, one of the leading members of our Berne church, has offered his truck to haul the mill work and hardware to the church site. The women of the Berne church are sending down food-

stuffs to help Sister Landrum with the extra expense of feeding a group of hard working hungry men.

The next issue of the Home Mission Number will carry the account of how it was done in two weeks and what happened. It will be a time of blessing that many will never forget.

FLORA BEGINNING TO BUILD

On Sunday, June 30, the secretary drove to Flora, Ind., for a final conference with the building committee before construction starts. There is a fine group of capable men in this congregation and things are moving right along. In a few weeks we will be showing a new Brethren Church.

AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

Greetings to our beloved Brethren:

I have been asked to send in a report of our newly organized Grace Brethren Church at Flora, Ind., which is only six months old, but is quite strong and doing things for our blessed Lord. We are aware that we are not worthy of the rich and manifold blessings He showers upon us, but we do praise Him for them all.

On Jan. 7 we held our first separate services in the basement of the public library. However, the Lord led us very definitely in holding a Bible conference in December in the library basement, and showed us the sweetness of spiritual harmony and fellowship; and thus we were better able to start out in faith on the promises of God, knowing Rom. 8:28 was for us too. We soon had a pastor engaged (Rev. Henry Rempel) and the work has been progressing from every angle.

Some of the first things we did was organize a W.M.C., a Young People's Mission Band, and three Christian Endeavor Societies, which are all growing spiritually and numerically. The prayer meeting service is attended by 30 to 40, and is the only prayer meeting held in town.

R. Paul Miller has been with us twice and delivered two very powerful sermons that are still bringing results. He advised us as to how to proceed with our building plans.

Our Easter offering for Foreign Missions was over $250.00.

Twenty-seven of our members attended the graduation services at Grace Seminary. We are truly thankful the seminary is so near and we have enjoyed a number of students and professors as speakers at various times.

Our membership charter roll is about 80. Our Spring communion service was held recently and well attended.

We believe one of the outstanding services our Lord has blessed us with was our Summer Bible School. We felt led of the Lord, yet our faith was so small, but we put our trust in Him who doeth all things well, and began announcing it through the papers. The first day 2 enrolled and on the last day our en-

Flora (Ind.) Daily Vacation Bible School

rollment was 107. The highest attendance was 75 and the average 61½. No handwork was used, except for the pre-school age. The Bible or New Testament was carried by nearly every child. The ages were 3 years to 19. One outstanding class was the young people which started with 4 closed with 23, and was taught by Bro. Rempel and Esther Hanna. Other teachers were Violet Dyson, Geneva Clingenpeel, Gladys Fife and Mabel Flora. We feel this is very definitely a step forward in establishing our new church. There were 67 children and young people in the closing service on Friday night, and the room was filled completely with parents and friends.

While our pastor and his bride are honey-mooning, the pulpit, will be filled by Garner Hoyt, R. I. Humberd, Professor Hoyt and Homer Hanna.

We are anxiously looking forward to our pastor and his wife's return and are so glad we no longer need to excuse ourselves for saying Mrs. Rempel.

May God's richest blessings rest and abide upon all His dear children until our Lord's return.

MRS. MABEL FLORA,

Flora, Indiana

NEIGHBORHOOD GOSSIP

Says Gossip one to Gossip two, "Smith bought his goods from Brown." Says Gossip two to Gossip three, "Smith got his goods from Brown." Says Gossip three to Gossip four, "Smith took his goods from Brown." Says Gossip four to Gossip five, "Smith stole his goods from Brown." MORAL. Gossip is never repeated correctly and soon some innocent person is the objec. of ridicule.—James 3:5-12.—Ex.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR AUG. 4

Excuses The Chhristian Worker Encounters

(Lk. 14:15-33)

Suggestions for the Leader

Hiding behind excuses is the devil's trick to keep many from salvation. No excuse is great enough to keep one from accepting Christ. The best way to deal with an individual is to set aside the excuse and deal with his need by presenting Scripture. This will accomplish more toward leading a soul to Christ than lengthy arguing about the excuses.

It is better to have a good knowledge of a few Bible verses than to start with too many. Both the worker and the one dealt with may become confused unless proper consideration is given each verse. Successful personal workers have a grasp on information which is to the point. The Bible has an answer to every case. One meeting unusual cases may study them in the light of the Bible and return to be of help. The danger is not that we will run into hard cases, but that we will not try to lead others to Christ. There is a crying need of soul winning in and out of the church. Determine what you will do, being sure the Spirit of God has revealed His will to you.

Excuses fall into classes. They have been the same for years and years. Once we have an idea what excuses to expect, we can detect a man's needs before he finishes his complaint.

1. Indifference. Mt. 22:37-38.

Many are unconscious of their lost condition and feel no need for God because Satan has blinded them. Show them from Scripture that all are sinners and have no hope of heaven apart form Christ (Rom. 3:10-12, 23; Jn. 14:6; Acts 4:12). Through the Scripture the Holy Spirit convicts sinners. Once one admits his need of salvation, he is not far from accepting.

When indifference toward spiritual things causes one to change the subject, insist upon the most important thing in the world personal surrender to the Lord.

2. I am all right. Jn. 3:3-7.

Not many will say they are ready for heaven. They may parade their moral character, but inwardly they know they are sinners. Morality is not enough. The heart is not cleansed unless one comes to Jesus and yields to Him. All have gone astray; not one is righteous; there are no exceptions. Remind the one who claims he is all right that he is living under a false hope. Without the new birth none will enter the kingdom of God.

3. As good as others. Rom. 14:12.

This may be true, but who are the others? The poorest in the church! Those in the church might not be saved! Real salvation is joining the Lord, not joining the church. The man in the church who has the Lord as a precious possession is many times better off than the best moral man in the community that makes no profession of faith. One can not be saved by a life above the average. Salvation belongs to the Lord.

4. Criticize Christians and churches. II Cor. 10:12.

The worker is defeated if the sinner gets him to explain and apoligize for the weaknesses of the church and of Christians. Lead the prospect's thought away from others to himself. We may freely admit many professing Christians are not what they profess to be; but ask if the prospect intends to find fault with Christ. We are interested in leading men to Christ, not to follow the example of those condemned by the sinner and the Word of God. To feel the injury with the critic is to weaken the case and open the door for more charges. Bring him to the place where he must talk about Christ and how He lived.

5. The amusement question. II Cor. 5:17.

Refrain from discussing amusements before the unsaved, who say they see no harm in the things of the world. Once one becomes saved the Lord will unmistakably reveal the matter. Hold the sinner to his need of a Savior, and Christ as the answer to all his problems.

6. Expect to gain salvation by doing something.

Many say they are trying to do the best they can. The best we try to do is not enough. God expects more than we are able to do. That is the reason He provided salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. Man cannot develop a righteousness that pleases God (Isa. 64:6). We gain favor with Him not by trying but by trusting.

Additional Scripture

Jer. 17:9; Rom. 2:1-3; 14:4; Mt. 7:1-5; Jer. 13:23; Jas. 2:10; Rom. 6:23; Acts 17:30-31; Rom. 8:7; 8; I Sam. 16:7; Rom. 2:1-16.

Questions:

1. What is the greatest need of all who make excuses for their lost position?
2. How can we lead people away from comparing themselves with others?
3. What is the use of Scripture in dealing with the lost? Isa. 55:11.
4. Do you think there is another reason back of the excuse that causes people to refuse Christ?
5. What is the advantage of keeping the conversation centered about Christ in dealing with the lost?

Junior-Intermediate Topic for Aug. 4

Bible Heroes: JOSEPH (Gen. 45:1-5)

Little Jo watched his big, strong brothers get ready to help dad in the field. He had to stay with mother and the girls. They were nice to him, but he wanted to be out with the men. "Can't I go along today?" he asked timidly.

"Aw, you're too little, and besides you haven't had your breakfast," Jim said.

Jo's eyes filled with tears. "Mother, will I be big and strong like Jim and Bill some day," Her eyes were sad as they looked into his eager face. He had never been very strong.

"You're growing up, and going to be a fine young man some day. I don't think you will be quite as big and maybe not quite as strong, but there will be a big place for you to fill. Lots of great men were not big or strong."

"Tell me about it, mother."

"I think you know the story about Joseph in the Bible?"

"O, yes, he was sold into Egypt by his brothers."

"Yes, but before that he was just a little boy too. He had ten big brothers—I suppose all big, strong and rough. Joseph was not so old, or maybe not so strong, so he stayed with his mother and baby brother, Benjamin. Maybe his brothers called him a sissy, but because he was quiet and stayed at home and had the kind of heart and mind that God could use, he began to have dreams and visions of the future. He told his brothers about them, but they mocked him and became very angry, especially when he told about their sheaves bowing before his. They were even more angry when Jacob gave Joseph a coat of many colors, so they planned to kill him.

"One day Jacob sent him out in the fields to see how his brothers were. They were not where they had been, and it was quite a while before he found them. When they saw him coming they said, "Let us kill him," but the oldest, Reuben said, "Let us put him into this pit." He planned to take Joseph out later, but while he was gone the others sold him to men going to Egypt. There he kept himself clean and pure, and didn't do any of the things those heathen people did. Even when he was put in prison he still kept true to God, and God revealed the future again to him when he told the baker and the butler their dreams. Finally because he foretold the great famine, Pharaoh made him head of all the agriculture in the country. Because he was true to God he was given wisdom and courage and power. Maybe he never became big and strong physically like his brothers, but he had more than they. He had the spirit to enable him to forgive them, and do good to his whole family, and save them from famine."

Questions for Discussion

How does Joseph remind you of Christ.
What kind of a person can God use best?

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

Mundy's Corners, Penna., The Pike Brethren Church, has just concluded a "Victory Revival" with Rev. R. Paul Miller, Secretary of The Home Missions Council, as evangelist. The "Victory Revival" was conducted for two weeks, June 2-16. Brother Miller brought to the Pike Brethren a series of soul-stirring gospel messages. That his preaching was not in vain is evidenced by the visible results of the services. 39 individuals made first time confessions of faith, 34 of whom have already been baptized and accepted into the membership of the Pike curch. 5 came seeking membership, having been previously baptized by triune immersion. 109 members of the church made new vows of faith and consecration. This was not a mass movement but was the result of individual decisions for the Lord. Family altars have been started; homes have been reunited; tobacco, liquor, and numerous other sins have been discarded. The Pike church has been greatly strengthened in all ways.

At a special young people's meeting conducted on the closing Sunday of the revival, 26 young men and women signed dedication of life pledges, promising the Master to serve Him in any way that He should desire. These have already been enrolled in the B.S.L.V.

The renewed vigor of the church has made necessary a complete reorganization of the Sunday School. New classes, new teachers, and new procedures were introduced with telling effect on Sunday, July 7. Alterations in the church property were made in order to facilitate this new work. In the very near future the Christian Endeavor will be reorganized in order to broaden its work and influence to all the young people of the church.

At the close of the meeting, the Pike congregation presented unto Brother Miller a love offering totaling exactly $200.00. A word of appreciation is extended to The Herald Press Inc., of Cleveland for their kind assistance in printing and advertising.

Pastor, KENNETH ASHMAN

EIGHT POUNDS OF NEWS FROM THE KLIEVERS

Bekoro par Paoua par Bozoum
Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
May 29, 1940

Dear Friends and loved ones in the Lord,

We know you will rejoice with us in the safe arrival of Donna Marie, a little bundle of joy weighing just eight pounds.

Despite all passport, visa, declarations, and other travel difficulties such as transportation and passage, which all have incerased with the war, she got through, arriving at 3:40 A. M. Central European time after giving us just 1 hour and ten minutes notice!

With the loving and tender care of both Dr. Floyd Taber and Mrs. W. Kennedy, all is well and both mother and baby are in the best of condition.

Your prayers and thoughtfulness in our behalf are appreciated beyond that which frail words can convey.

As ever awaiting and expecting the very soon return of our Lord.

THE KLIEVERS

P.S.—Anne's first question was, "IS IT BLACK?"!!!!

IN A HOLLOW PLACE

A mother was once summoned to the police station by the dreadful news: "Your child has been run over!" She hastened to the station house and found her child surrounded by strangers. The sergeant had not yet arrived. She was told that the wheels had passed over his foot, but on examination she found no real injury. She said, "Willie, how could the wagon have passed over your foot and not have crushed it?" The child looked up into his mother's face and said: "Mama, I guess God put it in a hollow place."

Christ does indeed keep His people in a hollow place, while they are amid the evils and confusions of earth. He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.—Evan Lena in The Expositor

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Barber—"What's the matter? Ain't the razor takin' holt?"

Victim—"Yeah, it's takin' holt, all right, but it ain't lettin' go again."—Maryland Old Line.

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"Anything the matter with the car?

"Well, there's only one part of it that doesn't make a noise and that's the horn."

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Respectfully submitted,

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Looking Unto Jesus.

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1. Look-ing un - to Je - sus, the King of Cal - va - ry, Lov - ing Him who
2. Look-ing un - to Je - sus, His work on earth complete, Serv - ing Him my
3. Look-ing un - to Je - sus, I would be more like Him, Seek - ing lost ones

suffered from sin to set me free; I do not com - pre-hend it, this love that
mission, my all lay at His feet; His guid-ing hand to help me the narrow
dai - ly, to turn from paths of sin; For though He's in the glo - ry, He would use

paid the price, I on - ly seek to serve Him for His great sac - ri - fice.
path to tread, With Je-sus my com - pan-ion there's naught for me to dread.
e - ven me, Un - til my life is end - ed and I His face shall see.

CHORUS.

O Sav - iour mine, yes, Thou art mine, I'm look-ing un - to Thee; Thou

rit.

art the Son of God di - vine, Thy blood was shed for me. (for me.)

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

THE COLOR SHE LIKED BEST

By Jack Green

Have you boys and girls ever seen a "Gospel Nut?" I am going to tell you what it is like It is a walnut with all the goodies taken out and pretty colored ribbons put inside the shell. When we want to tell the story of the Lord Jesus we work it like this:

First we pull out a black ribbon. This tells us of sin and reminds us that we are all sinners. Yes, "all have sinned," and they are black in the sight of the holy God. Now the Bible tells us that sin cannot get into heaven, but God wants every one to be with Him, so He made a way that we can get there.

Then we pull out the bright red ribbon. This reminds us of the blood of the Lord Jesus. This was the way which God made for every one to get to heaven. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The Lord died that our sins might be forgiven.

Next we pull out a beautiful, pure, white ribbon. Soap and water will wash away the black dirt on our hands, but it is only the blood of the Lord Jesus that will wash our hearts from black sin. The Bible tells us that "the blood of Jesus Christ makes us clean from all sin." That is the only way we can be "as white as snow."

Now let us pull out the next ribbon. It is a bright green. How pretty it is! It reminds us of the grass, the trees, and things that are growing. We too must grow more like the Lord Jesus every day after He has made us white as snow. We must be kind and sweet, and must obey our mothers and fathers. We can grow by reading God's Word and praying every day.

Last comes the beautiful gold colored ribbon. This tells us of heaven. My, what a wonderful place it must be! If we ever get there it must be because our sins have been washed white in His blood.

One day I was going down where the little colored boys and girls live, to tell them this wonderful story. I came across a group of little black boys and girls who were playing. I called them over and asked them if they would like to hear a story. Of course, all children like stories, so they sat down on the curbing and I began to talk. First I pulled out the black ribbon.

"What color is this?" I asked.

One little girl with her big eyes rolling and her pretty white teeth shining said, "Um, dat's black; dat's mah faverite culor."

Funny, wasn't it? Well, that is just the way. This little girl was very certain that the Lord loves black skin but not black hearts, and she was right.

OUR BIBLE CHARACTER ALPHABET

Answer to L: Lot.

M was a princess who married a brave, handsome young man. The king wanted to kill this young man because the people loved him more than they did the king. **M** saved his life by helping him escape through the window and putting a dummy in his bed to make the guards think he was sick. Find her name and the name of her brave husband in I Sam. 19:9-17.

ARE YOU WEARY?

Lord, when I am weary with toiling,
And burdensome seem Thy commands,
If my load should lead to complaining,
Lord, show me Thy Hands—
Thy nail-pierced Hands, Thy cross-torn Hands,—
My Savior, show me Thy Hands.

Christ, if ever my footsteps falter,
And I be prepared for retreat,
If desert or thorn cause lamenting,
Lord, show me Thy Feet—
Thy bleeding Feet,—Thy nail-scarred Feet,—
Lord Jesus, show me Thy Feet.

O God, dare I show Thee
My hands and my feet?

—May Bradley.

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OBJECTIVES SUGGESTED FOR THE YEAR 1939-1940

1. Regular monthly devotional meetings.
2. Missionary prayer circle.
3. Bible reading—entire New Testament, or a chapter a day of your own selection.
4. Missionary project—Support of Bouca Station, with dime calendars turned in not later than Feb. 25.
5. Special offering lifted in January and July (for administrative purposes).
6. Thank offering received at National Conference for Home Missions Council.
7. Public service held and offering lifted for Grace Seminary not later than May 1st.
8. Mission Study Class using "Biographies of Brethren Missionaries"—Study 11.

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EDITORIALS

All Missionaries

We recently heard a missionary on furlough from his work in South America, speaking on the words: "For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God" in 2 Cor. 5:13, say that a missionary needs to be a fanatic, in the sense that he must be wholly given over to God. But he further pointed out that when the Christians at home speak in admiration of the entire consecration of missionaries who go out to the foreign fields, they usually fall far short of God's idea in the matter. The command is, "Go ye into all the world," and it is given to **every** believer. We are all under obligation to the work of world-wide preaching of the gospel. Each one of us should be a fanatic for God, so given over to Him that the world will look upon us as fanatics, will call us mad. Then we can be used of God in the world-wide spread of the gospel message, because we shall be in condition to be used of Him, whether here or abroad.

When God says into **all** the world, do we take Him at His word? Or do we begin to limit Him? We immediately think of the needy peoples of Africa, Asia and South America; we may even be broad enough in our thinking to include Europe. But do we include the United States, our own home state, perhaps our next door neighbors, or those across the street? God says **all the world,** and if "the love of Christ constraineth us" it will surely reach out unto them.

So let us continue to admire the consecration of those missionaries whom God has called to the far places, and who have responded by putting their very lives into His hands. At the same time, let us also "present our bodies a living sacrifice" unto God, perhaps then He will in turn call us to a near or distant field; or maybe we shall be used to "stay by the stuff" at home.

Only when we have given ourselves fully to Him can we know that sweet peace which comes when we are in teh center of His will. Only then can we function as healthy members of His body, in true co-ordination with our Head in heaven.

Women of the W.M.C.—we are all missionaries!

Our Coming National Bible Conference

When you read this, our national Bible conference will be just one month ahead. We are not prepared as yet to publish a program; but, having seen a rough draft of the program as it is in the making, we can assure you that it will mean a feast of good things, a vast amount of helpful suggestions to take back to your local councils, and of course, much business to be transacted.

In view of all this, may we stress the objectives yet to be reached: the July offering sent to Mrs. Koontz for administrative purposes, the thank offering to be sent in or brought to conference by your delegates, your reports to be sent to Mrs. Andlauer.

Your officers are looking forward to a closing of this first year of our W.M.C. in a time of precious fellowship with each and all of you in the Lord, and to reports which will show a large proportion of our Councils meeting all objectives.

Let us be much in prayer for each other and for the work whereunto the Lord hath called us.

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PROGRAM FOR AUGUST

Christ Our Sufficiency for Methods

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading: Titus 3:1-11

Season of Prayer (remembering the work of our local churches and of the Foreign Mission Board and the missionaries in these days of stress)

Topic: Christ Himself as a Worker

Hymn

Topic: Christ Sends out His Own

Special Number

Topic: Methods Are Powerless Without Christ

Business Session

Closing Prayer

OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

From Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa

Have followed the "Out of the Mail Bag" from issue to issue and have enjoyed the information and inspiration from the same very much. Our W.M.C. is a "young group" and has only been organized for about nine months, but has good working accommodations, 28 contributing members, and a zeal for the work of the Lord.

It may be of interest to you to know that in October the land was broken for our new church building, and early in January we held our first meeting in the church. We are now enjoying the capable ministry of Bro. Frank Coleman, Jr. with a thriving congregation whom we pray may be used mightily of the Lord in the salvation of souls.

In our new building we have a room planned and furnished by the ladies where we hold our W.M.C. meetings. Inasmuch as we were late in getting organized we are not going to be able to meet all our objectives successfully. Since being organized we have met regularly, given toward the offering as designated in our objectives, studied the lives of our missionaries and received much good from the Bible study period from the book of Romans.

We feel that the Lord has blessed greatly since the Council was organized, and we ask your prayers for us and for the Waterloo church that we might be faithful in His service until He comes.

MRS. EDWIN J. SCHROCK, Secy.

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East Canton District Conference

About a year ago this district became the pioneer in the new alignment, organized fully, and held its first conference. The women of the district withdrew from the National W. M. S. at the same time and formed a district organization. Since then W.M.C. rallies have been held each quarter, and we met again in the second East Central District Conference, held in the First Brethren Church at Canton, O. June 19-21.

The W.M.C. elected officers as follows: President, Mrs. R. E. Gingrich of Ellet, O.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. John Aeby of Middlebranch; Secy-Treas., Mrs. Rogers of Sterling; and Prayer Circle Secy., Mrs. A. Y. Robinson of Canton.

The business sessions were held on the mornings of the 20th and 21st and at each session a Bible lecture was given by Rev. Chas. W. Mayes, pastor of West 10th St. Church, Ashland, and editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald.

We are now looking forward to another district conference in September, as it was decided to change to a fall date instead of spring; and of course to the larger fellowship at National Bible Conference in August.

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NEWS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD

Mrs. Hathaway Shares Her Letters With Us

Mrs. John W. Hathaway, now on furlough and living at Fillmore, Calif., sends some excerpts from her letters to give us first hand information as far as is possible at the present time and under present conditions.

From Sister Kennedy's Letter Dated Mar. 23, 1940

During our absence from the station an epidemic of some kind of meningitis or flu broke out here. The first week it wasn't very serious but after our return it seemed to gain new force. So we have been busy caring for the sick, doing what we could as long as strength permitted. We have had 16 or more on the station, several very severe cases, others not so bad. Two have died, a young man and his wife. Wasn't it nice they could both go together? One baby seemed to be going blind in one eye but the eye is getting better. The baby is rather poorly as yet. The rest have recovered fairly well. Had to take a two day's rest myself but they seemed to be over the worst. There are still several in the villages but strength and time haven't been sufficient to visit all of them. What help we could give has been sent through their brothers.

Our classes have had to be abandoned because of the epidemic. We trust it may soon be over. Some 50 miles from here they say they are burying two or three a day.

Trials and testings have been severe but we praise the Lord and are happy to be busy for Him.

From Brother Sheldon's Letter Dated Apr. 13, 1940

We have been having an epidemic of spinal meningitis in our district and there have been so many deaths. Two boys died on the station and another had it but got over it. Boikete, whom perhaps you remember, died out at a chapel with it last week. In some places chapel services were stopped. We had services outdoors here in small groups and one Sunday we had them meet down in the village. It surely is a terrible plague. We hear that it is at Bekoro now also and some have died of it in the station village. The truck helper, I believe, died of it. It seems to be

spreading over quite a territory. It was the son of our water carrier that got it towards the first and he had been up here a couple of days before.

From Sister Foster's Letter Dated Apr. 5, 1940

The spiritual end of the work is going along nicely. Since the New Year we have been able to open five preaching points. One is at Marli, one at Bogongolo, one at Mokounze Kete, a bush village; one at Youngamara, one on the Batangafo road; and one at Marze, a bush village on the busy road to Ft Crampel. I know that most of these names are strange to all of you, but we mention them so that you can pray for the work. Our crowds are not nearly so large on Sundays on the station, but a great many of the Bouca people or people who were staying here have returned to their own posts, and other villages have been moved farther away. Then, too, a great deal of work is being done. The new bridge across the Fafa is taking a lot of men, then an auto road is being built part way to Ft. Crampel on through the bush, and our commander has built a beautiful new dispensary and is now building a nice house for the doctor who will be stationed here within the next few days. We are so thankful that the Bouca people will have a resident doctor. It is so hard to see them sick and have no way of helping them. Among the Christians many have been healed in answer to prayer, but not all are Christians.

We are still in our one room house. The Lord has not opened the way for us to do anything but stay and wait on Him. The Lord is blessing His Word throughout our territory, and we constantly praise Him for every soul that is being saved. The Lord has also raised up five believers who volunteered to go and give forth the good news.

Mrs. Homer A. Kent, Our President, Forwards This Very Interesting Letter From Mrs. Foster, Dated Apr. 8, 1940

Dear Sister Kent and all the women of the W.M.C.

It is a fact that the power of your prayers is being felt in our work. There is much that we could feel concerned about, but the Lord is keeping us in perfect peace. Then too, thus far we have had our every need supplied; though just now supplies are very low in Bangui. And lastly, we are being greatly blessed in the spiritual end of our work. Every week there are those who come and say that they want to walk with the Lord. Many who had professed accepting the Lord before, but who had turned back, are returning confessing their sins and indifference.

Both of us send greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus.

R. FOSTER.

There Is Included a Carbon Copy of a Circular Letter Sent Out The Same Day By Mrs. Foster:

Every morning and evening we praise the Lord for the peace and the quietness about us; and every day we pray for the dear folks throughout Europe, who are in the midst of turmoil. We little know what they are enduring; and the hard part is that we cannot help them except to pray for them. What a menace men like Hitler and Stalin are to the world. We surely do pray the Lord will make a short end of them.

Early this morning I went down to the garden and planted some turnips, lettuce, carrots, okra and spinach. Hope they will all grow. I have been planting potatoes, but it remains to be seen how they will do. I am afraid one place the soil is too wet. I rather think they will be very scarce this year; because more and more the white people have need of them. No doubt if the war keeps on, food will become more and more scarce. One can make out if it is possible to get flour, potatoes and a few other necessities; especially if one has a good garden. So please pray that the Lord will bless our gardens this year above all other years; also that our seeds will get here that we ordered from home. With so many ships being sunk, one never knows but it is the one that has our packages or mail of some kind or other. So pray concerning the shipping of supplies for Africa that they may reach here safely. We never realize how dependent we are upon the rest of the world for our food until the supply is cut off.

Last evening at the service a woman gave a very wonderful testimony. She said that she was going along the road carrying food to her husband who with a group of others had gone after bamboo. She was all alone on the path, when a lion came out of the grass. At first she was terribly frightened but she made a loud noise and the beast turned off into the brush again. But night was coming on and she had nowhere to sleep only in an old house that had been abandoned by people who were compelled to move to the road. Before she lay down to sleep, she prayed and gave herself into the hands of the Lord, then she covered her head with her dress and went to sleep. She said she did not know whether the lion would find her or not, but she knew the strength of the Lord was greater than all the lions in Africa. In the morning she wakened and praised the Lord for having kept her. She again followed the path of the previous day, and had not gone far when another or the same lion came out of the bush again. This time he was more persistent and followed her quite some distance. Finally she met a man, but instead of him being a help to her, he offered to take her to her husband only on the promise that she would repay him with her body, which she refused to do. The lion disappeared into the bush again when he saw more than one person and without further molestation she reached her husband safely. Perhaps some people will not credit her story but lions are becoming a terror to the people. A few weeks ago one killed and dragged a woman out of her house into the bush. This happened on the road between Bouca and Bossongoa. The past few years they have been a terror to the people on that road. This woman gave all the praise to God for having arrived home safely after such a harrassing experience. We are so glad that they are learning to give God the praise. It shows growth in their Christian life and experience. Pray for these "babes in Christ."

The Message of the Prophet Habakkuk

By Harold L. Dunning, Missionary Candidate to Africa

Habakkuk means "to embrace," and is very characteristic of that prophet's chief characteristic. For, while little or nothing is known about him personally, yet as we examine what we do know, he, among all the prophets, seems to have a peculiar zeal and affection for the Lord above them all. He seems to stand forth among them as John among the Lord's disciples.

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This great love for the Lord is evidenced by his jealousy for the holy reputation of God. "He alone of all the prophets was more concerned that the holiness of Jehovah should be vindicated than that Israel should escape chastisement." To him the retainment of God's holy name was the most vital of all things. What a lesson we might take from this prophet—we, who confess love for the Lord Jesus Christ! About which are we more concerned: our own satisfaction, or His holy reputation among the sons of men?

However, while we do not know so much about this prophet, we do have from his pen this most interesting and vital book. For, while this book is a small treatise of only three short chapters, it contains a most vital message. Its importance is brought out forcefully when we consider the condition of the prophet before he received this revelation, and also after he received it. Note chapter 1, verses 1-2.

> "The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.
> O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear!
> Even cry unto thee of violence, and thou will not save!"

The contrast is very apparent. Note now 3:17-19.

> "Although the fig tree shall not blossom,
> Neither shall fruit be in the vines;
> The labor of the olive shall fail,
> And the fields shall yield no meat;
> The flock shall be cut off from the fold,
> And there shall be no herd in the stalls;
> Yet will I rejoice in the Lord,
> I will joy in the God of my salvation.
> The Lord God is my strength,
> And he will make my feet like hinds' feet,
> And will make me to walk upon mine high places."

From the first two verses we hear the voice of one weeping, and from these last verses, the prophet's rejoicing. In one place we hear the sob of tears, and in the other, the note of music. One place has the cry of sorrow, the other, the clarion note of singing In the one place we see the prophet prostrate with trouble, and in the other he is dancing for joy. Before he receives this message we hear him offering a severe, though humble, complaint; and after the message, we hear him offer one of the greatest confessions of faith written in the Holy Scriptures. What produces such a change? What worked this remarkable and much to be desired change in this man? It was the message written in this little book; and if you and I an but grasp that message today and appropriate it into our lives, it will reproduce the same fruit in us. Here is the message that will change tears to laughter, and sighing to singing. Therefore, let us carefully examine it.

This book falls into three natural analytical divisions which are identical with the chapter divisions. In chap. 1, we have the perplexity of the prophet unfolded; in chap. 2, we have the promise and admonition of Jehovah given; and finally, in chap. 3, we have the prayer of the enlightened prophet. Let us rather carefully consider each one of these, for they each contribute something towards bringing out in this message that which effects such a marvelous reverse in the prophet.

The Perplexity of the Prophet (Chap. 1).

This perplexity is revealed in two complaints made to Jehovah by the man of God. The first complaint is registered in v. 1-4. We must remember in reading this that it is not the complaint of a God-hating infidel, but rather, the honest expression of the troubled mind of a lover of God. Look at these verses:

> "O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear!
> Even cry unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!
> Why dost thou show me iniquity, and cause me to behold violence?
> For spoiling and violence are before me:
> And there is strife, and contention riseth up.
> Therefore the law is slacked,
> And judgment goeth not forth unto victory,
> For the wicked doth compass about the righteous;
> Therefore judgment goeth forth perverted."
> Hab. 1:1-4 (part R.V. Also ff.)

The complaint is that sin and corruption has permeated the whole nation of Jehovah's chosen people. The prophet lived and wrote about the days of kings Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim, who were the successors following Josiah. But this revival seemed to be superficial, for, upon the death of its leader, Josiah, the nation rapidly recoursed to the old paths of lawlessness and spiritual adultery. Habakkuk saw the newly recovered law scoffed at and perverted. He saw the priests of the temple debauch themselves in new revels of iniquity, and the nation go lusting after other gods. Sin was open, and the sensitive conscience of this man of God was offended at every turn of the way. He saw the weak treated violently and the poor spoiled even in their poverty.

As we examine this carefully, we also see a note of personal complaint, for, it seems as though the

prophet was feeling the lash of the sinners' scoff and criticism of him.

The thing that troubled him most, though, was that the Holy One of Israel, beholding all this corruption and injustice, seemingly was doing nothing about it. The One Whom he loved and Whose holiness he held in great respect seemed to look on without wrath and without rendering unto these sinners judgment for their sin. As he saw the righteous suffering and the wicked prospering, he asked the question that has been in our hearts so often. How can the holy God view all this and not punish these great sinners?

Immediately God answers him. Look at this answer, v. 5. "Behold among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously." It is as though he said, "Habakkuk, you are limiting your vision and therefor you can't see and are perplexed. You look only at Israel and all her abominations. Look further, lift your eyes and gaze at the movements among the heathen Gentiles."

"Behold among the heathen, and regard and wonder marvelously:
For I will work a work in your days,
Which you will not believe,
Though it be told you.
For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation,
Which shall march through the breadth of the land,
To possess the dwelling places that are not theirs.
They are terrible and dreadful,
Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.
Their horses are swifter than leopards,
And are more fierce than the evening wolves,
Their horsemen shall bear themselves proudly,
Their horsemen shall come from far;
They fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour.
They shall come, all of them for violence:
Their faces are set eagerly toward the east
And they shall gather captives as the sand.
And they shall scoff at the kings,
And princes shall be a scorn unto them:
They shall deride every strong hold;
For they shall heap up dust, and take it.
Then shall his mind change,
And he shall transgress and offend:
Even he whose might is his god."

In so many words Jehovah told the prophet, "I am working. I am not sitting back tolerantly in face of all this continued evil. I who hold the reigns of the nations (and it is good to remember that while Hitler and Mussolini dance so proudly in Europe that their reigns are ultimately in the hands of the Holy and Just One) I am about to launch a work that you would not believe even though I draw you a picture of it. I have raised up an avenger to judge Israel for her treatment of my law and my holy name. I have filled the heart of the Chaldeans with choler against this debauched people, and they with all their military pomp and power will devastate this land and avenge my name against this people." Thus Jehovah answers his prophet's complaint.

However, before we leave this answer of Jehovah, it may be interesting to note its prophetic significance. Of truth, the Lord is speaking here of historic Babylon and her invasion of Israel under Nebuchadnezzar. But if you will look carefully at this passage, I believe you will discover many things which will lead you to believe that, primarily, the Lord was speaking of another invasion of Israel—an invasion yet to come. It is the invasion which will take place when the antichrist will lead the host of anti-semetic hatred up to the gates of Jerusalem in the day of Jacob's trouble, and there seek to wipe the chosen nation from the face of the earth.

It is interesting to note that the Revised Version changes the third person plural of v. 7-10 to correspond with the pronoun used in v. 11, the third person singular. This makes the passage read:

"He is terrible and dreadful
His judgment and his dignity shall proceed from himself,"
Vs. 8 "His horses....his horsemen....."
Vs. 9 "He shall come....his face....he shall gather....."
Vs. 10 "He shall scoff.....etc."

This seems to hint that this whole invasion hinges around one certain person.

True, this one person could have been Nebuchadnezzar, but note again that the imagery used to describe this nation and its invasion is very significant in the light of Dan. 7. There we see that Babylon is referred to as a lion with eagle's wings, Medio-Persia as a bear, Greece as a leapard, and Rome as a dreadful and terrible beast. Looking at the imagery of this invading host, we see the eagle and leopard referred to in v. 8, and the dreadful and terrible beast referred to in v. 7. Hence, it seems hardly right to conclude that this is any one of these historical kingdoms, but rather, a composite picture of them all. If we had the time we could investigate Rev. 13 where the beast out of the sea proves to be just such a composite. For, that great empire that will rise under the domination of the antichrist shall incorporate all of these kingdoms within its dominion.

Then again, in the light of a translation of that difficult v. 11 in R. V., and especially the translation given by Grotius, which reads, "His power is his own as one who is a god to himself," it is very interesting to compare II Thess. 2:4 where we read of the coming beast, the antichrist.

"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."

Hence, if the time were but ours to examine this passage more carefully, we would see that the eye of prophecy here transcends the invasion of Babylon and the historic judgment of God upon Israel. It views the final work of chastisement upon Israel when the beast and his hosts shall seek to blot off the earth the chosen nation of God, which shall be saved only by the appearance of the Lamb coming with His glorified and militant church in clouds of glory.

(To be continued)

PROGRAM -:- SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL BRETHREN BIBLE CONFERENCE

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

Evening session

7:30 Praise Srvice — Leo Polman, Music Director
7:45 Devotions — A. V. Kimmell, President
8:00 Bible Lecture — A. L. Lynn, Vice President
"Let Us Go On"

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

Morning Sessions

6:30-7:00 Prayer Service—C. H. Ashman, Chairman Program Committee in charge
8:00-8:50 Group Meetings
1. Ministerial Fellowship—A. V. Kimmel in Charge
2. Layman's Fellowship — F. B. Miller and Committee arranging
3. National Brethren Youth and Sisterhood at Bethany Camp—Leo Polman, Directing
Address — V. C. Kelford
4. Woman's Missionary Council—Mrs. A. H. Kent, Presiding
Introductions and Greetings
9:00-10:00 Bible Lecture — Alva J. McClain
"Salvation By God's Grace—The Only Way of Life and Holiness"
10:00-11:00 Organization of Conference
11:00-12:00 Bible Lecture — Harry Rimmer
"The New Testament and The Law of Evidence"

Afternoon Sessions

1:30-2:00 Sisterhood—Bethany Auditorium
2:00-3:00 Bible Study Hour — Homer A. Kent
"Christ In Christian Experience: The Secret" (Phil. 1)
3:00 Woman's Missionary Council — Message from President
Home Missions — R. Paul Miller
Thank Offering Received

Evening Sessions

6:15-7:15 Christian Endeavor Vespers, Victory Circle, Bethany Camp
Address: "The Purpose of Christian Endeavor"—R. D. Crees
7:30-8:00 Praise Service — J. L. Gingrich
8:00 Bible Lecture — A. V. Kimmell
"The King Upon David's Throne"

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

Morning Sessions

6:30-7:00 Prayer Service — Earl B. Studebaker in charge
8:00-8:50 Group Meetings:
1. Ministerial Fellowship—A. V. Kimmell in charge
2. Layman's Fellowship — F. B. Miller and Committee arranging
3. National Brethren Youth and Sisterhood at Bethany Camp—Leo Polman, Directing
Address — V. C. Kelford
4. Woman's Missionary Council
Business and Reports
9:00-10:00 Bible Lecture — Chas. W. Mayes
"God's Estimate of Human Nature"
10:00-11:00 Grace Theological Seminary Session
A. J. McClain, Dean
11:00-12:00 Bible Lecture — Harry Rimmer
"The New Testament and The Law of Evidence"

Afternoon Sessions

1:30-2:00 Sisterhood—Bethany Auditorium
2:00-3:00 Bible Study Hour — Conard Sandy
"The Most Common Sin"
3:00 Woman's Missionary Council
Grace Theological Seminary
Impressions by Students
Plans by Alva J. McClain, Dean

Evening Sessions

6:15-7:15 Christian Endeavor Vespers, Victory Circle, Bethany Camp
Address: "The Power of Christian Endeavor"—Donald F. Carter
7:30-8:00 Praise Service — Robert D. Culver
8:00 Bible Lecture — Russell D. Barnard
"The Spiritual Pattern of The Brazen Altar"

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Morning Sessions

6:30-7:00 Prayer Service — Tom Hammers in charge
8:00-8:50 Group Meetings
1. Ministerial Fellowship—A. V. Kimmell in charge
2. Layman's Fellowship — F. B. Miller and Committee arranging
3. National Brethren Youth and Sisterhood at Bethany Camp—Leo Polman, Directing
Address — V. C. Kelford
4. Woman's Missionary Council
Election of Officers
Presentations of Objectives
9:00-10:00 Bible Lecture — Herman A. Hoyt
"Why Did He Buy Me Out of The Marketplace?"
10:00-11:00 A Foreign Missions Presentation—L. S. Bauman in charge

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1940 TO LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPT. 2 -:- **WINONA LAKE**

11:00-12:00 Bible Lecture — Harry Rimmer
"The New Testament and The Law of Evidence"

Afternoon Sessions

1:30-2:00 Sisterhood—Bethany Auditorium
2:00-3:00 Bible Study Hour — Frank Coleman, Jr.
"The Judgment of the Nations"
3:00 Woman's Missionary Council
Missions—South America

Evening Sessions

5:00-7:00 Grace Seminary Annual Rally — Victory Circle, Bethany Camp
7:30-8:00 Praise Service — Ralph Rambo
8:00 Bible Lecture — Louis S. Bauman
"The Rainbow About The Throne"

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Morning Sessions

6:30-7:00 Prayer Service — Herman W. Koontz in charge
8:00-8:50 Group Meetings:
1. Ministerial Fellowship—A. V. Kimmell in charge
2. Layman's Fellowship — F. B. Miller and Committee arranging
3. National Brethren Youth and Sisterhood at Bethany Camp—Leo Polman, Directing
Address—Harry Rimmer
"The New Testament and The Law of Evidence"
4. Woman's Missionary Council
Presentation of Constitution
9:00-10:00 Bible Lecture — V. C. Kelford
10:00-11:00 Brethren Missionary Herald Co. Session —Herman A. Hoyt in charge
11:00-12:00 Bible Lecture — Harry Rimmer
"The New Testament and The Law of Evidence"

Afternoon Sessions

1:30-2:00 Sisterhood—Bethany Auditorium
2:00-3:00 Bible Study Hour — J. C. Beal
"The Lamb in the Revelation"
3:00 Woman's Missionary Council
Missions—Africa

Evening Sessions

6:15-7:15 Christian Endeavor Vespers, Victory Circle, Bethany Camp
Address: "The Passion of Christian Endeavor"—Tom Hammers
7:30-8:00 Praise Service — James S. Cook
8:00 Bible Lecture — L. L. Grubb
"The Church Persecuted"
9:30 Fagot Service, Victory Circle, Bethany Camp, Leo Polman in charge

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Morning Sessions

6:30-7:00 Prayer Service — Miles Taber in charge
8:00-8:50 Group Meetings:
1. Ministerial Fellowship—A. V. Kimmell in charge
2. Layman's Fellowship — F. B. Miller and Committee arranging
3. National Brethren Youth and Sisterhood recting
Address—Harry Rimmer
4. Woman's Missionary Council
9:00-10:00 Bible Lecture — G. W. Kinzie
"The Decisive Test of One's Salvation"
10:00-11:00 Brethren Home Missions Council Session R. Paul Miller in charge
11:00-12:00 Bible Lecture — Harry Rimmer

Afternoon Sessions

1:30-2:30 Bible Study Hour — R. Paul Miller
"Israel, God's Tragic Warning to the World"
2:30-4:30 Brethren Bible Conference Fellowship Rally at Bethany Camp — Officers Elect for 1940-41 in charge

Evening Sessions

6:15-7:15 Christian Endeavor Vespers, Victory Circle, Bethany Camp
"Christian Endeavor Goals for 1940-41" C.E. Officers in charge
7:30-8:00 Praise Service — R. I. Humberd
8:00 Bible Lecture — Harry Rimmer
"The Purpose of Calvary"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Morning Sessions

8:30-9:30 Teacher's Meeting (place will be named)
9:30-10:45 Bible School Classes—Superintendent to be named
10:45-12:00 Morning Worship Service
Sermon: "The Common Salvation"—W. A. Ogden

Afternoon Sessions

2:00-3:00 Bible Lecture — Harry Rimmer
"The Purpose of Calvary"
3:00-4:00 Sacred Music Concert
In charge of Leo Polman, General Music Director
Biola Trumpeters and Brethren Talent

Evening Sessions

6:15-7:15 Christian Endeavor Vespers, Victory Circle, Bethany Camp C.E. Officers in charge
7:30-8:00 Praise Service — William Steffler
8:00 Bible Lecture — Paul R. Bauman
"The Supreme Need of The Brethren Church at This Hour"
Closing Prayer and Benediction by Chairman Elect

MONDAY, LABOR DAY
September 2

A SPECIAL DAY OF FELLOWSHIP AND RECREATION IS BEING PROVIDED AT BETHANY CAMP FOR ALL THOSE WHO CAN ARRANGE TO STAY AFTER THE BIBLE CONFERENCE OR CAN ONLY COME FOR THE WEEK END.

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

An Exposition of Revelation 7

By R. I. Humberd

(Continued form issue of July 13)

In the kingdom age there will be no nations as we know them today, for they will be dashed in pieces as a potters vessel (Ps. 2). The Gentile nations will become "like the chaff of the summer threshing floor" and pass into oblivion (Dan. 2:35). The kingdom of our Lord must fill the whole world and the law of the whole earth must go out from Zion.

The Innumerable Company

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations—stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands" (v. 9).

As this company of Israelites thus appear upon the scene in the interest of the God of heaven, it will bring fearful persecution. They will be hungry, thirsty, lonely, in need of clothing, become sick and be cast into prison (Mt. 25). There is no mistaking their identity; their mark is in their forehead. To persecute them is to persecute their Lord; to love them is to love their King.

We do not know how long their ministry will last, but an innumerable company of every nation under heaven will hear and turn to the Lord. They will stand before the throne, clothed in white raiment and have palms in their hands.

White robes stand for divine approval and unspotted righteousness through the blood of the Lamb. Palms bring to our mind joy and victory. Though their faith meant death, it was a victorious death and now with unmingled joy they cry "Salvation unto our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb" (v. 10).

There are those who would have us believe we are saved by our own good works plus Christ's death; others tell us that we are saved by Christ but must keep ourselves saved by our good behavior. But here in heaven the honor for our salvation is all accredited to God and the Lamb.

As these shouts from the white robed multitude vibrate about the throne, another company takes up the strain and echoes back in blessing and glory and honor "unto our God for ever and ever" (vs. 11, 12). It is the voice of all the angels.

Unselfish Angels

We may well marvel at their unselfish interest. There is not a selfish note in all their praise. Ages and ages ago these mighty sons of God stood by as their Creator formed the sun and moon and threw out in boundless space the stars and constellations.

The foundations of our earth are in the sun, and our sun is anchored to another sun and on and on. Thus God laid the foundations of our earth when He created the material universe. It was when God thus displayed His unlimited power that "all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:7).

But one time evil entered among the heavenly host and many sinned. Many of these great and shining sons of light marred their glory, tarnished their crowns and spotted their garments. "God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell" (2 Pet. 2:4). As far as we know, there was no offer of salvation to sinning angels. But here are all the angels about the throne; angels that saw their own kind cast down to hell, but here they are rejoicing at the salvation of sinful men.

Comfort and Assurance

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These that are arrayed in white robes, who are they, and whence came they? And I say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they that come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (v. 13,14, R.V.).

Here we have one of the many times where our Lord stops to give comfort and assurance before revealing some fearful judgment. Although this great innumerable company comes up out of the great tribulation, yet we see them safe and in heaven before that fearful time comes upon the earth. For although We are in Daniel's 70th week, it is in the last half of that week that the great tribulation runs its course.

Safe For Evermore

Life was not easy for them as they played their part in life's brief drama. They were put through great distress as the dogs of hell hounded their every step. They were starved and scorched and burnt, but now they are safe and their sorrows are over forever. "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them into living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (v. 16, 17).

To be free from sin; to be clothed in spotless purity; to know that all is well for eternity; this fills the deepest wish and longing of the child of God. Never again will tears dim those eyes nor a sigh escape those lips. Verily, what boundless and untold joys await those who love the Lord.

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"Twas most impossible of all
That here sin's reign in me should cease;
Yet shall it be, I know it shall:
Jesus, I trust Thy faithfulness!
If nothing is too hard for Thee,
All things are possible to me."—C. Wesley.

The Growing Christian

"Grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—2 Peter 3:18

LETTERS TO A COUSIN ..... By Art

So far we have not printed the name of the writer of these splendid letters featuring precious truths about the Christian life. We feel now that it is time to identify him as our pastor at Clayton, Ohio, Rev. A. D. Cashman.—Editor

Dear Cousin Bert:

I am glad that you wrote to me concerning your experiences at the Christian Endeavor convention you attended the other week end. You must be in one of those few counties where the leadership in that organization still speaks out boldly against worldliness and encourages godly living. Those illustrations like the "fishing frog and the deceitfulness of sin" you wrote about in your letter will remain with many of those young people for a long time. I remember one I heard in such a convention about a kind of eagle which is bold enough to attack a seal. It will swoop down and suddenly fix its claws into the flesh, and by the strength of its wings, pull the seal to shore. But sometimes the seal is too strong for the eagle, and not being able to let go its hold it is dragged down under the water and is drowned. Then the speaker pointed out how often people lay hold of sinful pleasures, expecting to master them, but are overcome by them. Their heart's affections are so fixed on them, and settled in them, that they cannot let go, and are dragged down into the perdition that drowns men's souls.

I believe it was at a Sunday School convention where I heard about jellyfish pleasures. The speaker was telling how harmless looking the jellyfish is, but how deadly in character. He related how small fish seemed to delight in the sheltering folds of its seemingly soft and tender tentacles, but in a little while they become paralysed, captured and devoured. Then he said, "Jellyfish pleasures are swimming about in abundance in the sea of human life. Strong drink is the name of one of them; gambling, the giddy dance, the modern theatre and the love of money are others." And then he appealed to us to avoid these jellyfish temptations as we would a monster jellyfish while bathing in the ocean.

I just read an interesting illustration along this line the other day. It may be that you will want to use it sometime in a talk on this subject, so I will pass it on to you. "When the piercing eye of the rattlesnake is fixed upon its prey, terror and amazement render it incapable of escaping; and while involuntarily keeping its eyes fixed on those of the reptile, it has been seen to drop into the mouth of the rattlesnake as if paralyzed. Just so, many young people in like manner fall helplessly into the destructive jaws of sin, because they keep looking at it until its fascinating eye overcomes them."

Doesn't it just grieve you, Bert, to see so many young people ignore every warning and defy every spiritual and moral law to gratify a carnal appetite? It is especially distressing when we see it being done by supposedly Christian young folk who should know better. Yet we must be careful ourselves, and it is a sort of safeguard to us while we are giving warning to others. Have you ever noticed how Heb. 3:12, 13 reads? "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

Don't you believe what that chap with whom you roomed said about your conduct not making any difference, just so you are saved when the Lord comes. It does make a difference, and it fits right into the theme we have been discussing, because His return is an aid to being ready. I am recording here what is recorded in 1 Jn. 3:2,3: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." In Eph. 5:27 Paul tells us that Christ wants to present the church, His bride, to Himself, "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." A young woman in love with a young man, who is to be her bridegroom shortly, is not going to permit herself to flirt with someone else, especially not with one beneath her standing. There are those who will do that very thing if they think they may not see the other lover for many years to come. Yes, Bert, we should expect Him at any moment these days when so many Scriptures are being fulfilled that must immediately precede His appearing; and let us so live by His grace that "when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed at His coming" (1 Jn. 2:28).

Yours in the blessed Hope,

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"Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have Eternal Life; and they are they which testify of me"—John 5:39.

STUDY No. II — **Chapter III** — By ORD GEHMAN

The chapter before us begins with "wherefore," which stands as a connecting link between the first two chapters and the one which is immediatly to follow. Because of God's final and complete revelation through His Son, by which we are made partakers of the heavenly calling, our attention is invited to the consideration of the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Jesus Christ. We note here a very fine and clear distinction labeling those who belong to the Lord Jesus Christ.

First of all, there is a reference to "holy brethren." By sounding the depths of the meaning of these two words as they are here used in conjunction the one with the other, we find a world of rich and fruitful significance. So many of God's children seem so ready to "shy at" His Word today when someone suggests the Biblical admonition of a holy and separated walk before God. Both Testaments are filled with a plea repeatedly used for a holy and a separated walk before God on the part of His children. A holy life before God means a life of consecration, separation, and sacrifice. Not only does this verse suggest a holy life, but being truly brethren is involved. It is my conviction that these two words cannot be divorced. If the lives of God's children are marked by a "holy conversation" (II Pet. 3:11), and a holy attitude toward His creation, then we will all be "brethren." If we are truly brethren in the Biblical significance of the word, then our very lives will be marked by a holy walk with one another and with God.

In the second place, v. 1 calls our attention to the profound fact that we **are** "partakers of the heavenly calling." "Our conversation (citizenship as one version puts it) is in heaven," writes Paul to the Philippians. No greater glory could possibly come to the regenerated heart than that we are made partakers of this heavenly calling. When we consider that God has vouchsafed to erring and rebellious human-kind such a marvelous revelation of His will for man, we cannot but be made more humble and gracious before His sovereign will, not awaiting some far-removed day in a promised future when we shall be made partakers of the heavenly calling in Christ Jesus, but **now** are fellow-heirs of God's grace with the Son. No more tremendous responsibility could possibly befall God's saints. Does this make for careless living in Christian experience? Emphatically **no!** In my brief pastoral experience it has been my observation that no truth of God's Word tends to keep His children as true to Him as does this. Think of it! "Holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling." "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is" (1 Jn. 3:2).

On the basis of this revelation of God's will, the first consideration in our lives is to be Jesus Christ: no longer our human alibis, but His will in our hearts; no longer our Whys?" and "Buts" — only a sweet submission to the High Priest of our profession, Jesus Christ; no greater demand placed upon the Christian heart; only His will. The very sphere of our profession is centered in Christ Jesus, the Lord of glory; the central figure of God's Word; the great Stabalizer of God's children before Him.

Our minds are attracted to a consideration of Christ Jesus. We notice the faithfulness of the Lord Jesus. He came into the world to fulfil the Father's will. A comparison is drawn between Christ and Moses. Moses was faithful as a **servant in** the house of God in giving the testimony of those things which were to come. But Christ came as a **Son** faithful to the Father's will **over** His own house. Moses was true to God in presenting those things which pointed to the Lord Jesus in His coming into the world to fulfil all the sacrificial system of the Old Testament. Christ came as God's fulfilment of the things Moses had expressed beforehand. Christ came to establish His house, Whose house we are.

The Holy Spirit reminds our hearts here that the expressed proof of our eternal salvation comes in our lives of patient confidence and rejoicing hope firm unto the end. Two great doctrines of God's Word regarding the Christian life, greatly misunderstood and misapplied are herein contained. I refer to God's part of man's salvation, and man's part. On God's side comes preservation; on man's side comes perseverance. These two great truths can never be divorced the one from the other. God preserves, praise His holy and adorable name! Man perseveres, blessed responsibility! In the steadied Christian life there is always a perfect balance between these two marvelous truths. They are not the same, as some have supposed, yet they are very closely inter-related in their application in our Christian experience.

"Were these things taught in the Old Testament?" many will ask. We can answer in the affirmative. It is the writer's firm conviction, based upon God's Word, that no one was ever saved, is now saved, or will ever be saved, apart from the grace of a Sovereign God. Salvation by grace is taught in the New Testament, but it is taught in the Old Testament as well. Going back to Israel's wilderness experiences, we see God's grace and judgment applied. The same gracious invitation was extended: "Today if ye will hear His voice . . . ." God was not displeased with those who

did hear His voice, but with those who did not hearken and their hearts were hardened.

A warning comes forth from the Holy Spirit regarding the deceitfulness of sin. Sin is so delusive. We have become inclined to catalogue sin in our thinking as to its extent and effect. But let us remember, brethren, "Sin is any transgression of the law of God." The Christian's question should not be, "How much will this effect my Christian experience?" but "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Paul taught, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do **all to the glory of God"** (1 Cor. 10: 31). This becomes the Christian's criterion of conduct.

How prone we are to forget **all** that God has spoken for our admonition and good and for His glory. An entrance into the blessings of God is promised to God's children who, in simple, childlike faith, place every trust in Him and His Word. The sin question is very vital in the lives of God's children. Unconfessed sin is exceedingly detrimental, but "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 Jn. 1:9).

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, 'The Lord knoweth them that are His.' And, 'Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity'" (2 Tim. 2:19).

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FAITHFULNESS

By V. C. Kelford

Across my path, dear Lord, I see
The shadows of eternity.
Fast passing years their tale have told,
A few the sheaves my arms enfold.
But O, dear Lord, how sweet to know
Thy judgments, not as man's below.
The ground of Thy dear, sweet caress
Is not "how much?" but "faithfulness."

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Don't forget to send church calendars and news of your activities to Robert Culver, Winona Lake, Ind.

THINK IT OVER

Every Mohammedan regards himself as a missionary. The majority of Christians regard it as another man's work. Can the Christian faith mean less to the Christian than Mohammedanism does to a Mohammedan?

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR AUGUST 11, 1940

Adam as a Type of Christ

(Romans 5:1-14)

Suggestions for the Leader

Typology is a study that is interesting and extremely helpful to Bible students. Many persons and things pointed to another which would be greater and that would come in the future. It is one of those things that ties the two Testaments together.

No type is perfect. Sooner or later every type breaks down. Nevertheless we have beautiful and nearly complete types of Christ that tell us in a new way His characteristics.

Seldom do we guess in our study. The Bible actually tells us that Adam was a type of Christ. He is the best O. T. type concerning headship. He is also the contrasting type, being absolutely different in other respects.

1. Adam was created in the image and likeness of God.

"So God created man in His own image" (Gen. 1: 26, 27). Adam soon lost his resemblance to God and became ungodly.

Christ is the exact and eternal revelation of God, "the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15), "the express image of His person" (Heb. 1:3; Phil. 2:6). "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father" (Jn. 14:9).

2. Adam was created to be God's companion.

"After our likeness (Gen. 1:26), that is to say, in interests as well as appearance. But see how he hid himself (Gen. 3:8) and was driven out (3:24). Here is broken fellowship.

Christ has always been God's companion. He thought it not robbery to be equal with God (Phil. 2: 6). He was in the beginning with God (Jn. 1:2). He had glory with the Father before the world was (Jn. 17:5).

3. Adam was formed of the earth and was earthy.

He was made of the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7); Of the earth (1 Cor. 15:47).

Christ was the Lord from heaven and not from the earth. "I proceeded forth and came from God" (Jn. 8:23, 42). "A body hast Thou prepared Me" (Heb. 10:5). "The second man is the Lord from heaven" (1 Cor. 15:45).

4. Adam received his life from God.

"Breathed into his nostrils the breath of life" (Gen. 2:7).

Christ is Himself the life of God. "He that hath the Son hath life" (1 Jn. 5:12). "Last Adam . . . . a quickening spirit" (1 Cor. 15:45).

5. Adam was given a world-wide dominion.

"God said . . . . Have dominion . . . . every living thing" (Gen. 1:28). "I have given you every herb . . . tree" (1:29).

Christ as a man exercised this authority: in the animal kingdom (Mt. 17:27; Mk. 11:2, 7-10) and in the vegetable kingdom (Mt. 21:18-19). Even the elements obeyed His will (Mt. 8:26, 27).

6. Adam lost his great authority.

The ground was cursed; thorns and thistles came (Gen. 3:17-18). "So He drove out the man" (Gen. 3: 24).

Christ shall forever retain and increase his domain. Of the increase . . . there shall be no end" (Isa. 9:7; 35:1,2,7; Amos 9:13).

Questions

1. In what ways was Adam like Christ?
2. In what ways was Adam unlike Christ?
3. What is the difference between our relation to the first Adam and the last Adam? I Cor. 15:22.
4. How did Christ regain all that Adam lost?

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Junior-Intermediate C.E. Topic for Aug. 11, 1940

THE LITTLE MAID — II Ki. 5:1-15

The little slave maid in the house of Naaman the Syrian awoke. The Syrians had swept down upon her father's village, and destroyed it, and carried away all those young men and girls who had not fled. She felt again that fear that had come over her when she had heard the hoof beats of the horsemen and the cries of the helpless people. Syria was a beautiful country, but it wasn't home.

As she lay there thinking, she seemed to feel that she should witness to her God even in this hard place. So she arose and went to her mistress. She found her mistress weeping. "Oh, my little maid," she sobbed, "My lord Naaman has the dread disease, leprosy. O, what shall I do?"

She said to her mistress, "Would God my lord were with the prophet in Samariah, for he would recover him of his leprosy." Her mistress told her husband and he told the king. The king was very much interested, for Naaman was captain of his hosts. The king said, "We will send a letter with gifts to the king of Israel, and you shall be healed.

The king of Israel was not a godly man, and thought the king of Syria was trying to pick a quarrel with him, for he could not heal Naaman. But when Elisha heard of it he sent word that Naaman should come to him. So he went down with his horses and his gifts, and stood at the door of Elisha's house. Only a servant came out and said, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean."

Naaman said, "Where is the prophet? Why doesn't he come out and talk to me, and do some great thing for me? I am a great man, and he sends his servant out to talk to me." He was very angry. "Why, the waters of our own rivers in Damascus are much better than this muddy little stream, Jordan." He started to go home. But one of his servants said, "My father, if the prophet had bid thee to do some great thing wouldst thou not have done it? How much rather then when he saith to thee, 'wash and be clean'."

Naaman looked at himself and saw the effects of the terrible disease, and then at his servant, and felt very humble. He went and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan and he was cleansed and healed. Then he came back to Elisha who saw him this time, and he acknowledged Jehovah to be the only God. He wanted to give his gifts to Elisha, but Elisha refused them.

Naaman then went home. Even afar off his wife could see how happy he was and knew he was healed. He said, "I am not only healed of my leprosy, but I know now that Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is the one true God."

The little maid was so very happy. In the midst of sadness and trial she had been used of God to be a witness to Him.

Discussion

Name some ways in which we can witness for Christ outside our home.

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C. E. NEWS FROM PERU, IND. SENIORS

Greetings to Brethren Christian Endeavorers:

The Senior C. E. of Peru, Ind., wishes to greet you all in the name of the Lord. Altho you may not have heard from us lately, we have not been silent in our work "for Christ and the church." We have had many good times in Christian fellowship in our programs, prayer meetings, and social gatherings.

Some of our programs have been in the form of discussions with topics and others with special speakers. We were privileged to have Prof. Sandy of Grace Seminary as one of our speakers. On another Sunday our senior group and the adult group united and Prof. Hoyt also of the Seminary was the speaker. Another program was planned around the lives of Rev. & Mrs. Robert Williams, missionaries to Africa. Mrs. Williams formerly lived a few miles south of Peru and this made the meeting more interesting to us all. We had a program in which the Holy Spirit was the leader and the Bible the text book. It was announced as a night school. Our Quiet Hour meeting was on one of the consecration meeting nights. All the chairs were placed in a circle about an imitation fire. Aside

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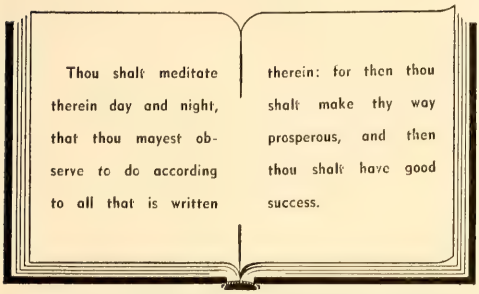

from the fire, candles for the leader and pianist were the only other lights while the topics were given and choruses sung by the group. We are using the topics as prepared by our National C. E. Topic Editor in The Brethren Missionary Herald.

The social and recreational part of our C. E. program included the following. We had a "hare and hound chase" in which our pastor, Rev. Ashman, and two other members of the society were the hares. They laid a trail out into the country with paper, and some blind trails too. Then the rest of the members and friends led by Mr. Gilbert, one of our C. E. sponsors, led the hounds following the trail. Darkness overtook the hounds but at the end of the trail an open air feast of steak sandwiches, fried potatoes, salad etc, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Of course we had a hallowe'en party, and a snowball party using suggestions from the Herald.

We conducted a service at the County Home. An evening of singing Christmas carols took us to many homes and to the two hospitals here. At the places where we sang where there were sick folks, we also left them a box of fruit and nuts. We were rewarded for our efforts at most places with something to eat, and we had real fun in seeing those shut-ins' faces lighten up when we sang to them.

Altho we had a great time in our social events we had far richer times in seeing two young ladies accept Christ for the first time because of the efforts of some one of the Senior Endeavorers. Several other Endeavorers rededicated their lives during the year. With these brief items of C. E. news from Peru we say farewell for the present.

We feel that we have had a successful year in Senior C. E. but do not feel that there is no more to be done. We have quite a number of young people in our Sunday School whom we are trying to interest in C. E. and Christ, for after all the real purpose of C. E. is to bring others to Christ.

As I am writing this report we are working on final plans for a "Holy Land Cruise" Contest to continue from July 7th until one group arrives in Jerusalem.

So we close with best wishes to all.

In His Service,

MADELYN COMERFORD, Sec.

AN INVALID'S TESTIMONY

(Reprinted from the King's Business)

Every one needs to work in order to remain normal, and it is such a comfort that none of us are too ill to know the joy of accomplishment, the opportunity to win crowns, sheaves to lay at the feet of the Lord of harvest. Years ago I was reading the Bible to a little boy of nine who had recently given his heart to Christ. He had had no Christian up-bringing, and thus the truth of the Word of God was all new to him. I found that he caught the marvel of it in a way that shamed me at times. I was explaining about the five kinds of rewards, and read to him the verse: "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness . . . ."

His eyes grew bigger and bigger, and at last he fairly gasped, "Oh, are there going to be crowns **too?** I should think it would be enough just to save our souls!"

There is so much we who are the Lord's can do. I have long had the habit of praying for those whose stories of sin and sorrow are spread all over the pages of our newspapers, even for the murderers awaiting execution. And of course, I pray for all Christian work and workers everywhere.

Then there is that very quiet work of grace. All summer I have thrilled to a miracle in our back yard. We had a sapling fig tree, only knee high. We poured on the water, and it drank it in and spread its little branches to catch the sunshine. I took such pride in it and would stroke its straight strong trunk and limbs so unlike my twisted body. It grew so quietly, never a sound or a stir, yet now it is six feet tall, and this fall gave us largess of gifts, great fat figs bursting with their own sweetness. So we, on quiet beds of pain, may drink in His Word, and open our hearts to His Holy Spirit until we too bear fruit.

It is such a blessing to **know** that God makes no mistakes, that this illness is not something that just happened to me. "Shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He hath no understanding?" No, the enduring is mine, to be sure, but the responsibility for it is entirely His, and what a difference that makes! Nothing can even touch the child of God without His permissive will. It is not necessary for me to know the reasons, for they are safe with our dear Lord, "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

I am no wise theologian, but I have thought that surely God will be glad when this is all over and He will no longer have to watch His children suffer, when all tears will be wiped from our eyes, and a song put upon our lips. Until then cannot we "endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," and spare Him the sound of our wailing?

A POINT TO REMEMBER

Uncle Eben says, "De religion ob some people consists principally in praying dat de Lawd will provide."

HERE AND THERE

By Robert Culver

The Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Ia. enjoyed the ministry of Prof. Herman A. Hoyt July 15-17. A Daily Vacation Bible School has just been closed which had an enrollment of 170 pupils and staff with an average attendance of 104.

The heads of four different schools of Christian learning have recently ministered in the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif. They were as follows: Dr. Wallace Emerson, Pres. Westmont Bible College, Los Angeles, Calif; and Dr. Louis T. Talbot, Pres. Bible Institute of Los Angeles, both of whom spoke June 16; Dr. Alva J. McClain, Pres. Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., June 23-26; and Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, Pres. Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, July 1-3.

The Most recent Long Beach (Calif.) C. E. Bulletin speaks well for Brethren Christian Endeavor in that district. According to this bulletin, of the 15 churches in the District Union, almost half the membership comes from the First and Second Brethren Churches of Long Beach.

Dr. V. C. Kelford, member of our Fort Wayne, Ind Church, is the new dean of Florida Bible Institute at Tampa, Florida. With Dr. Kenneth Monroe, Dean of Bible Institute of Los Angeles, this makes two deans of well-known Bible Institutes from among our Brethren men.

The East Central District Mission Board met at the Rittman church July 14. Pastors present were L. L. Grubb, C. W. Mayes, S. M. Justice, R. D. Culver, R. E. Gingrich, Wayne Baker. Lay members of the board present were John Guthrie, Floyd Moine, Edmund Hastings, and another good brother from Ellet, Ohio whose name the writer just can't recall. The afternoon was spent in discussing business concerning district mission work at established and prospective points.

The Pike Brethren Church, (Penna.) of which Bro. Kenneth Ashman is pastor, had the best attended communion service in its history July 7, with 146 present. Over the period of the last three Sundays there have been over 30 baptisms. July 7, 24 new members were received into the church. On the same day was Sunday School reorganization with 199 present. This church is sponsoring its own young people's camp again this year, Aug. 13-18. Visitors and outside registrations are welcome at $3.00 each.—The reason for this fine record??? A prayer meeting that averages 50.

Over one hundred young people from Southern O. and from many denominations assembled at Chautauqua, O. July 1-7 for a young people's conference. The Brethren Church was represented by many of the young people and by three of the faculty of six. Herman A. Hoyt, professor at Grace Seminary, was main Bible teacher throughout the week. Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman directed all the music activities. Bro. Polman also delivered two evangelistic messages and conducted a decision service at which there were 67 definite decisions for Christ. Nine during the week found Christ as Savior. Other speakers were Ralph Stewart of Moody Bible Institute, Rev. Hobert Hess of Centerville, Ohio, and Leland Wang, Chinese Evangelist of Shanghai, China.

Events at the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside, Wash. during recent weeks include: a program of special music presented by the Biola Trumpeters and a week's series of meetings with Ralph Underwood, June 3-9. Bro. W. E. Reed has just closed his sixth year as pastor of this church. During the last four years 78 have been baptized and 76 have been received into church membership.

NEW BOOKS FOR YOUR LIBRARY

Books reviewed in this column we consider fundamental to the Christian standard, although there may be some small portions with which we do not agree or of which we cannot approve. In such instances we shall call attention to that with which we are not in accord.

Books reviewed here may be procured from The Brethren Missionary Herald Co., 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM, by Esther MacKay; The Bible Institute Colportage Ass'n., publishers. This true story is told by a mother to whom God entrusted a little son. This little life was dedicated to the Lord, and as the child grew older, his every thought and action was that of a sweet young Christian.

Donnie, for that was his name, gathered his little friends, Jews, Catholics and Protestants, into the basement of his home where he conducted a church service. Young and old were won by his gentle manner and deep sincerity. Donnie had accepted the Lord as his Savior at the age of 5.

As the days passed, Donnie's health failed. It was necessary for him to undergo an appendectomy. Due to complications he never recovered. When the end came, neighbors and friends from every walk of life crowded into the church auditorium.

Through this terrible battle the father and mother came victorious because of their faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Many were won to Christ because of this victory in the lives of the parents. Many lived a richer, fuller life on earth, waiting only for the time when there would be a blessed reunion with our Lord Jesus Christ.

This book is especially adapted to those who have lost a child, as well as beneficial to all who read it. 62 pages, paper cover, price 30c.

—Mrs. Earl Virts

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"THE OLDEST LIVING THING TODAY THAT STANDS ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH"

Out in California, trees grow so big that you have to tunnel through them to get around them! Your missionary editor, his wife, and his son here furnish the proof!

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PARTIAL EASTER OFFERING REPORT

EDITORIALS

By Louis S. Bauman, Editor

THE EASTER OFFERING REPORT

We are printing in this issue a partial report of our annual Easter Offering. This report reveals only a very small part of the money that was given in our Easter Offering to carry forward the work of our foreign missionaries in Africa and in South America. The great mass of this money is being held in the treasuries of the churches that gave it. And, that the donors may fully understand why it has not been turned over to the Treasurer of The Foreign Missionary Society, we give this explanation.

The readers of The Brethren Missionary Herald are aware of the seizure by autocratic and illegal methods of the control of The National Conference of The Brethren Church, at Winona Lake, Indiana, in 1939. All honest men who witnessed that fiasco, deep down in the hearts of them, know what was done. An Ashland College leader once tried to explain to us: "This illegal operation was necessary!"

Then, it will be recalled that last March, the man who seems to have become Ashland's foremost spokesman, Eld. Charles F. Yoder, "contributing editor" of The Brethren Evangelist, advised all Brethren churches that they might do well to send their Easter Offering to "The Missionary Board of The Brethren Church," more commonly known as "The National Home Mission Board," and an institution utterly controlled by the most radical leaders of the "Ashland College Group"; or, Eld. Yoder said, the churches could hold their offerings in their treasuries, until "The National Conference" would meet, and tell them what to do.

Of course, this "National Conference" is the one illegally organized, and therefore some of us cannot recognize it as having any authority whatsoever. It is a "Conference" so utterly biased that it did not place on a small committee a man sympathetic with the Grace Seminary Group of churches, to which more than half the members of The Brethren Church belong, except in one or two cases, where no Ashland College man was available.

The fact that the Ashland College Group of Brethren Churches could seize control of the National Conference and all but two of our District Conferences, does not mean that a majority of the members of The Brethren Church are of Ashland College persuasion, by any manner of means. We would welcome a popular vote of the members of the entire Brethren Church on any issue. Let us recall that in 1884, James G. Blaine polled one million more votes in The United States than Grover Cleveland polled. However, Cleveland was elected president of the United States. Cleveland was elected by presidential **electors.** Conferences are controlled by **"delegates"**—only another name for electors.

As further evidence that Eld. Yoder seeks to place the Foreign Missionary Society under the complete control of this illegally organized "National Conference," which violated its own **Manual of Procedure,** and arbitrarily threw out 88 duly signed credentials of delegates from Brethren Churches, whose standing never in all their long history, was called in question, we have only to quote from a recent letter of Eld Yoder to the editor:

> "In response to urgent requests from givers to know what to do under the imminent complete division of the church, I merely suggested that as this is a question for the General Conference to decide, offerings might be held until the time of Conference . . . . . If you had any sense of honor you would resign and turn over this Cooperating Board of the Brethren General Conference to the Conference to which it **legally belongs** instead of trying to betray your trust by going over to **a new and disapproved sect** and carry the trust funds of The Brethren Church with you."

No, what a pity that this "new and disapproved sect" which furnished last year 85% plus of all the funds that came into the hands of the treasurer of The Foreign Missionary Society—what a pity that this "sect" does not turn over the funds it gives to a conference that does not expect to allow the members of this "sect" any voice whatever in its deliberations this year. (For proof of this last statement we refer our readers to the action of the Ashland controlled Indiana District Conference). The First Brethren Church of Long Beach, which is a member of this "new and disapproved sect," last year (1938-1939) gave more than one-fifth the entire foreign missionary offering. Yet, of course, if its pastor "had any sense of honor" he "would resign and turn over" all this money

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to this "Conference" that denies his "sect" any right of representation. **Certainly! Why not be honorable and brotherly?**

But, just what would happen if he should do this? Eld. Yoder does not leave us to guess. He further writes in his letter of June 22, 1940:

> "It is also dishonest to pretend that what I wrote means the abandonment of our foreign missionaries. I did not and do not favor such abandonment **unless they first abandon the Church which authorized them to go out. If they choose to go with another church they must consider the consequences of such a choice, but the responsibility will be theirs."**

And there you have it! Eld. Yoder holds that to support Grace Theological Seminary, or any Church organization that is sympathetic with it; or, to refuse to support Ashland College or any of its affiliated organizations, would be to "abandon the Church." And, he believes that missionaries who continue to hold membership in any Brethren Church that supports Grace Theological Seminary "choose to go with another (and) **must consider the consequences."** And who does not know exactly what Eld. Yoder means by this threat? The question is, will the Ashland Group continue to follow this man's leadership?

The gist of Yoder's letter is simply this:

> "The Foreign Missionary Society 'legally belongs' to The Brethren Church. The Brethren Church is composed not of sovereign Brethren Churches that merely hold to the New Testament in the fullness of its teaching. Brethren Churches **must** support Ashland College and its Ashland controlled District and National Conferences before they can be recognized as Brethren Churches and sit with the elect. Therefore, we say to all our Brethren Churches, to our Foreign Mission Board, and to all its missionaries: **'Line up, or consider the consequences'!"**

Christian courtesy forbids our mentioning the name of a very famous person in Europe!

But, in view of this attitude taken by this outstanding spokesman of the "Ashland College Group," does any one need wonder that Brethren Churches that are still free, are demanding of us that no money of theirs, given at this Easter time, is ever to fall into the hands of any organization over which Eld. Yoder exercises any influence? They do not propose that our foreign missionaries shall **"line up, or 'consider the consequences'."** Under this threat, they are holding their offerings in their own treasuries until they are assured that those gifts will go for the purpose for which they were given at Easter time, and that means for the support of the missionaries that are now on the fields, working under the direction of the members of the Society who by their gifts have made and are making this work possible. They are ready to send the money to us when they can be assured it will not be diverted from any missionary, simply because that missionary would not kneel before the oligarchy of Ashland College, some of whose members seem to be out to destroy what they cannot control.

The Foreign Mission Board appreciates the support given it by the W.M.S., and by churches of the Ashland College Group—churches that seem not yet to have bowed fully the knee. We want to assure them and all the members of the society, that we do not believe the money they have given will ever be used other than for the purposes they gave it. We do not believe that any court in the land would fail to see the justice of our plea.

But, the treasurer of The Foreign Missionary Society is compelled to believe from Eld. Yoder's pronouncements, and by the action of the last "National Conference" and of the recent Indiana District Conference that **an attempt** is going to be made to throw out of The Brethren Church as being non-Brethren, all churches now sympathetic with Grace Theological Seminary. If it could be legally proven that we are not Brethren (which we refuse to admit is within the realm of possibility), then just who would own The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church? Should that day come, with it would come the detruction of The Foreign Missionary Society, for 85% of its members are and always have been, of Grace Seminary persuasion. You cannot carry on mission work in foreign lands without funds. Of course, on the ashes of that Society, there would be rebuilt another Brethren Foreign Missionary Society that would go forth and carry on for Christ and His Church in Africa and Latin America. And, we may ask, just who are they that are really responsible for the organization of Grace Seminary, the Brethren Home Missions Council, and the Women's Missionary Council.

In the meantime, The Foreign Missionary Society continues to recognize **all** Brethren Churches as sovereign congregational churches. We shall show no bias against any missionary because of the Church or "Group," to which he or she may belong. We shall continue to be true to every trust, no matter which "Group" has committed it unto us. Funds are coming in at present **as fast as we have need.** We know that the churches who are still holding their foreign offerings in their treasuries will keep faith **with the missionaries,** and provide.

You see, it appears that the Grace Seminary Group of Churches seem to have taken Eld. Yoder's advice also. However, God is putting into the hearts of Brethren Churches on both sides of the fence to provide as fast as our missionaries have need. We know that our churches will keep faith with the missionaries who have trusted them to "hold the ropes" as they went down into the pits of heathenism, seeking the lost.

If Brethren are really "brethren," and the time has come when the two "Groups" feel that they cannot walk together, then a sane brotherly course would be for representatives of the two "Groups" to go to their knees, ask God for the guidance of His Holy Spirit; then, arise and sit down and talk over our problems, and see to it that if we cannot walk together in peace and love, we can at least be just, and recognize the fact that we all have some rights because of past support, and thus seek an equitable so-

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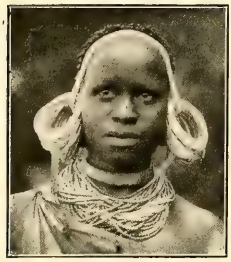

DARKNESS

WOMEN'S WORK

By MRS. MINNIE KENNEDY
French Equatorial Africa

LIGHT

Is it worth while to spend all one's time on the women in Africa? Can they possibly amount to anything? Will they ever come to an understanding of what is being taught them? After all these years of bondage and darkness, can they come to the light? Would it ever be possible to have Bible women in Africa as they do in India and other countries? Humanly speaking the task would be impossible, but with God all things are possible. And we know He delights to do the seeming impossible.

The women and girls of Africa are beginning to understand that a new day has dawned for them. It has taken a while to awaken in the hearts of the majority even so much as a desire for something better. And still there is much ground to be possessed.

It is often said, "The man is the head but the woman is the neck which turns the head." Sometimes the necks are rather stiff. This is even true of the African women. Just a few months ago, a woman came forward after church service to make a confession. When questioned she said that her husband was taking new wives and she wanted to bring the affair to God and have us pray for him. He accepted the Lord not many weeks before, simply, as has been discovered since, to be able to get **more** wives. You'll wonder what kind of teaching he has been getting. Accepting the gospel in order to be able to get more wives! It's not the fault of the teaching, but it's the testimony of the young girls. The majority of the young girls, especially in the near villages, have accepted the Lord as their Savior. Many of them, seemingly, have the desire to live a new life in Christ. They are refusing to marry any who are not Christians. Therefore some of the men have decided to accept the gospel in order that they can say they are Christians. But then the girls ask them, if they are Christians, why they are taking more wives. No, they won't have them. Not all of them have this courage. We wish they did.

Another woman, the head wife of our head chief, brought her young son to the after meeting in order to have us pray for him that he would accept the Lord as his Savior. He seemed to be a lad of eight or nine years. His father had given him food to place before the idols and he did it. Since his mother has accepted the Lord, she objects to her son having anything to do with idols. She wants him to become a Christian so that he'll refuse the next time.

Others take beatings and cursings because they refuse to eat food offered to idols, or drink beer, etc. they come forward in church to get right with their Lord again. What powerful necks they could be, if they only knew it!

Therefore, we realize that the great present need is regular, consistent teaching. Daily contact produces daily growth, which will mean greater blessings in their own lives and consequently in their homes and in the church, too. It is true that the women and girls are slower to comprehend than the boys and men. It is a harder task, but it is worth the effort. Nothing worth while comes easily.

I believe I am right in saying that unless we spend greater effort on the women and girls, our efforts spent on the men and boys will, to a great extent, be spent in vain. For if the women take a stand against plural wives, beer drinking, idol worship, etc., the men will naturally have to come to time. It is the women's work to make the beer and care for the idols.

Our efforts must be spent not only on the girls and younger women, but also on the older women. They have charge of the idol worship, caring for them, preparing food, and teaching the young girls the same. It took two years of regular village visitation for the head wife mentioned above to come out of darkness into light. She didn't attend Sunday church services, so the only way to reach her was to go to her. If all our head women were converted, idol worship would soon be disappearing.

When Jean Mane's mother accepted the Lord, the younger women of the village said: "If she gives up all her idols, we will too." The next week four young women and one old lady had the courage to accept the Lord as their Savior because of the example of one old lady. This second old lady was head of a Girl's Spirit Organization. She was beaten, almost to death, because she refused to return and continue it.

When I first arrived at Bekoro, we often stood at our back door, watching an older woman taking the girls out into the bush, a short distance from the village, to perform some of their evil spirit performances. Since the regular work among the women has been started, we haven't seen any of this. There have been times, after a death, when the women have gone thru the performance of chasing the spirit of the departed one back to its clan. This seems to be disappearing too.

I'm reminded of the drunken women that we used to meet on the roads. Out in the bush we still encounter some, but we don't see them on the road near us here as we did formerly. I wouldn't want to give the impression that the women are perfect. No, there is much ground to be possessed, much need of a greater growth and consecration. Their confessions from Sunday to Sunday tell us that, and yet just the fact that they do come and confess shows a growth in grace. Considering their former state, they have come a long way. We're encouraged from time to time, when we see those whom we knew to be living in sin, come back to confess and get right with the Lord. We refuse to look at failures and discouragements. Some who have held out for years, refusing to come, have recently made a confession. The war has caused a number to think seriously about their souls' welfare, we have learned thru some of the Christians.

We have only touched the border; a tremendous work lies before us. But we take courage because we have a mighty Captain. When we stop to think of the possibilities and privileges of being co-helpers with the Lord in this field of service, we wish we had six years instead of but six months before furlough time.

One doesn't see the progress being made until one visits the villages where the gospel has never been preached. On a recent bush trip, we visited six new villages. No one, black or white, had ever visited them with the gospel message. They didn't know what a missionary looked like. The majority of these women and some of the men are supposed to be possessed by the evil spirit that has power to kill at will. In fact, they told us all the women had this spirit. No one visits those villages unless sent by the government or head chief. Then they deliver their message and leave immediately. Not knowing this until later, we wondered at the strange spirit and atmosphere. Such glum faces, our hearts cried out, "Can these dry bones live?"

Yes, 120 came to life and should be fed that this new life may grow into abundant life. You may wonder just as I have, could they possibly understand, just hearing the gospel message once? After having been told about these evil possessed folks, I asked the men to tell me just how they became possessed of this spirit. The answer was, "They just claim that they have this spirit and make it known. They receive it into their hearts (insides) and **gbo ngangou** (hold with force)."

So when the gospel is presented to them and we tell them to believe it and receive it into their hearts, why wouldn't they understand? They confess with their mouth and believe in their hearts that they have received the Lord and the Holy Spirit. They exercise faith in receiving this evil spirit; why shouldn't they exercise faith when we ask them to receive the Lord and His Spirit in the same way?

Several months ago, we met one of these dry-bone kind in a bush village. She had accepted the Lord as her Savior, but oh how blank her face looked! Every time we met her on our village visits, we wondered, "Did she understand?" But this day in the bush, she sat down and talked a while, telling of answered prayers. Then she bowed her head and prayed a most intelligent prayer. Does she have life? Most assuredly she does.

The method of approach used with the women and girls is the same as that of Child Evangelism. After reading, extensively, of their methods and results, I felt led to use the same out here. The Lord has blessed exceeding abundantly above that which we asked or thought.

The natural heart cannot receive the things of God, so why not have them make a decision and accept the Lord first, and then teach them?

When the girls' vernacular classes were started, we used this same method. Today we have about 100 girls enrolled, and all have confessed the Lord as Savior. Some have advanced quickly. Some are coming along slowly. The Lord knoweth those that are His, and not one shall fail.

Perhaps you would be interested to know how the

An African Chief and His Two Wives

girls' classes were started. Well, **they** started them. The boys' classes had been going on for over a year and only one girl attended. After our first visits to the villages near Bekoro, 39 girls presented them selves, the next week, along with the boys. When asked why they didn't come before, they said that they didn't know it was for them too. Today more than five girls are able to help with the teaching. With their help we are able to carry on more classes. With their help we are starting village classes for the women and children who do not attend station classes. A missionary or evangelist to visit once a week, to start them on new lessons, and then they continue that same lesson the rest of the week, or until visited again.

This same method will be used in the chapel fields, carried on by the evangelists and their helper. They will work their circuits as we work the villages near the station.

The women's reading class on the station had an enrollment of 22. These are all station women. Not knowing Sango, the trade language, their progress has been slower than that of the girls.

Is it worth while to spend this effort on the women and girls? From visible results, a thousand times, **yes!** In God's sight, thousands of times more so. It amused me one day, after some of the girls had made rather rapid progress, to hear the men and boys were asking: "Are **they** going to teach us?" Once again the neck turned the head. They started digging in harder than ever, so there would be no danger of having to be taught by the girls.

As has been said, we have only touched the border, and a tremendous work lies before us. And the best way of advance is on our knees. To pray and to pray unceasingly is the only way we can hope to accomplish this great work. We in our selves can do nothing; but we "can do all things through Christ Who strengtheneth us." The Lord has begun the good work in them, and we know that He Who has begun it in them will perform it until the day of Christ. The Lord has begun the work and He will continue it, regardless of us. But He has seen fit to give us a part in helping in this work; so we praise Him for this privilege of being a helper, and by His grace and help will continue on as long as He permits.

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The Oldest Living Thing Today

(See Front of Cover)

Four thousand years have come and gone,
As the years must come and go,
Since I first greeted the graying dawn
And sped the sunset's glow.
From out a past that has long been dead
I have come my glorious way,
And I proudly rear my unbowed head,
Though the crown be hoary and gray.
When the first iron weapons were used by man
At the walls of Babylon,
I was one of a seedling clan
Struggling up and on;
When Alexander sighed at fate
And longed for worlds to gain,
I was a sapling tall and straight,
Prince of my own domain.
When the star of Bethlehem shining high
Guided the three wise men,
I saw it there in the azure sky,
For I was a monarch then.
Chaldea, Egypt, Persia, Greece,
Carthage, Rome and Spain
Fought and ruled till their empires ceased
And I watched them with disdain.
For mine was the span of the countless years,
Their span but a fleeting day,
And they lived and died with their smiles and tears
While I lived on for aye.
Then westward the tide of conquest flowed
To a land beyond the sea
And another nation faced the road
Of man's brief history.
For man must come and man must go
As man has come and gone,
And the tides of empire ebb and flow,
But I go on and on.
My trunk is weather-beaten and burled,
My branches are bent with age,
But I hold the book of an older world
For those who can read the page.
Down through the aeons I've held my sway
And time has proven my worth,
The oldest living thing today
That stands on the face of the earth.

C. A. W.

"NO RELATIVES WANTED"

By Dr. Floyd Taber, Yaloke Station

"Keep all my relatives away!"

It haunts me—this cry of desperation, torn from the heart of a thrice bereaved father; the voice, the manner of a man who was crushed until he could stand no more; but, above all, the expression of unspeakable dread in those haunted, haunting eyes. Through those eyes I am getting a new vision of the soul of the African.

Dekonou is one of **strongest** evangelists. By that I do not mean one of the best educated, nor one with special natural endowments, nor an eloquent preacher. In all these directions he is mediocre. But, I mean one conscious of his divine calling, who has a vision of his God-appointed task, and works at it 24 hours a day; one of the few who sees the incompatibility between the ways of his forefathers and the way of the cross, and who preaches and practices without flinching the way of the cross; one of the strongest in standing out against the superstitions and practices of his brethren according to the flesh.

Today the death angel has visited his home for the third time. Three of his dearest treasures are gone.

But of course the "natives" don't love their children as we love ours! Perhaps not just **as** we do; but, in their way, I am persuaded **they love their children more than we do ours.** The one goal of native life is child-bearing and child-rearing. No tragedy can approach that of childlessness.....to lose children is to lose all that gives meaning to life.

When **you** pass through the deep waters, what happens? Telegraph wires flash, express trains travel at caterpillar speed to bring parent, child, brother, sister. Your heart cries out for the consolation of loved ones. You **must** have them, even if they are on the other side of the continent.

And Dekonou's heart? Did **it** not cry out for this comfort? A native at arm's length from heathenism —does he not need every source of consolation? Ah yes, he needed it. His heart was bleeding for it.

Then why this cry: "Keep all my relatives away?" Because he knew the kind of comfort they would give. "You have turned your back on the good old ways and chosen the new. What do you have to show for it? You had better change before you have lost the other two children and it is too late." Or, more insidiously, "It is all right to preach the new way. You have a good job as an evangelist. But there is some charm so simple, so easy, that will not interfere with your Christian life in any way, that will protect them." Or, most dangerously of all, "It is all right for **you** to go that way if you will, but the children are **ours** as well as yours." (Ties of relationship are very strong among the natives. In some respects, an uncle has more rights over a child than the father.) "Are you going to tear them away from us and kill them? Don't you have any love at all for your own children?"

Dekonou knew all that, and volumes more. He knew his own trembling heart. He knew he would not have strength to stand against their traitorous comfort. And so, in his extreme weakness, but in grim determination, he laid bare his soul in the cry: "Keep all my relatives away. I don't want to see one of them. I want to go back to the Lord's work."

"Do you have any converts that are really sincere, or do they all come for a job, for education, for prestige?"

Sometimes I wonder. When I see one, who seemed to give the brightest promise in every way, fall back into the old life, I wonder, "Was there any sincerity at all in his wonderful profession and eloquent preaching, or was it all a sham from the beginning? But today, after getting a glimpse at Africa-soul through Dekonou's eyes, I rather wonder that any, even with the most earnest desire to serve the Lord, are able to stand true.

The Lord knew how much it cost to be a genuine disciple. "If any man hate not mother and father, and brothers and sisters, and children and wife..... yea, and his own life also....." Truth for Galilee; truth for Africa; truth for America. There is just one path of discipleship. Dekonou has found it. Have you?

A Native Evangelist, His Wife and Baby

Zeme . . . . The Leper

(A story true in every detail)

By Mrs. Florence N. Gribble, M. D., Yaloke, Oubangui-Chari, Africa

Ragged was no name for it. He had no rags, save one, and that of the tiniest. Leprosy was no name for it. He had no skin, it seemed, save his spots and ulcers. Hunger was no name for it. He'd never had food, save such as he begged. And, as the missionary doctor looked at him, pity was no name for it. That throbbing sorrow in her inmost heart seemed to take in the whole leper race, of which he is a type. But, what to do? Medicines? Yes — alepol, piqures, dressing and bandages for his ulcerated body; soap with which to bathe, salt which he might exchange for food —all these were at command. But shelter—no! Not at that time.

An African Leper Boy

Now it has been found possible to consecrate a tiny house of two rooms to the cause of lepers who are absolutely bedridden. But then, three and one-half months ago, there was nothing! For it was Jan. 17th, the very day that the leper dispensary was opened at Yaloke, that he presented himself. He had come from a distant village. Had some strong instinct brought him that long distance on opening day? Shelter? But the leper dispensary on the rolling hills near Yaloke is not a hospital. Some day we trust a village will be built by lepers, for lepers, with the same government as other villages of Oubangui-Chari. But it is not yet authorized by the government!

Within? But the little dispensary has no beds, no room for beds! Where, then? Alas, there is no place. One dares not even suggest. But hope? Alway! Perhaps he could find shelter with leprous friends in nearby villages. Perhaps he did.

Time after time he returned for treatment. Then he came no more. Inquiries were of no avail. Dead? More likely **somewhere** in the bush, discouraged at the slowness of what he had hoped would be a cure as spectacular as that of yaws.

Weeks passed. On Sat., Apr. 20th, one of the doctors was visiting the uttermost cottage of Yaloke hospital. Standing on the veranda she saw a leper whom she recognized.

"But you do not belong here," she remonstrated at once.

"I came to see you," he replied. "Zembe is very ill. Can you come?"

"Where?"

"He has a little house beside mine in the grass out there," he explained.

In a moment the doctor was in the push following the winding trail which led somewhere. Not far, either—just out of sight, in the long grass, were two huts. In front of one of them lay Zembe, the lost leper—more naked than before, if that were possible; more helpless, by far.

Helpers were summoned instantly. Needs **must** be supplied. A bed, a mat, blanket, bandages, dressing, food, water—all these were brought, most of them too late. For, **Zembe had starved to death.** The leper beside him had but scant nourishment to share. He **had** occasionally given him water. Yet Zembe had said, in dying, "Much as I suffer from hunger, my greatest agony is thirst."

Oh, the hunger that could be satisfied, the thirst that could be assuaged.....! "Inasmuch as ye did it not." We condemn the leper beside him for not sharing with him the little he had. Do we do more? Our only comfort was that that morning of Apr. 20th we had been able to offer to the Lord Jesus bed, mat, blanket, bandages, dressing, food water. To Zembe they were of no avail in prolonging his life.

And his soul? Yes, at one of the services at the leper dispensary Zembe accepted Christ. He is with Him now. Will you not pray that we may more earnestly seek and find the lost of Oubangui-Chari?

TWO MILLION SOULS—NOTHING

Sir William Robertson estimated that 11,000,000 men died in the World War. General Tasker Bliss put it at 13,000,000. Of course the difference of 2,000,000 means little since it is only soldiers—just men. But they are men for whom Christ purchased salvation. War never considers the value of a soul. But God considered it! Christ died because of His love for lost souls. There are many about us for whom we are responsible. Look at God's estimate of the value of a soul and bring someone to Christ.

THINK IT OVER

If God wants you on the mission field, neither your money nor your prayers will ever prove an acceptable substitute.

BABY NEWS . . . . and OTHERWISE

(LETTER FROM FLOYD W. TABER, M. D.)
Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa

Dear Home Folks:

My last was signed, "Yours in waiting." You have already received the communique which told you how long we kept on waiting—all thru March, all thru April, and until May 8. But you know the proverb—"All things come to him who waits" — on himself. It would be truer to say, "All things come to him who waits on the Lord." And truly, our expectation was from Him, and He did not disappoint us. He did the "exceeding abundantly above"; and in spite of feared complications, Ada is coming along just fine and is getting her strength back a lot faster than we had dared to hope.

Floyd W. Taber

No use my telling you about the baby; you wouldn't believe me anyhow, since I am the father. But, even knowing that, my pride can't resist. She is a bouncer. She looks like Marguerite did—the same deep crease across between her nose and her overhanging fat forehead that almost swells her eyes shut. When she does get them open, they are blue—yet. The one big difference is the hair; the other two were red heads, and she is a brunette. She is not **quite** so fat as Marguerite was, since she weighs a trifle less (only eight pounds, ten ounces) in spite of being an inch longer (twenty-one inches). She gained three ounces the first week. She drinks like a trooper, and still there is plenty left, even if her appetite should increase considerably.

On Friday, when Lois was nine days old, the Sheldons arrived at Yaloke on their way home from a trip to Bangui, where they had gone to buy things for their approaching furlough——. They stayed until Wednesday (yesterday) and then started for home with Florence Bickel —— who had been away from her medical work for three months, so it took a tremendous amount of patience to stay so long. I don't know how we could have gotten along without her, since it made all of us jump; and she did as much work as the other three of us put together.

Monday morning I left home to welcome another expected arrival (at the Kliever mansion) up in this neck of the woods. Allowing for bad roads, and stops at Bozoum, Bassai, Baindi (cotton plant) and Paoua (administrator) and one on the road where I met Brother Jobson, I did not do so bad to get here at 9:45 p.m.—210 miles.

On such trips we usually take a "boy" along to relieve our minds—and our hands—of all the details of care of the car, etc. I brought the one who is the most expert along that line of any we have at Yaloke, Denis Galassoue. When we were a little ways out of Bozoum, I said to him, "When I told Doa to pump up the tires, I forgot to tell him to pump up the spare, so he may have forgotten it too. Next time we stop, you **see** about it."

In a few minutes we met Brother Jobson. When we were driving on again, I asked, "Did you **see** about that tire?"

"No, Monsieur Jobson was sitting in the seat, and I would have had to reach in front of him to get the gauge."

Well, I controlled myself and made no mention of the exceptional politeness, nor of the fact that it is possible to tell whether a tire is **flat** without a gauge, and simply told him: "When we stop at Bassai, be sure you **see** about it."

After about an hour there, "Did you see about the tire?"

"Yes, I looked. It is not pumped up."

Here it was evening, in the wilds of Africa, after a hard day's driving to try to get thru in time, with a wheel I expected to go bad any minute, and the spare—flat! I suppose that would not bother you folks at home at all. But for me, I have to confess that for about 30 seconds the pressure inside me was at least a thousand pounds per square inch. I believe it was only the Lord that kept me from exploding. Instead, I just laughed—and laughed—and laughed. I hope we never get anyone out here who does not know how to laugh. I don't believe he would live long.

But, why shouldn't I have "landed on" that fellow for his ornery, lazy dumbness Because I believe he was neither ornery nor lazy nor dumb—in this particular case. He is a boy who **was** dissatisfied at the mission, and he left to have his fling—got a job in Bangui. But now he has just come back, and everything in his attitude proves to me he is trying to do his level best. Then it must have been plain dumbness! Yes, if it **is** dumbness to fail to understand the thinking of another race. But in that case I am just as dumb as he is, perhaps more so. And **if it is** dumbness, what good would it do to "bawl him out?" I have come to believe that the natives think of our bursts of righteous indignation with the mild toleration we show toward someone who is raving about something of which he does not understand the first principles.

Well, we got here in plenty of time, have everything ready, and now are sitting down to wait. That is why I have time to write a letter. As soon as the party is

over, Jake plans to call in all the evangelists, and we will have a Bible conference for a week or ten days.

Of course, during our waiting time I stayed at Yaloke. We went out frequently and preached in nearby villages evenings, but could not do any itineration. While we were tied down there, we had two series of special meetings—one previous to Easter, the other leading up to Pentecost. Miss Bickel helped a number of times in these meetings, both on the station and in the villages. So, what was Bellevue's loss was our gain.....

Enjoyed a visit by the Jobsons on their way to Bangui. Of course, each time someone comes thru, we put them to work, so our church hears some good preaching quite frequently.

Hoping you are the same,

FLOYD TABER

Jake Kliever Manages to Keep Busy

Bekoro, April 10, 1940

Dear Fellow-missionaries:

Believe it or not, we moved yesterday!!!!! Yes, the house is finished, and we moved. It will never be lived in again! All night long we heard a creaking and moaning and groaning. We slept somewhat fitfully; and first thing in the morning we dug up a ladder and found things were worse than we anticipated. The bracings were giving way, and the ridge pole (I guess that is what you call the stick that holds up the peek of the roof), and the cross piece that it was resting on was out of position, had dropped about 8 inches, and was being held by the mud of the wall, resting on a width of about 2 inches on either side!!! We have been wondering why there have been none of the never failing hard windstorms of this time of the year, but now we see that the Lord has worked another miracle, and thus we are alive to tell the tale.

Where did we move? That is another tale. We got along so well at Benamkor, that we just moved in with Mrs. Kennedy. Thus, there are two families in the little 2 room mud house there, which is about as tired and ready to droop as the other house out of which we just moved. We are putting a brace pole to hold up one side of the wall for a few more weeks until the other house is ready (we hope!!)

As to the house, we are a good ways from getting done. The big chief here has tried his best to give us workmen, but there is a baby rebellion on; they all have so much cotton money that they are all ready to retire (as if they didn't always sleep on the job!!). The grass will be on the roof today. A carpenter at last arrived yesterday. Will start mudding tomorrow, then the drying process; and they are starting their cotton gardens already. So.....it might fall back on my ten regular workmen to finish. Thus it might be done before conference.

Did that thing eat up the grass! I never built a thing at home, and had no idea of how much of anything to get. I got five long racks full of grass, thinking I would use the rest to re-roof the Morrill house, which is done for now. But, all the grass has been tied on the roof, and I have taken all the grass off two other buildings, class rooms, and the good grass off the two buildings that fell in while at Benamkor; and, we might have to take the lid off another class room!!!

We are not needing but two class rooms with the present system of conducting our chaticumen school (vernacular). This time of year it is impossible to have classes because of garden and cotton plantation work. So, since we are planning an indigenous work here, we believe that the teaching as well as the evangelization should be done by every believer; in other words, what one fellow knows he passes on to someone that doesn't as yet know it well. Thus we are covering the 10 villages that used to send scholars here; and we go there once a week, hold a service, and also have a teachers' training class, teaching five or six that which they are to teach during the week's interval. Each one of these five or six gathers five to come to him or her. They are different ages, and both sexes. Thus we will have 10 teachers' training classes weekly and 50 village classes—all small, so that there can be thorough and definite work done. As these class members start to know a little, they will be encouraged to gather two to five of their own to teach. Thus, we don't see why, in a year's time, all shouldn't be reading the New Testament and really getting something for their souls. We plan to give each evangelist in his circuit a French School graduate to do the same thing in each circuit for about five villages in each circuit the first year, and others as opportunity and advancement allows.

The administrator sent us some mangoes today. He is coming to see us tomorrow. We wonder what he will think of the two families put up in the little house. Praise the Lord, we at least had a little house to go to!! We are starting to work up a headache about the annual reports! On top of that Minnie says I have to take over the treasurer's books to start the new year!! Then, all the bookkeeping, house building, waiting to see if I will be a daddy or a mamma, and trying to do missionary work.....

We are praying for you all. Pray for us.

J. P. KLIEVER

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THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT—MARCH, APRIL, MAY & JUNE, 1940

"EASTER OFFERING"

The letters given throughout this partial report indicate to what special funds money has been given:

abt—African Bible Translation
acb—African Central Bible School
ah—African Hospital
al—African Leper
ane—African Native Evangelist
asf—African Special Funds
asa—African Student's Aid
ba—Bassai
bem—Be Miller
b—Bickel
bmh—Brethren Missionary Herald
by—Byron
e—Emmert
g—Gribble
h—Hathaway
k—Kennedy
kl—Kliever
bh—Bethany Home
mo—Morrill
my—Myers
sh—Sheldon
sas—South American Special
ta—Taber
ty—Tyson
wa—Wagner
wi—Williams

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CENTRAL DISTRICT

Contributing Church	General	South America	Africa	Total
Dallas Center, Iowa				
A Friend			e 20.00	20.00
Total			20.00	20.00
Lanark, Illinois				
Flickinger, Ralph	60.00			60.00
Lotzbaugh, Pearl			5.00	5.00
Miller, Mr. & Mrs. H. E.			60.00	60.00
Builder's Class	5.00			5.00
Misc. & loose offering	4.65			4.65
Total	69.65		65.00	134.65
Milledgeville, Illinois				
Hanna, Dessie M. bmh	10.00			10.00
Crouse, Mr. & Mrs. Madden		sas 25.00	abt 25.00	50.00
Totals	10.00	25.00	25.00	60.00
North English, Iowa (Pleasant Grove)				
Lortz, Mr. & Mrs. E. L.			by 10.00	
			my 15.00	25.00
Lown, Mr. & Mrs. Willis			my 5.00	5.00
Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Fred			my 2.50	
Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Guy			by 2.50	5.00
			my 5.00	5.00
Myers, Mr. & Mrs. J. R.			my 100.00	
			by 10.00	110.00
Miller, Miss Vera			my 5.00	
			5.00	10.00
Miscellaneous			3.10	3.10
Total			163.10	163.10
Udell, Iowa				
Church			10.00	10.00
Total			10.00	10.00
Waterloo, Iowa (1st)				
Sunday School			e 175.00	175.00
Total			175.00	175.00
Central District Offerings				
Tibbals, Dr. & Mrs. J. W.			15.50	15.50
Total			15.50	15.50
Akron, (Ellet) Ohio				
Church			wi 1.00	1.00
Total			1.00	1.00

Contributing Church	General	South America	Africa	Total
Ankenytown, Ohio				
Church, per C. G. Morill			mo 3.84	3.84
Richardson, Amos			abt 25.00	25.00
Total			28.84	28.84
Ashland, Ohio (West Tenth Street)				
Morrill, C. G.	bh 10.00		kl 7.50	
			ta 7.50	25.00
Garber, Mrs. Louise			mo 5.00	5.00
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 35.90	35.90
Total	10.00		55.90	65.90
Canton, Ohio				
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 11.27	11.27
Totals			11.27	11.27
Cleveland, Ohio				
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 30.00	30.00
Totals			30.00	30.00
Fremont, Ohio				
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 5.86	5.86
Totals			5.86	5.86
Danville, Ohio				
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 14.00	14.00
Totals			14.00	14.00
Middlebranch, Ohio				
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 6.22	6.22
Totals			6.22	6.22
Sterling, Ohio				
Shook, Mrs.			mo 5.00	5.00
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 2.00	2.00
Totals			7.00	7.00
East Central District Offerings				
Senseman, Miss E. Agnes		sas 25.00	by 25.00	50.00
Hartschuh, Mrs. C. E.			abt 2.00	2.00
Totals		25.00	27.00	52.00
INDIANA DISTRICT				
Clay City, Indiana				
Morris, Miss Jo L.	5.00			5.00
Oberholtzer, Mr. & Mrs. A.			25.00	25.00
Rentschler, Mrs. L. C.			5.00	5.00
Oberholtzer, D. V.	5.00			5.00
Leohr, Mr. & Mrs. R.	5.00			5.00
Roush, Mr. & Mrs. C. C.			5.00	5.00
Mezenhardt, Mr. & Mrs. A. P.	5.00			5.00
Ever Welcome Class	5.00			5.00
Junior C. E.			kl 3.95	3.95
Miscellaneous Offering	27.71			27.71
Totals	52.71		38.95	91.66
Elkhart, Indiana				
Church			b 400.00	400.00
Totals			400.00	400.00
Flora, Indiana				
Church			wi 12.08	12.08
Totals			12.08	12.08
Fort Wayne, Indiana				
First Oriental Missionary Prayer Circle				71.50
Total				71.50
Huntington, Indiana				
Oberholtzer, Rev. H. M.	5.00			5.00
Church	11.70			11.70
Totals	16.70			16.70
Lapaz, Indiana (County Line Sunday School)				
Ladies' Aid			ah 10.00	10.00
Let's Go Class			ah 10.00	10.00
Sunday School			ah 30.00	30.00
Miscellaneous			ah 18.20	18.20
Totals			68.20	68.20
Nappanee, Indiana				
Cunningham, Mrs. Hattie			5.00	5.00
Kent, Ruth			wi 10.00	10.00
Kent, Mrs. Velina			wi 5.00	5.00
Lehman, Mr. & Mrs. Calvin			5.00	5.00
Leslie, Mr. & Mrs. T. C.	5.00			5.00
Musser, Mrs. Barbara	5.00			5.00
Price, Dr. & Mrs.		y 5.00	5.00	10.00
Roose, Mr. & Mrs. Galen	5.00			5.00
Rose, Mrs. J. K.			5.00	5.00
Sechrist, Mr. & Mrs. O. O.		y 2.50		
		2.50		5.00
Sharp, Mr. & Mrs. S.	8.00			8.00
Shively, Mr. & Mrs. U. J.		10.00		10.00
Weaver, Mr. & Mrs. Benj.			abt 5.00	5.00
Weybright, Mr. & Mrs. Donald		2.50	2.50	5.00
Weygand, Mr. & Mrs. H.	35.00			35.00
Widmoyer, Mr. & Mrs. Wm.		5.00	5.00	10.00
Church and S. S.	64.73	4.00		
		y 7.42	8.00	84.15
Totals	122.73	38.92	55.50	217.15
South Bend, Indiana				
Bachtel, Mr. & Mrs. M. V.			sh 5.00	5.00
Carlin, Mr. & Mrs. C. R.			sh 5.00	5.00
Duker, Mr. & Mrs. E. A.			sh 5.00	5.00
Firestone, H. H.			sh 5.00	5.00
Foraker, Mr. & Mrs. T. J.			sh 10.00	10.00
Garwood, Mr. & Mrs. Clem			sh 20.00	20.00
Garwood, Miss Lillie			sh 7.50	7.50
Haenès, Harold			sh 5.00	5.00
Hartman, Miss Alberta			sh 15.00	15.00
Heiermann, Mr. & Mrs. Wm.			sh 10.00	10.00
Hultgren, Mr. & Mrs. C. A.			sh 5.00	5.00
Meinke, Mr. & Mrs. Wm.			sh 5.00	5.00
Obenchain, Mr. Roland			sh 10.00	10.00
Roscoe, Mr. & Mrs. Wm.			sh 10.00	10.00
Sholly, Mr. & Mrs. C. A.			sh 5.00	5.00
Shorb, Mrs. C. A.			sh 10.00	10.00
Smeltzer, Mr. & Mrs. Leo			sh 5.00	5.00
Swintz, Mr. & Mrs. L. D.			sh 5.00	5.00
Ulbricht, Mr. & Mrs. Dale			sh 10.00	10.00
Yoder, Mr. & Mrs.			sh 5.00	5.00
Wingard, Miss Maude			sh 5.00	5.00
Acme S. S. Class			sh 5.00	5.00
Sunday School			sh 48.00	48.00
Miscellaneous			sh 78.76	78.76
Totals			294.26	294.26
Osceola, Indiana				
Williams, Mrs. Sarah			wi 15.00	15.00
Totals			15.00	15.00
Peru, Indiana (Center Chapel)				
Y. P. C. E. and a friend			kl 6.86	6.86
Totals			6.86	6.86
Roann, Indiana				
Flora, Mrs. Ares and Ethel M.	5.00			5.00
Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Louis			5.00	5.00
Baker, Miss Helen	3.00		kl 7.00	10.00
Black, Mrs. Harley			5.00	5.00
Black, Mr. & Mrs. H.	7.00			7.00
Pries, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde			10.00	10.00
Pries, Donald			kl 10.00	10.00
Pries, Miss Geraldine		5.00		5.00
True Blue S. S. Class			kl 5.00	5.00
Miscellaneous			kl 4.00	
			2.50	6.50
Totals	15.00	5.00	48.50	68.50
Sharpsville, Indiana				
Stuber, Mr. & Mrs. Vern			by 6.00	6.00
Totals			6.00	6.00
Sidney, Indiana				
Sellers, Miss Grace	5.00			5.00
Sisk, Mr. & Mrs. C. E.	5.00			5.00
Smith, Mr. & Mrs. W. R.	5.00			5.00
Miscellaneous	6.00			6.00
Children's Banks	1.50			1.50
Totals	22.50			22.50
Warsaw, Indiana				
Copeland, Chester	5.00			5.00
May, Harvey			b 5.00	5.00
Merkel, Mr. Frank	10.00			10.00
Shilling, Jennie			b 5.00	5.00
Shilling, Joe			b 5.00	5.00
Swinehart, H. B.			b 10.00	10.00
Snellenberger, Mrs. Lulu			abt 5.00	5.00
Yarian, Mary R.	5.00			5.00
Miscellaneous	40.22	.50	4.00	44.72
Totals	60.22	.50	34.00	94.72
Warsaw, Indiana (Dutchtown)				
Engle, David Jerome			wi 5.00	5.00
Engle, Elmo			wi 5.00	5.00
Engle, Rev. Louis D.			wi 5.00	5.00
Engle, Mrs. Louis D.			wi 5.00	5.00

Contributing Church	General	South America	Africa	Total
Engle, Lowell Lee			wi 5.00	5.00
Church	14.50		8.50	23.00
Totals	14.50		33.50	48.00
MIDWEST DISTRICT				
Beaver City, Nebraska				
Atwood, Mrs. Emma		7.50	7.50	15.00
Miller, Mrs. C. D.			5.00	5.00
Miller, Miss Maurice			10.00	10.00
Seibert, Mr. & Mrs. G. E. and Helen			abt 45.00	45.00
W. M. C.			10.00	10.00
Miscellaneous	15.85		4.00	19.85
Totals	15.85	7.50	81.50	104.85
Falls City, Nebraska				
Kimmel, Mrs. Amelia	1.00			1.00
Totals	1.00			1.00
Morrill, Kansas				
Elliott, Mrs. Effie	5.00			5.00
Royer, Mr. & Mrs. Frances			wi 5.00	5.00
Miscellaneous	4.00			4.00
Totals	9.00		5.00	14.00
Mulvane, Kansas				
Kessinger, Mrs. Clyde	8.00			8.00
Schaper, Mr. Fred	5.00			5.00
Miscellaneous	4.00			4.00
Totals	17.00			17.00
Portis, Kansas				
Brumbaugh, G. C.			wi 15.00	15.00
Totals			15.00	15.00
Midwest District Offerings				
A Friend			abt 1.00	1.00
Totals			1.00	1.00
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT				
Lathrop, California				
Palmer, Mr. & Mrs. M. C.			abt 10.00	10.00
Totals			10.00	10.00
Manteca, California				
Gall, Mr. & Mrs. Elmer		5.00	h 10.00	
			5.00	20.00
Huse, Estella M. and Sons			h 10.00	10.00
Ingraham, Virgil			h 5.00	5.00
Platt, J. Wesley			h 5.00	5.00
Vanderpool, Mrs. G.	5.00			5.00
Wilson, Dr. & Mrs. W. L. and George			10.00	10.00
Missionary Friend			ane 5.00	
			bem 5.00	10.00
Miscellaneous	1.19			1.19
Totals	3.19	5.00	55.00	66.19
Modesto, California				
Sharenbrock, Geo. C.		wa 26.00		26.00
Church			ty 5.76	5.76
Totals		26.00	5.76	31.76
Tracy, California				
Church, per Tyson			ty 8.03	8.03
Totals			8.03	8.03
Turlock, California				
Church		75.00	100.00	
			h 45.00	220.00
Blewett, Mrs. Edna			5.00	5.00
Harding, Richard			abt 5.00	5.00
Heltman, Mr. & Mrs. W. W.			50.00	50.00
Lundahl, Mrs. C. V.			5.00	5.00
W. M. S.		10.00	10.00	20.00
Totals		85.00	220.00	305.00
Northern California District Offerings				
A Friend			150.00	150.00
Mrs. T. W. Martin	10.00			10.00
Totals	10.00		150.00	160.00
NORTHWEST DISTRICT				
Harrah, Washington				
Kicher, Sam			5.00	5.00

Contributing Church	General	South America	Africa	Total
Church			wi 39.90	39.90
Totals			44.90	44.90
Spokane, Washington				
Berry, Mrs. Elsie	5.00			5.00
Bowers, Miss L.	5.00			5.00
Brooks, Mrs. E. D.	5.00			5.00
Dick, Miss L.	5.00			5.00
Jones, Mr. B. G.	8.00			8.00
Roadruck, Mr.	5.00			5.00
Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. S. L.	10.00		10.00	
			g 15.00	35.00
Church	10.30			10.30
Totals	53.30		25.00	78.30
Northwest District Offerings				
Quiring, Mr. & Mrs. B. L.			kl 5.00	5.00
Stigen, Mr. & Mrs. O. W.			abt 5.00	5.00
Totals			10.00	10.00
OHIO DISTRICT				
Camden, Ohio (Brethren Faith Tabernacle)				
Church			g 5.00	5.00
Totals			5.00	5.00
Dayton, Ohio				
Women's Bible Fellowship Club			asf 18.00	18.00
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 36.00	36.00
Totals			54.00	54.00
Louisville, Ohio				
Blazier, R. H.			ah 5.00	5.00
(Blazier Memorial)			5.00	5.00
Karlosky, Mr. & Mrs. Henry			5.00	5.00
Knoll, Viola	10.00			10.00
Miller, Mrs. Floyd	5.00			5.00
Newhouse, Mr. & Mrs. Homer			5.00	5.00
Painter, Mrs. Grace	5.00			5.00
Primary Department	10.00			10.00
Junior Department			my 8.00	8.00
Ross, Mrs. Ida			by 5.00	
			ty 5.00	10.00
Miscellaneous	6.00		ty 1.00	7.00
Totals	36.00		34.00	70.00
North Georgetown, Ohio				
Grise, Mr. & Mrs. E.			abt 10.00	10.00
Stoffer, Miss Carrie E.			by 10.00	10.00
Totals			20.00	20.00
Pleasant Hill, Ohio				
Carey, Mr. Henry	5.00			5.00
Carey, Mr. Lee			5.00	5.00
Class, Mr. & Mrs. S. F.			10.00	10.00
McBride, Mr. & Mrs. R.F.	35.00			35.00
Miscellaneous	56.57		7.50	7.50
			abt 1.00	65.07
Totals	96.57		23.50	120.07
West Alexandria, Ohio				
Ashton, Mrs. B. E.	bmh 3.00	sas 3.00		6.00
Totals	3.00	3.00		6.00
Ohio District Offerings				
Church of the Brethren at Camden, Ohio			kl 1.00	1.00
Totals			1.00	1.00
PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT				
Aleppo, Pennsylvania				
Clark, Mrs. Anna M.	5.00			5.00
Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Wm.			25.00	25.00
Dawson, Mrs. Seltha			abt 5.00	5.00
Snyder, Mary A.			20.00	20.00
Sunday School			10.25	10.25
Totals	5.00		60.25	65.25
Altoona, Pennsylvania				
Beach, Mr. & Mrs. Clair			6.00	6.00
Berkybile, Miss Clara		5.00	5.00	10.00
Bretz, Mr. W. J. and family	5.00			5.00
Davis, Mr. & Mrs. S. J.	5.00			5.00
Hammond, Mr. & Mrs. H. C.	14.00			14.00
Flick, Mr. & Mrs. C.	5.00			5.00
Furry, Mrs. D. E.	2.00	2.00	1.00	5.00
Fyock, A. J.	5.00			5.00
McQuade, Mrs. L. D.	5.00			5.00
Hetrick, Mrs. John B.	5.00			5.00

Contributing Church	General	South America	Africa	Total
Hetrick, Miss Marjorie	5.00			5.00
Miller, Mr. & Mrs. C. W.	5.00			5.00
Roseman, Rev. & Mrs. R.	7.00			7.00
Schmelzlen, Mr.& Mrs.W.	5.00			5.00
Shope, J. H.	5.00			5.00
Sorge, P. E. & family	10.00			10.00
Golden Rule Bible Class	26.30			26.30
Men's Bible Class	20.00			20.00
Junior S. M. M.	5.00			5.00
Senior S. M. M.	5.00			5.00
W. M. C.		2.50	2.50	5.00
Miscellaneous	34.56	1.00	1.25	
			la 3.20	
			kl 2.00	42.01
Totals	173.86	10.50	20.95	205.31
Berlin, Pennsylvania				
Altfather, Miss Clara	5.00			5.00
Fritz, Mrs. Homer	5.00			5.00
Leatherman, N. V.	5.00			5.00
Seibert, Mrs. W. A.	10.00			10.00
Shultz, Mrs. Harry	5.00			5.00
Walker, Mrs. J. B.	5.00			5.00
Miscellaneous	66.00			66.00
Totals	101.00			101.00
Brush Valley, Pennsylvania				
Williams, Mrs. A. J.	25.00			25.00
Totals	25.00			25.00
Conemaugh, Pennsylvania				
Church, per Morrill			mo 9.57	9.57
Totals			9.57	9.57
Grafton, W. Virginia				
Crist, Mr. & Mrs. Lee			ah 5.00	
			abt 6.00	11.00
Camp Family			wl 10.00	10.00
George Murphy			wl 10.00	10.00
W. M. S.			wl 13.00	13.00
Class No. 7			wl 5.50	5.50
Miscellaneous Gifts			wl 12.06	12.06
Totals			61.56	61.56
Kittanning, Pennsylvania				
Campbell, Mr. & Mrs. H.	5.00			5.00
Hooks, Mr. Chauncey D.	10.00			10.00
Hooks, Mrs. Chauncey D.	5.00			5.00
Jordan, Mr. & Mrs. Bert	10.00			10.00
Jordan, Mr. & Mrs. W. M.			5.00	5.00
Kinzie, Rev. Geo. W.			5.00	5.00
Kinzie, Geo. W., Jr.		5.00	5.00	10.00
Richael, Scott			6.00	6.00
Seyler, Harold J.	5.00			5.00
Junior C. E.			kl 5.01	5.01
W. M. C. (Sr.)	5.00			5.00
Y. P. C. E.			kl 6.00	6.00
Bible School	7.31			7.31
Church	65.96			65.96
Totals	113.27	5.00	32.01	150.28
Johnstown, Pennsylvania				
Albert, Mr. & Mrs. C. E.	25.00			25.00
Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Edw.	5.00			5.00
Anthony, Mrs. V.	5.00			5.00
Barron, Mr. & Mrs. Clair	10.00			10.00
Bifano, Mr. James	10.00			10.00
Bifano, Mrs. Mary	10.00			10.00
Brant, Mary E.			kl 5.00	5.00
Cober, H. N.		2.50	2.50	5.00
Cook, Miss Margaret	10.00			10.00
Custer, Mr. & Mrs. S.			5.00	5.00
Dell, Mr. & Mrs. L. H.	5.00			5.00
Dick, Mr. & Mrs. B. H.	5.00			5.00
Evans, Mrs. Berwyn	5.00			5.00
Frank, Mr. & Mrs. P. K.	5.00			5.00
Fuerst, Mr. & Mrs. Carl			kl 10.00	10.00
Fyock, S. H.	15.00			15.00
Gindelberger, Twin	5.25			5.25
Gonghnour, Miss Grace	5.00			5.00
Gunter, Mr. & Mrs. John and Son	30.00			30.00
Halliwell, Mr. & Mrs. E.	35.00			35.00
Heilman, Miss Lottie and Mrs. C. J. Heilman	9.00			9.00
Hill, Mr. Clyde		2.50	2.50	5.00
Horn, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. G.			5.00	5.00
Horner, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. L.		5.00	5.00	10.00
Horner, Mr.& Mrs. R.W.	20.00			20.00
Hostetler, Miss Esther			kl 10.00	10.00
Houston, Miss Janet	10.00			10.00
Keating, Miss Sue	5.00			5.00
Kyler, Lois E.	7.00			7.00
Kyler, Margaret	10.00			10.00
Kyler, Mr. & Mrs. T. H.	50.00			50.00
Leckey, Mr. & Mrs. J. C.	10.00			10.00
Lynn, Rev. & Mrs. A. L.	10.00			10.00
Miller, Mr. & Mrs. C.	25.00			25.00
Miller, Miss Marion	5.00			5.00
Miller, Mr.& Mrs.Wm.R.	5.00			5.00
Mitchell, Mrs. L. H. and Son	5.00			5.00
Moore, Mrs. Edna	5.00			5.00
Moore, Mr. & Mrs. L.	25.00			25.00
Moore, Richard and DeVaun	5.00			5.00
McClintock, Mrs. Anna	5.00			5.00
Noon, Byron R.	51.00			51.00
Phenicle, Mr.& Mrs.W.S.	5.00			5.00
Probst, Mr. & Mrs. Max	15.00			15.00
Redinger, Mr.& Mrs.R.V.	30.00			30.00
Reighard, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent and Lois	10.00			10.00
Rose, Mr. & Mrs. Marlin E.			5.00	5.00
Schmucker, Howard A.	5.00			5.00
Shearer, Mrs. Ora	5.00			5.00
Sigg, Mr. & Mrs. Robert	10.00			10.00
Stutzman, Mr. & Mrs. B.			5.00	5.00
Teeter, Miss Essie U.	5.00			5.00
Thomas, Drucilla	5.00			5.00
Watkins, Thomas	5.00			5.00
Uphouse, Mr. & Mrs. C.	15.00			15.00
Brotherhood of Alexander Mack	100.000			100.00
Dorcas Class	50.00			50.00
Gleaner's S. S. Class	100.00			100.00
Loyal Women's Class	51.50			51.50
Missionary Kettle	20.00			20.00
Sisterhood of M. & M.	15.00			15.00
Sunbeam Class	1.05			1.05
Adult C. E.	20.00			20.00
Junior C. E.			12.00	12.00
Intermediate Y.P.S.C.E.	10.00			10.00
W. M. C.	28.00			28.00
W. M. S.		25.00		25.00
Work and Win Class	10.00			10.00
Y.P.S.C.E.			kl 50.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	108.98			108.98
Sunday School	88.50			88.50
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 15.00	15.00
Totals	1183.28	35.00	132.00	1,350.28
Martinsburg, Pennsylvania				
Black, Mrs. C. M.	5.00			5.00
Dilling, Mr. & Mrs. J. E.	10.00			10.00
Greaser, Mr. & Mrs. J. M.	5.00			5.00
Hampton, Mrs. J. L.	5.00			5.00
Loose, Mrs. John & Son	5.00			5.00
Riley, Mr. & Mrs.	5.00			5.00
Junior Class	5.00			5.00
Rose Circle Class	6.22			6.22
Sisterhood			ah 2.00	2.00
Miscellaneous	20.52			20.52
Totals	66.74		2.00	68.74
Meyersdale, Pennsylvania				
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 12.00	12.00
Totals			12.00	12.00
McKee, Pennsylvania				
Mr. & Mrs. F. S. Stengel			wl 5.00	5.00
Totals			5.00	5.00
Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania				
White, Mr. & Mrs. D. C.	5.00			5.00
Miscellaneous	3.00			3.00
Totals	8.00			8.00
Mundy's Corners, Pennsylvania (Pike)				
Leidy, Clara M.	5.00			5.00
Byers, Mrs. Grace	10.00			10.00
Church, per C. G. Morill			mo 11.00	11.00
Totals	15.00		11.00	26.00
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania				
Church	2.00			2.00
Totals	2.00			2.00
Pittstown, New Jersey (Calvary)				
C. E.			kl 5.00	5.00
Weber, Mr. & Mrs. S. F.			kl 25.00	25.00
Totals			30.00	30.00
Quiet Dell, Pennsylvania				
Henderson, Mr. & Mrs. W. A.			abt 20.00	20.00
Totals			20.00	20.00

Contributing Church	General	South America	Africa	Total
Vinco, Pennsylvania				
Church, per C. G. Morrill			wi 3.12	3.12
Totals			3.12	3.12
Waynesboro, Pennsylvania				
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 54.16	54.16
Totals			54.16	54.16
Yellow Creek, Pennsylvania				
Church	5.10			5.10
Sunday School	1.00			1.00
Totals	6.10			6.10
Pennsylvania District Offerings				
District W. M. C.			mo 10.00	10.00
Totals			10.00	10.00
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT				
Buena Vista, Virginia				
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 12.23	12.23
Totals			12.23	12.23
Harrisonburg, Virginia (Bethlehem)				
Goode, Mrs. E. G.	6.00			6.00
A Friend	5.00			5.00
Logan, H. A.			ta 5.00	5.00
Locke, Rev. & Mrs. John			to 5.00	5.00
Miscellaneous	3.00			3.00
Totals	14.00		10.00	24.00
Dayton, Virginia				
Raish, Mary & Anna	10.00			10.00
Totals	10.00			10.00
Hagerstown, Maryland (1st)				
Fahrney, Mrs. N. E.			abt 10.00	10.00
Keplinger, Mr. & Mrs. H. C.			un 10.00	10.00
Myers, Mr. & Mrs. C. Frank			30.00	30.00
Tombaugh, Mrs. J. M.			un 5.00	5.00
Miscellaneous			un 1.50	
			2.00	3.50
Total			58.50	58.50
Hollins, Virginia (Mountain View)				
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 10.00	10.00
Totals			10.00	10.00
Clay Hole, Kentucky				
Landrum, Ruby A.		wa 10.00		10.00
Totals		10.00		10.00
Lydia, Maryland (St. James)				
Mongan, Mrs. Bessie	5.00			5.00
Totals	5.00			5.00
Quicksburg, Virginia (Liberty Congregation)				
Church	10.55			10.55
W. M. S.	5.00			5.00
Totals	15.55			15.55
Roanoke, Virginia (Ghent)				
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 14.70	14.70
Totals			14.70	14.70
Washington, D. C.				
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 22.47	22.47
Totals			22.47	22.47
Miscellaneous Funds to **Belgian Gospel Mission**				
Blomberg, Mr. & Mrs. R. D.				4.00
Total				26.47
Winchester, Virginia				
Church, per C. G. Morrill			mo 6.25	6.25
Totals			6.25	6.25
Southeast District Offerings				
Lahr, Stidger	10.00			10.00
Miscellaneous			abt 2.00	2.00
Totals	10.00		2.00	12.00

Contributing Church	General	South America	Africa	Total
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT				
Compton, California				
Church, per Tyson			ty 6.53	6.53
Totals			6.53	6.53
La Verne, California				
Bolling, Mrs. Elizabeth			abt 75.00	75.00
Dice, Mrs. Julia			abt 5.00	5.00
Church		sas 20.00		20.00
A Friend			wi 20.00	20.00
W. M. C. per Tyson			ty 2.00	2.00
Miscellaneous			.50	.50
Totals		20.00	102.50	122.50
Long Beach, California (1st)				
W. M. S.			wi 20.00	
			ty 25.00	
			by 25.00	70.00
W. M. C.			k 10.00	
Miscellaneous Offering Bible School and Church				
bmh57.23			al 3.20	
			4.64	65.07
Bauman, Louis S.			sas 50.00	50.00
Seelig, Miss Mabel (in memory of Mary)			asa 30.00	30.00
Seelig, Miss Mabel			asa 35.00	35.00
Keeler, Mr. & Mrs. F. E.			asa 5.00	5.00
Ross, E. B. bmh 10.00				10.00
Ross, Mrs. E. B. bmh 10.00				10.00
Bauman, Mrs. L. S.			wi 50.00	50.00
Eye, Mrs. Christie			aal 4.20	4.20
Askins, Mrs. H. B.			al 2.00	2.00
Jordan, Mrs. Mary			by 5.00	5.00
Lowery, Mrs. Olive J.			ty 10.00	10.00
Smith, Mrs. Sterling P.			ty 10.00	10.00
Sparks, Artye and Julia			ty 5.00	5.00
Kriegbaum, Miss Janice			ty 5.00	5.00
Carr, Mrs. Martha L.			ty 5.00	5.00
Miscellaneous			ty 6.50	6.50
Griffiths, The			ty 5.00	5.00
Judd, Miss Geraldine			ty 10.00	10.00
Quaintance, B. B.			ty 20.00	20.00
Thompson, Maurice			ty 15.00	15.00
Sanson, John and Alta			ty 10.00	10.00
Keller, Miss Lillian			ty 5.00	5.00
Nelson, Mrs. Honey			ty 2.00	2.00
Anonymous		sas 10.00		10.00
Miscellaneous		sas 1.50		1.50
Nielsen, N. C.		sas 5.00		5.00
Loef, Mr. & Mrs. C. H.			asa 35.00	35.00
Powell, Mrs. F. bmh 10.00				10.00
Smith, Sterling D. bmh 5.00				5.00
Turpin Family bmh 5.00				5.00
McClain, Alva J.			wi 5.00	5.00
Totals	97.23	16.50	417.35	531.08
Miscellaneous Funds to				
Hebron Community Center				
Scheid, Miss Lenora				5.00
Claude Pearson's Sailor Work				
Andrews, Mr. & Mrs. C. D.				25.00
Oliver, Mrs. W. R.				25.00
Oliver, W. R.				25.00
Los Angeles Hebrew Mission				
Andrews, Mr. & Mrs. C. D.				15.00
Belgian Gospel Mission				
Andrews, Mr. & Mrs. C. D.				10.00
Christian and Missionary Alliance				
Myers, Mrs. Toleeta				10.00
China Inland Mission (Verna Pepper)				
Eye, Mrs. Christie				10.00
Keller, Miss Lillian				5.00
Oliver, Mrs. W. R.				25.00
Central American Mission				
Oliver, W. R.				100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Van Meter (China)				
Nelson, Mrs. Honey				4.00
Mrs. Rose Mary Foulke and Mrs. Wang				
Wilson, Mrs. Mary S.				10.00
American Board of Missions to the Jews (L. A. Work)				
Auge, Mr. & Mrs. C. C.				2.50
Srack, Mrs. Grace				1.00
Bodermann, Mr. & Mrs. D. E.				5.00
McNeely, Henry				1.00
Visick, Mrs. Grace (for tracts)				3.00
Miscellaneous				1.00
Total				818.22

Contributing Church	General	South America	Africa	Total
Long Beach, California (2nd)				
Christian Endeavor			by 1.00	1.00
Totals			1.00	1.00
Los Angeles, California (1st)				
Church			ty 6.16	6.16
W. M. C.			by 3.00	3.00
Totals			9.16	9.16
Los Angeles, California (3rd)				
Altig, Keith			abt 5.00	5.00
Kelly, Mr. & Mrs. Dick			abt 25.00	25.00
Kriegbaum, Rev. Arnold			abt 10.00	10.00
Kriegbaum, Mrs. Arnold			abt 10.00	10.00
Moulton, Mr. & Mrs. I. J.			abt 20.00	20.00
Powell, Mrs. Grace			abt 5.00	5.00
Hoyt, Rex			abt 5.00	5.00
Church and Bible School			abt 37.79	
			3.65	41.44
Totals			121.44	121.44
Whittier, California				
W. M. C.			ty 3.00	3.00
Church			ty 9.51	9.51
Totals			12.51	12.51
Southern California District Offerings				
Boon, R. R.	5.00			5.00
Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. L. I.	5.00			5.00
Kliever, Mrs. S. J.			kl 10.00	10.00
Jennings, Mr. & Mrs. N. W.			wi 5.00	5.00
Van Fossen, Mrs. Claudia			kl 100.00	100.00
Totals	10.00		115.00	125.00
Miscellaneous Funds to **American Board of Missions to the Jews**				
Hutchinson, Mr. & Mrs. L. I.				5.00
Total				130.00
General Miscellaneous Contributions				
Estate of Jesse Eyeman	213.59			213.59
Tent, Wells Property	72.00			72.00
American Mission to the Lepers			al 25.00	25.00
Totals	285.59		25.00	310.59
National Miscellaneous Contributions				
National W. M. S.		d 500.00	sh 54.00	
			ah 100.00	
			ba 1000.00	1654.00
Totals		500.00	1154.00	1654.00
SUMMARY OF TOTALS	2788.54	817.92	5011.13	8980.59

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CARRY ON

In the last great war many of us heard or used these words, "carry on," until they became a joke and the cause of many a jest. Now they are being used everywhere again, and once more they will often cause a smile, but often, as before, they will be obeyed with grim and costly determination.

We who are missionaries and supporters of the mission—Christian workers—soldiers of Jesus Christ—must "carry on." It is the obvious duty of the church and of the missionary societies not to take fright at the power of evil but to keep steadily on—whatever difficulties are encountered and whatever changes of method may be necessary—with the constructive and enduring work of conversion and reconciliation.

The ultimate hope for mankind lies not in war but in the kingdom of God. The relationship of men to God is more important than all else. If only men were "right with God" their relationships with their fellows and those between nation and nation would also be right.

Our calling in Christ Jesus is a high calling that must be courageously carried on at all costs. The challenge of the war is a call to renewed zeal and consecration.

Our missions are better prepared to face it than they were in 1914. We have beside us an immeasurably greater army of native leaders and co-workers. They too must obey the call to carry on.

Christ has called us all to share with Him the burden of the world's need, and the need of the world is to know Him. The hope of the world is in Him. To know Him is life eternal—goodwill and peace. The preaching of such a gospel must go on.

—Congo Mission News

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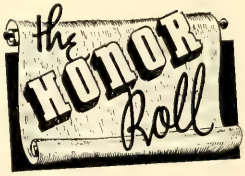

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"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that KEEPETH the law, happy is he" (Prov. 29:18).

"MISSIONARIES' MISSIVES"

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." If Solomon was right (and he was), then little Anne Kliever will surely be a full-fledged missionary some of these days, if our Lord shall tarry. In a letter just received from Brother Kliever (Africa), he says:

"Anne accompanies me quite often on my evening trips to the nearby villages to preach, and her presence is always a drawing card to get just a little larger group out to hear the message. She helps very heartily in the singing, singing in their language with her daddy. She has her dollies here at home, and they are her audience as she tells them the story of Jesus, how her heart that was black in sin was covered by the blood, and now in God's sight is white as snow, and that some day soon we will be in that golden city. We are praying that in another season of years she will be as earnestly telling the story to her live friends here in Africa."

May 16th—Bozoum Prayer and Praise Notes

By Mrs. O. D. Jobson

Psalm 100:5, "For the Lord is good: his mercy is everlasting; His truth endureth to all generations."

Our hearts are full of praise and thanksgiving for every blessing bestowed upon his servants daily.

We praise the Lord that a full time worker has been sent to Koung Nang to take charge of the work. Please remember Antoine and Leo in prayer.

For several weeks Alice Madai, the wife of Etienne, our evangelist at Bocarango, has been very sick in the hospital at Bassai. Praise the Lord for restoration. Alice was one of our girls who learned to read God's Word, and is now teaching others to read.

Praise the Lord for a safe trip to Bangui the last two weeks of April, and for the privilege of visiting Bouca and Bellevue stations.

The Bible reading classes, for which we asked your fellowship in prayer last month, are continuing with interest. The readers are making progress in the gospel of John. Remember them in prayer.

We desire to keep Baiboukoum before you as an object of prayer. Noel writes that the Spirit is working and that many are confessing their sins.

Pray that the Lord will raise up an evangelist to take charge of the work when Noel leaves for Bible School. A large number have been attending the Inquirers' Class here every morning. Won't you pray with us that as they hide the Word in their hearts they may truly be born again, and become new creatures in Christ Jesus? Pray for Jacob, who faithfully teaches this class.

Our need of workers is great, and unless the Lord opens the way for furloughed and new missionaries to come forth soon it may be necessary to have some of our stations in charge of native workers. But, after all, that is not our greatest need. Our real need is a visitation of the Holy Spirit, filling missionaries and native workers and convicting men and women of sin. Pray that a mighty revival may spread over Oubangui-Chari Mission, and that it may begin in us.

There is now before the French government a request that will authorize the coming to the Colony of six of our furloughed missionaries, and three of the new recruits. But, let us pray that God will move the ones in authority to speedily grant this necessary request. If granted before this reaches you, our prayer intercessors, then let us praise the Lord for it.

WHAT IS HOME WITHOUT A PREACHER ?

By Edith Williams

What is home without a preacher
Who is welcome any day,
Be it washday, workday, Wednesday,
Noon or when you kneel to pray?

Can you bring him home on Sunday
Just as freely as you choose,
Or does some one in your family
His good name always abuse?

What is home without a preacher
Who can sympathize and cheer,
Who can point your soul to glory,
Teach you faith instead of fear?

Seems to me that home is empty
Of the presence of the Lord,
If His messengers are hated
And His teachings are ignored.

Yes, a home without a preacher
Is a house that's bulit on sand.
Don't you know you'll live with preachers
If you reach the better land?

On their respective birthdays, the names, favorite Scripture verses, and prayer requests of pastors, missionaries, and others in the brotherhood who are prominent in Christian work, will appear under this head. Please see that each member in your society is assigned one of the following names for daily prayer. Assign a different name to each member weekly. If you know of others whose names should have appeared this month, please notify your News Editor at once

Aug. 6—Mrs. Miles Taber, wife of pastor at Leon, Ia. Rom. 11:33. No requests submitted.

Aug. 8—Walter Lepp, assistant pastor of 2d Brethren, Los Angeles. Ps. 84:11. No requests submitted.

***Aug 9—Miss Estella Myers,** missionary in Africa.

Aug. 11—Clarence Sickel, missionary to South America now on furlough. No requests submitted, but pray for the missionaries and their work in South America.

Aug. 12—Mrs. Curtis Morrill, missionary to Africa now on furlough. Ps. 37:5. Requests prayer that the Lord will bless their stay in Quebec and that they will acquire a necessary knowledge of the French language; also that the way will be opened for the missionaries to travel to and from Africa.

***Aug 16—Dr. Floyd Taber,** missionary in Africa.

***Aug 29—Joseph H. Foster,** missionary in Africa.

Aug. 20—Ralph Rambo, pastor at Hagerstown, Md. Isa. 26:3. Requests prayer for our mission churches and the fields that are waiting for pastors and help from the Home Missions Council; also special prayer for Bro. R. Paul Miller in his work as secretary.

***Aug. 21—J. P. Kliever,** missionary in Africa.

Aug. 25—Miss Elizabeth Tyson, missionary to Africa now on furlough. Requests prayer that the Oubangui-Chari shall be kept open to the gospel messengers; that God may speedily send forth the missionaries awaiting passage to the field; and that the native church, its pastors and teachers shall be a separated group through which the Holy Spirit can work.

Aug. 30—Mrs. Conard Sandy. Ps. 55:22. Requests definite prayer that the Lord may give strength from above to the tired bodies of the missionaries awaiting furloughs, and that they may be brought in due time to the homeland in safety.

*** Arrival of the prayer requests from our missionaries in Africa is expected any day. Apparently war conditions are holding them up. Watch for the special prayer calendar which we will print when these requests arrive. In the meantime, we suggest that those praying for these missionaries substitute the requests found elsewhere in this issue under the head "Bozoum Prayer and Praise."**

Late FLASH from Africa

An air mail letter from Mrs. Jobson, dated June 16, just arrived at the offices of The Brethren Missionary Herald Company. Mrs. Jobson states:

"We like the Herald very much. However we have not received the recent numbers, as well as many of our other magazines which have not arrived, due of course to the war condition and sinking of the different mail boats. We do praise the Lord for what mail does come through safely. Via air seems to be the safest way now, but do not know how long we shall have air service.

"Our times are in His hands. Pray that we may keep looking up.

"We praise the Lord that the door is still wide open in French Equatorial Africa to preach the gospel. May we grasp every opportunity to win the lost to Him. Our greatest need is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon missionaries and native Christians. Pray that a mighty revival may spread throughout this land of darkness.

"Our Bible School opens July 1. Pray for us and the evangelists who shall come from the different stations."

READY BIBLE OUTLINES

The A, B, C, of Faith: A-ccepting the Person (Jn. 1:12); B-elieving the Word (Jn. 5:24); C-onfessing the Name (Rom. 10:9).—New Kensington Bulletin.

The Curriculum in the School of God: **Reading**—"give attendance to reading" (I Tim. 4:13); **Writing**—"Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men" (II Cor. 3:2); **Arithmetic**—"add to your faith, virture; and to virtue, knowledge," etc. (II Pet. 1:5-7).

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ILLUSTRATIVE JOTTINGS

"NO, SIR; I'M A CHRISTIAN"

They are the sons of God. Read Rom. 8:12-17.

In a certain small town there was a revolt last November against the notorious political "boss" of the county. In getting up a town meeting of protest, a list of representative vice-chairmen was being compiled. It was thought that the sexton of the Presbyterian Church would best represent the colored people. So the chairman approached him, first saying, "May I ask if you are a McClure Republican?"

"No, sir; I'm a Christian," came back the instant answer.

That humble colored sexton put into a phrase the entire philosophy of political, social and business conduct by disciples of Christ. In all realms he would do only what he thought Christ, would have him do.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

JUANITA—A Story from South America

By Mrs. Clarence Sickel

Juniata was a little girl who lived near the mission station in Huinca Renanco. She had been forbidden by her mother to go near there, for were not the Protestants devils and evil ones? Had not the priest told them that all who attended the services at that place, would forever lose all hope of going to heaven? Moreover, it was rumored that the missionary had the habit of ducking all children who came there in a huge tank of cold water, and that behind the door was an image of the Virgin which they must spit upon.

Juanita was afraid, but the singing did sound so inviting. Each Sunday she would come a little nearer to listen, until finally she stood one Sunday afternoon just outside the door. No amount of coaxing could persuade her to enter. But Sunday after Sunday found her there. It all seemed so harmless, and the missionary's smile was so friendly, that she finally ventured to come inside the door and sit on the very edge of the bench nearest the door. Surely there could be no harm in this, she thought, and she could easily escape if danger threatened. Time went on and Sunday after Sunday she was with us, becoming less and less afraid, learning the songs and learning to know and love the Lord Jesus. Then her mother discovered what she had been doing and threatened her with dire punishment if she were again to step foot inside of the hated 'Culto Evangelico.' But Juanita ran away again and again. Her mother was busy at home with sick ones and failed many times to notice the child's absence, but when she did, the child was whipped. Still she came to us, and how she loved the gospel songs and stories. Then death came into the home: first a sister, then the father, and one day word came to us that Juanita had also fallen ill of the dread desease — tuberculosis. The mother hated the missionaries more than ever now, for she was certain that somehow we had been the indirect cause of all the dreadful things that were happening to her. It was not possible for us to visit our little friend, but when word came of her death, we knew that she had gone on to be with her Lord, whom she had learned to love in the despised mission hall.

How we pitied the poor little mother that day, left all alone in the world, husband and little girls gone, with no hope of ever seeing them, and her ears closed to any word of help that we might have given her from God's Word. Instead she listened to others like herself, who were walking in darkness. Would she be rid of the misfortune that had come upon her? Oh yes! So they locked the doors to that home, carefully taking out the key after doing so, so that none other could open the door. Then opened the window which was small and high, and with great difficulty pushed the coffin, bearing little Juanita's body, out through it. Thus they hoped to chase misfortune from that little mother's home forever.

How much easier and better it would have been for her to heed the words of the Savior, "Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give

THE MISSION AT HUINCA RENACO WHERE JUANITA CAME TO HEAR ABOUT JESUS

you rest." But little Juanita, in spite of living in a home where there was nothing but spiritual darkness, had come to know the Savior, because boys and girls and older ones in America had saved their coins and had sent the missionaries.

A LITTLE BOY'S POEM

A boy six years of age heard a missionary tell how the children in China worship dreadful, ugly idols because they do not know about the Lord Jesus. He wants to go and tell them about the Lord Jesus when he grows up. He wrote this poem without help except on the last two lines:

Great smoky steamers
  Sailing o'er the sea,
Sailing off to foreign lands
  Far away from me,
Some day to China I must go
To tell them Jesus loves them so.

Do you ever write poems about the Lord Jesus? If so, send us some, giving your age. Address: Children's Editor, 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

By C. F. Alexander

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful—
The Lord God made them all

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings—
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate,
God made them, high or lowly,
And ordered their estate.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The morning, and the sunset
That lighteth up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,—
He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water
We gather every day;—

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who hath made all things well.

THE NARROW VISION

A man of gerat wealth lay upon his dying bed. His daughter was pleading with him to endow a chair in the college she was attending. The pledge was made out, and agreed upon by all the family. The sick man took the pen; then, torn with emotion he laid it down, saying: "I can't do it, I have had the money too long. I simply must keep it. I suppose I shall go into my grave with it. Oh, that I had had a different training and a different vision! I want to do it but my will will not let me."

We need a different vision—a vision from lifting up the eyes and looking on the fields—wide fields, white all ready to the harvset.

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BIBLE BRIEFS

"Jesus wept" is the shortest verse in the English Bible, and it is a precious verse. In the original Greek this verse has three words and sixteen letters. There is another verse that has two words and fourteen letters, and this is the shortest verse: "Rejoice evermore" (I Thess. 5:16). It is remarkable that these two shortest verses should give us the picture of the sympathy of the heart of Christ in fellowshipping with all our sorrow, and should give us the key to a triumphant Christian life, rejoicing always, and in all circumstances, even while sorrowing (2 Cor. 6: 10). Though it is the shortest verse, it never ends.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR AUGUST 18, 1940

Joseph as a Type of Christ

(Gen. 37)

Suggestions for the Leader

The life story of Joseph gives us the most perfect type of Christ in the Bible. Since all types break down some place, we stress the fact that Joseph excels in giving us a picture of Christ in suffering and in exaltation.

It ought to be easy to draw many interesting parallels between Joseph and Christ. Children are taught the story of Joseph early in life and can see how the life of Christ presents the same experiences. The type ought to help us understand things concerning the One to come in the future.

1. The Preference. Both Joseph and Christ were beloved of their fathers.

Jacob loved Joseph more than all his children. He was the firstborn of his favorite wife. He was selected as the next sheik of the tribe. He was given the royal coat of many colors (Gen. 37:3).

Jesus was the object of His Father's special love (Mt. 3:17, Jn. 3:35).

2. The Prejudice. Both Joseph and Christ were hated by their brethren.

The brethren hated Joseph because he was selected over them to be the next sheik and because he told them a dream indicating that they would fall to obey him (Gen. 37:4,5,8,11,18). Stephen said that the "Patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph in Egypt" (Acts 7:9).

Jesus was hated by His own people (Jn. 1:5,11). His own people would not receive Him. They hated Christ without a cause (Jn. 15:25. See Ps. 69:4).

3. The Pit. Both Joseph and Jesus were betrayed and cast away.

Joseph was cast into a pit (Gen. 37:20). His brethren planned to slay him and get rid of him.

Jesus was betrayed by friends and foes (Mt. 26:15, 57). Notice the words, "And led Him away." Even the disciples ran away or denied Him.

4. The Prison. Both Joseph and Jesus were condemned as criminals.

Joseph was falsely accused and cast into prison (Gen. 39:11-18). The authorities believed the charge of infidelity.

Jesus was condemned and crucified. The people sought for false witness against Him and took council against Him (Mt. 27:23-35).

5. The Palace. Both Joseph and Jesus became a blessing to the Gentile people.

Pharoah said to Joseph, "Thou shalt be over my house." He was appointed to a high position. He saved the grain during the years of plenty to help in time of famine. He married a Gentile bride.

Jesus came as a blessing to the people (Mt. 4:14). He offered the Bread of Life to a world of people. He visited the Gentiles to take out a people for His name (Acts 15:14). He calls out the Gentile bride or church during the time of rejection by His brethren (Jn. 19:15; Eph. 5:25).

6. Position. Both Joseph and Jesus were exalted. Joseph was reconciled to his brethren and Jesus will yet be reconciled.

Joseph's brethren came to him in a time of need, seeking help. They looked upon the one they betrayed into the hands of others. He proved to be their Savior (Gen. 42-50).

Jesus shall yet be exalted and reconciled to His brethren (Lk. 1:32, "He shall be great." Rom. 11:1, 15,26, "And so all Israel shall be saved" Zech. 12:10, "And they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced."

Questions

1. Summarize the various points that indicate that Joseph is the type of Christ in suffering and exaltation.
2. How do we see God's providence in the care of Joseph?
3. How did Joseph and Jesus show the right attitude toward those that harmed them?
4. In the story of the typology of Joseph, where are we today in reference to Christ?

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Junior-Intermediate C. E. Topic for Aug. 18

By Mrs. Ruth Waymire

A SHEPHERD BOY WHO BECAME KING

(1 Sam. 16:1-13)

Long ago when Saul was king over Israel, near the village of Bethlehem, there lived a man named Jesse.

His eight sons were big strong boys. Some of them were warriors for the king, but the youngest, David, tened the sheep. He was handsome, healthy and strong, and he loved to play the harp and make lovely music.

Once as he was out on the hills a bear came out of the woods, and carried away one of his lambs. David leaped to his feet, followed him and killed him. Another time a lion came into the flock and David killed him also. So you see he was brave as well as strong.

Now the king had disobeyed God, and God's Spirit was no longer with him, and an evil spirit came and troubled him. So the Lord told Samuel, the old prophet, that He would choose a new king. He sent Samuel to Bethlehem to visit Jesse, for it was one of Jesse's sons who was to be chosen. How proud the old man must have been when Samuel asked to see his sons. So seven of them passed before Samuel, but the old prophet shook his head. "No, it isn't any of these," he said, "Have you more sons?"

"Yes, David the youngest is out tending the sheep. We did not think you would want him." But when Samuel saw him, the Lord spoke to him and said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him. God chose him because He knew that in spite of all the trouble that might come upon him, he would still be a man after God's own heart.

One day when King Saul was very much troubled, his servants said, "Why do you not send for young David to make music for you? Maybe that would help." So they sent for David. His father helped him get ready and sent presents to the king, for it was a great thing for a shepherd boy to be asked to the palace. No one knew yet that he had been anointed king. When David came, the king loved him, and as he played, the evil spirit departed for a time.

After a while the king became better and David went home. Soon war broke out with the Philistines, and three of David's brothers went to fight for the king. Then one day his father sent him to the camp with some parched corn and bread for his brothers, and their Captain. There he saw the giant of the Philistines, Goliath, who came out each day and dared the men of Israel to come and fight with him. But no one went out for they were all afraid, because he was over nine feet tall, and looked very fierce. David was troubled and said, "I will go and kill this enemy. The Lord Who delivered me out of the paw of the lion and the bear, will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine."

Then they wanted him to put on all the heavy armor that the soldiers wore, but he refused to wear it. He went to the brook, took five smooth stones, put them in his shepherd's bag, and took his sling in his hand. Then he came near to the Philistine giant, who laughed at this little shepherd boy without armor or sword come out to meet him. Goliath said, "I will give thy flesh to the fowls of the air."

But David fitted a stone into his sling and slung it. The Lord guided that stone and it went into the giant's forehead and killed him. Then the army of Israel went after the astonished Philistines and really fought and won the battle.

Then the king of Israel honored David and gave him gifts and later gave him his daughter for his wife. David became a very dear friend of Jonathan, the king's son. The people too honored him and they shouted, "Soul hath slain his thousands but David his tens of thousands." This made the king jealous, and he made a great deal of trouble for David, but the Lord was with David and delivered him out of all his trouble.

Questions for discussion

1. Do we choose God or does He choose us? Jn. 15:16; Eph. 1:4.

2. What kind of people are the best material for God's work? II Cor. 6:17; II Tim. 2:21; Jn. 15:3-5,8.

3. What kind of armor should the Christian wear? Eph. 6:11-17.

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HERE AND THERE

By Robert Culver

Bob Munro, Scotch evangelist who has ministered in many of our churches, writes in a circular letter to his friends: "Instead of continuing my ministry of evangelism among the churches, I am devoting my full time for the duration of the war to a soul winning ministry among the men of His Majesty's forces —soldiers, sailors, and airmen. I have been appointed to work under the auspices of the Soldiers' Christian Association, as Field Representative on the Atlantic Coast."

Over 70 young people from the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif. attended the Brethren Summer Camp in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer was speaker at a Bible Conference in the San Diego Brethren Church July 7-14. This conference was under the auspices of the Southwest Bible Conference Assn. Dr. Chafer was also in the South Gate Brethren Church for a five day Bible conference, July 15-19.

UNCLE EBEN SAYS: **"If de spread ob de gospel was rewarded wid a 10% dividend, dere wouldn't be a village on earth widout a church."**

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE BRETHREN CONFERENCE OF So. CALIF.

Convened in Regular Session at Long Beach, California

JULY 27, 1940

WHEREAS, the "National Conference of The Brethren Church," assembled at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 28 to September 2, 1939, departed from the principles of true congregational government adopted by the organizers of The Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio, in the month of June, 1883; and,

WHEREAS, said "National Conference of The Brethren Church," in its organization, refused to abide by the rules within the Manual of Procedure that had been used for many years in the organization of said Conference; and,

WHEREAS, said "National Conference of The Brethren Church also departed from the principles, teaching, and practice of the New Testament itself, which New Testament was adopted by The Brethren Church in its beginning, as the only recognized and all-sufficient rule for the faith and practice of The Brethern Church, and has always been recognized as such; and,

WHEREAS, it is evident from the recent statements and actions of the leaders, who by illegal methods, seized control of the National Conference of The Brethren Church at Winona Lake, Indiana, on August 29, 1939, that the sovereign churches composing this Thirtieth Annual Bible Conference of the Brethren Churches of Southern California, and certain other duly organized Brethren Churches, are no longer recognized by them as true Brethren Churches, and therefore not entitled to representation in any Brethren Conference, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That we, the Sovereign Churches composing this Thirtieth Annual Bible Conference of The Brethren Churches of Southern California, reaffirm that we are duly organized Brethren Churches, holding without deviation whatsoever, to the congregational form of government as established by our fathers in 1883; and, to the New Testament as our only rule of faith and practice; and, to the well-known Brethren interpretations of the New Testament teaching as are set forth in the "Message of the Brethren Ministry;" and, that we propose to continue in that faith and practice as we have affirmed it, have taught it, and have propogated it, from the time of our organization as a Conference in 1910.

That we deny that we have ever seceded from The Brethren Church, or have ever thought of seceding from The Brethren Church, but that we expect to continue as sovereign Brethren Churches until Jesus comes; and

That we reaffirm our belief in the obsolute sovereignty of every Brethren Church, working under our congregational form of government; and,

That we recognize all Brethren congregations that hold to the form of government as adopted by our fathers in 1883; and, who hold to the New Testament as their sole authority in all faith and practice; and, who hold to "The Message of the Brethren Ministry" as a correct interpretation of New Testament teaching—as true Brethren Churches—our sister Churches —without reference as to what colleges or schools or seminaries, or conferences, or so-called Boards, or other institutions that are not within the bounds of the local congregation, they, in their sovereign rights may support or not support; and,

That we go on record as refusing to recognize the so-called "National Conference of The Brethren Church" of 1939 as a **legally** organized Brethren Conference, because of reasons heretofore stated; and,

That we likewise go on record as being in favor of the reorganization of the National Conference of The Brethren Church, by all Brethren Churches that still hold to the congregational form of government adopted by our fathers in 1883; and, that still hold to the New Testament as their sole authority for all faith and practice; and that still believe in, and do accept "The Message of The Brethren Ministry" as a correct interpretation of the teachings of the New Testament; and,

That we shall give every assistance within our power to such a National Conference of The Brethren Church when it is once organized.

Unanimously adopted.

Signed,

ALAN S. PEARCE,
Conference Secretary

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lution for all our differences and all our problems. Such an offer has been made many times, but the Ashland College Group has never been willing to grasp the hand held out to them. From our past experiences, we scarcely dare hope that they will do it in the matter of our foreign work. They will not do it if Eld. Yoder shall rule—that is evident.

Meantime, so long as there is even a threat held out against the Foreign Missionary Society, we shall not quarrel with the Churches that are making safe our funds in their own treasuries. And, the Foreign Missionary Society, with as fine a band of missionaries as any Foreign Missionary Society ever had, shall continue to live and carry forward its work under God's blessing. And the missionaries themselves need not be disturbed by Eld. Yoder's dire threat of "consequences" should they still pray for Grace Theological Seminary and for us! Missionaries, you are not responsible for the unhappy situation at home. You have troubles enough just now in this tempest-tossed world. Keep on with your great work. "Jehovah-jireh" (God will provide) is His name!

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Important Notice—A Call to All Brethren Churches for a National Conference of the Brethren Church

1. WHEREAS, the New Testament Scriptures, which, with the Old Testament, constitute the creed of the Brethren Church, teach clearly the principle of congregational church government;

2. AND WHEREAS, the purpose clause of the original charter of the Brethren Church affirms this principle and specifically forbids any action which would interfere with congregational government;

3. AND WHEREAS, the Manual of Procedure adopted in 1915 by the National Conference recognizes the sovereign rights of all Brethren congregations;

4. AND WHEREAS, in the organization of the so-called "National Conference of the Brethren Church" in 1939, its controlling officers arrogantly and illegally excluded many properly accredited delegates sent by true Brethren Churches, doing this by setting up tests of fellowship arbitrarily which are utterly foreign to the New Testament, the denominational charter, and the conference Manual of Procedure, thus deliberately violating the Biblical rule of congregational government which, from the beginning, has been a well recognized fundamental principle of the Brethren Church;

5. AND WHEREAS, the leaders now in control of the so-called "National Conference of the Brethren Church," in 1939, in open violation of the Biblical and Brethren rule of non-litigation between its members, have encouraged and aided a recent lawsuit for the purpose of depriving the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, of its congregational rights and property, openly declaring in court their intention to prove, if possible, that the National Conference has the power over the local churches to change the government of the Brethren Church from its original congregational form to another form and thus bring all Brethren Churches and property under its control, causing the distinguished attorney for the defense to declare that "should a majority of the members of the Brethren Churches of America be willing to accept the thesis of the opposite counsel in this case, then Congregational Brethrenism is at an end";

6. AND WHEREAS, the 1939 so-called "National Conference of the Brethren Church" in countenancing as its leaders, the elders who have dragged their brethren into the courts, has deliberately departed from the Brethren Faith, as established in the New Testament and sanctioned by common usage, and has established a hierarchy which is utterly foreign to the Brethren Church and which will endanger the congregational liberties and property rights of those churches which participate in its organization;

7. AND WHEREAS, since the so-called "National Conference of the Brethren Church," which is soon to convene at Ashland, Ohio, August 26 to September 1st, 1940, will be controlled by the leaders of "The Indiana District Conference of the Brethren Church"; and, by "The South East District Conference of the Brethren Church"; and, by "The Ohio District Conference of the Brethren Church"—all three of which Conferences have declared in Resolutions adopted by them at their recent (1940) meets, that they do not "consider as members of the Brethren Church," those Brethren Churches, Ministers, and Laymen who fail to support Ashland College and Seminary; and, who fail to support the illegally organized (1939) "National Conference of the Brethren Church"; and, who fail to support certain Boards and District Conferences which said leaders autocratically choose to stamp as "loyal"—thus making loyalty to certain man-created organizations and institutions to be a test of continued membership in the Brethren Church—a test utterly without foundation in the Word of God;

8. THEREFORE, WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, issue this Call to Brethren Churches, elders, pastors, and laymen everywhere, who still hold to the congregational form of church government as adopted by our fathers in 1883; and, who still believe that loyalty to Christ and His Word rather than loyalty to some humanly organized board or school furnishes the only true test of that which constitutes a Brethren creed for all faith and practice; and, who still hold that "The Message of The Brethren Ministry" is a true, although partial, statement of the teachings of the infallible Word of God;—we invite all such to assemble at Winona Lake, Indiana, at 9:00 A. M.,Central

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Daylight Saving Time, on Tuesday, August 27, 1940, for the purpose of holding a National Conference which will recognize the sovereign congregational rights of all Brethren churches without discrimination as set forth in the New Testament and affirmed in the original Charter; and, which will conduct its deliberations in the Spirit of Christ and in harmony with the New Testament teaching and the rules laid down by the Brethren Manual of Procedure.

Under these rules, which were so flagrantly violated in said illegal 1939 "Conference," every Brethren Church without discrimination is invited to send one duly certified delegate for every fifty members, or fraction thereof over twenty-five; and to furnish a credential to every elder in good standing, which credential will entitle him to sit as a member **ex officio** of the National Conference.

This Call is sent out in humble obedience to that which we, the undersigned, believe to be the will of God; and with the hope that it will lead all Brethren Churches into the paths of Christian love, peace, and harmony. May the Spirit of God, in all things, be given His rightful place as The Administrator of the Church of God.

Signed,

Members of the 1938 Executive Committee of The National Conference of The Brethren Church.

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SISTERHOOD GIRLS MEET AT WINONA LAKE AS USUAL

Full plans and programs for inspirational, business and recreational activities of the Sisterhood girls are already made for National Bible Conference week, Aug. 26-Sept. 2nd.

The Sisterhood girls will make Bethany Camp their headquarters. Reservations should be sent to Rev. Leo Polman, 3326 S. Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, Ind. as soon as possible. Refer to The Brethren Missionary Herald of June 8, 1940, pages 7-10 for full description of camp, activities, and prices of board and room

It has been arranged for the Sisterhood girls to attend the young people's conference each morning in a body. Dr. Harry Rimmer and Dr. V. C. Kelfford will make these morning sessions never to be forgotten. Our business sessions and missionary addresses will be in the afternoons, from 1:30 to 2:30 each day. All societies should send delegates as usual and bring any dues or offerings which have not been sent in during the year.

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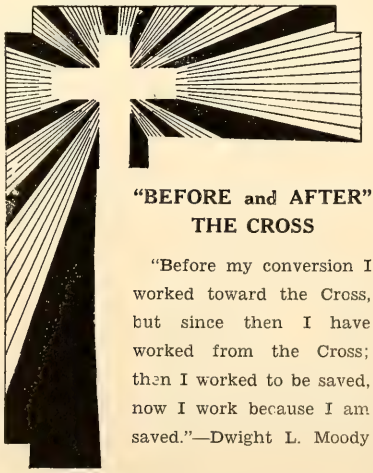

"BEFORE and AFTER" THE CROSS

"Before my conversion I worked toward the Cross, but since then I have worked from the Cross; then I worked to be saved, now I work because I am saved."—Dwight L. Moody

A WARNING TO BRETHREN EVERYWHERE

Alva J. McClain

Reviewing in memory the events of the Dayton trial at which it was my privilege to bear testimony regarding the form of government held by The Brethren Church, I recall several things which were of deep interest.

First, the trial was marked by an almost complete absence of those who have been in the past the loudest talkers about "laws" and "courts," and, so far as I could observe, none of their "learned" discussions were employed by the lawyers for the plaintiffs who are suing their brethren. Doubtless, they were busy elsewhere. Or could this absence signify that they had no stomach for a possible call to the witness stand with its embarrassing cross-examination? At any rate, this only confirms what sensible people ought to know, namely, that mere boastful threats have no place or standing in courts of law.

Second, after the experiences of the late 1939 "General Conference," it was a pleasure to be in a place where personal rights and freedom of speech were properly protected from any interference on the part of the Ashland College group who have turned the "General Conference" into a kind of Hitlerian Reichstag where about the only right left to the delegates is the right to say "Yes" at the proper time. The presiding judge, whose soul must have been tried at times by the evasive tactics of certain witnesses, was nevertheless meticulously courteous to all concerned on both sides of the controversy.

Third, in spite of all the reckless charges made by the Ashland College group to the effect that the rest of us have "departed from historic Brethren faith," after all that has been said about "baptismal salvation" and "eternal security," there was not one serious attempt made to prove that the defending Brethren had so "departed" in any single doctrine of the Word of God. I, for one, regret that the attempt was not made, after all that the loud talkers have said. But, although the charge was incorporated in the original outline of the case as presented by counsel for the plaintiffs, there was no serious attempt made to sustain it with evidence. Quite evidently there was **some** wise counsel on the other side, and it prevailed in this particular matter.

Finally, and most important, the case presented by the attackers at Dayton boils down to just one point, having to do with **the kind of government held by the Brethren Church as a denomination.** They frankly admitted that the original form of church government adopted by the fathers was "congregational," but they argued, quite amazingly, that by the adoption of the Manual of Procedure of 1915 the General Conference had changed the Brethren form of government from purely congregational to another and wholly different form, giving the General and District Conferences ecclestiastical control over local congregations. Under this new form of government, they argued, the General Conference could, for any reason which seemed good to it, deny seats to the delegates from any local church, and such action would automatically excommunicate the church from the denomination. Then when this was done, if there should be left only one member in that local church acceptable to the conference authorities, the conference could recognize him as constituting truly that particular local church, and also support him in a lawsuit to take the property from all the other members. (To some Brethren all this may seem unbelievable, but **the court records will show that this very point was argued seriously by counsel for the plaintiffs at Dayton).**

Now there is almost no possibility that such an argument would be sustained by any court in the land, for several reasons: First, the Manual of Procedure of 1915 says absolutely nothing about a change of church government. Second, on the other hand, it contains certain provisions which clearly imply a recognition of congregational government. Third, in any event, the General Conference has no power to change The Brethren Church's form of government, even if every delegate present voted in favor of it. Since it is admitted on both sides that the original form was purely congregational, only the congregations voting as sovereign units could effect such a change. And if in any congregation to which the matter was submitted, there should be even one member in opposition, he would be able to enter the courts and take the property, for such a change of government would constitute a departure from the original Brethren position. In the fourth place, no witness on either side at Dayton was able to produce a single bona fide case where the alleged proposal to change the denominational form of government was ever submitted to any local church in the United States. And surely no group of churches can be deprived of their sovereign rights, not only without any chance to vote on the proposition, but also without their ever even knowing that such a loss was taking place. Fifth, as all present at the 1915 General Conference know, the alleged change in government was not even discussed by the delegates in connection with the adoption of the Manual of Procedure.

Now there is a moral to the Dayton trial which should be a solemn warning to Brethren everywhere. While the General Conference up to and including 1938 had no ecclesiastical powers over the local congregation, that joined it, the Ashland group in control of the 1939 conference proceeded to change the organization in such a way that it would have authority over these local congregations which participate in its membership and business. **Such a change represents a complete apostasy from the fundamental position of The Brethren Church,** of course, and openly violates the purpose clause of its original legal charter. Therefore, it is very probable that, in case

the matter should ever come into the courts, the so-called "General Conference" of 1939 would be ruled an alien organization with no right to the name of "The Brethren Church." But the important point is this: **Since the controlling Ashland group have already argued in the Dayton case that the "General Conference" has authority over the local church, and they are making changes in its organization to conform with this viewpoint, any local church from now on which votes to send delegates to its meeting at Ashland, O., and participates in its membership, may thereby vote away its own congregational rights and pass under the control of this so-called "conference."**

Regardless of which attitude may be held by churches with respect to the Ashland College controversy, no local church will send delegates to Ashland this year if it wants to remain in control of its own congregational affairs. Churches which send delegates will do so with their eyes open, for the Ashland group in control have served public notice as to the change in church government which they have embraced, and which they expect to apply to the local churches which enter the membership of their alien "conference." The important question here is not whether a local church favors Ashland College or Grace Seminary, the Home Board or the Home Council, but whether that church wants to keep its control from falling irrevocably into the hands of an outside organization. **All local churches on both sides of the present controversy, which value their congregational liberties, will do well to stay away from Ashland, O. this year.**

Churches should not permit themselves to be fooled with fair words and glib assurances as to the nature of this Ashland "General Conference." **The court record in the Dayton trial is the proof of exactly what that "conference" proposes to do in the case of any church which tries to exercise its congregational liberties in harmony with the original charter of The Brethren Church.** And while the Ashland group cannot change the safeguards in that charter, nor invade the rights of those congregations which adhere to the charter, they can organize a "conference" **with a new and non-Brethren** form of government which will be able to sieze complete control over all local churches which are so foolish as to join it with delegate representation.

There is need this year, in my opinion, for the organization of a truly Brethren General Conference which will guarantee complete freedom to all participating churches in accordance with the original denominational charter. The 1939 "conference" has openly and frankly abandoned the congregational liberties guaranteed in that historic document.

"I know why we shouldn't despise our enemies," said little Mary.

"All right," said the teacher, "tell us."

"Well, we ought to like what we've made."

—Christian Advocate.

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"It is a day of trouble . . . and of perplexity"

A great deal has taken place since I left the east a few weeks ago. The map of Europe has been completely changed. The great empire of France has fallen a prey to German efficiency. As these lines are being written (July 27, at West Yellowstone, Mont.), England is preparing for the dreadful blow which, in the opinion of some military experts, will bring the doom of her far-flung dominion over sea and land. And the so-called statesmen of our own country, bewildered and badly frightened, are trying to prepare to live and protect our interests in this changing world which will never be the same again.

As for the modern preachers, who only yesterday were sure that they could save the world with social and educational schemes, they are reacting to the situation according to the measure of their intelligence. Some are like little boys whistling in the darkness, a little scared but quite sure that all will come out right in the end. Others, more intelligent, do not know what to do or to say. One of these, brilliant intellectually and full of ideas for the solution of the world's problems, was asked to speak in California early in July on "American Duty in the Present Crisis." When the hour arrived for his speech, he frankly admitted to the audience that he didn't know what to advise, and finally suggested three different lines of action from which they could choose according to the wisdom they might have. In a conversation with me at the dinner-table, he said rather dolefully that his latest book, which had just come from the press, was completely obsolete before a copy had been sold. He was not very happy, wondering what he would do with the 2500 copies of the first edition. The book, by the way, was on the subject of "World Peace!!" The trouble with this preacher was twofold: First, he had not been reading his Bible, especially the prophetic Word. And second, therefore, he had not known what to look for. He had, in fact, been looking for the **wrong things.** Or perhaps it would be more accurate to say that he had been looking for the right thing at the wrong time, to be brought about by impossible human means.

"Seeing that ye look for such things"

And this leads me to say that, among people of some intelligence, the only ones who have not lost their mental and spiritual poise are those who have been seriously reading and believing the prophetic Word. Such people, I have observed during the world shattering events of the past few weeks, are frankly facing the present situation, with no illusion as to its deadly dangers, yet they are not panic-stricken with fear. The reason is that, enlightened by the

prophecies of the Bible, they have been looking "for **such things**" and therefore they are not taken by surprise.

"Full of . . . gold . . . chariots . . . idols"

In the second chapter of Isaiah there is given a striking picture of the end-time which might be applied fittingly to our own land. First, the prophet says, "Their land also is full of **silver and gold**" (7). For several years we have been buying both silver and gold at premium prices so that today we own most of these two metals in the world. Second, we are told, "Their land is also full of **horses,** neither is there any end of their **chariots**" (7). The "horses" and "chariots" of ancient days constituted the military armament of the nations. And certainly we are piling up the munitions of war today. The immediate goal is 50,000 war planes, with one manufacturer promising to turn out 1,000 planes a day if the government will only tell him just what is wanted and then leave him alone. We are planning a two-ocean navy, strong enough to beat off a coalition of all the other nations of the world. Every time we open the morning newspaper, we read of further billions appropriated for purposes of war. All this "gold" and all these munitions are being piled up for the purpose of protecting our country, our property, our liberties, and our lives.

But Isaiah saw something else besides the treasure and the military armaments, something which will destroy the value of all the gold and turn all the military strength into weakness. "Their land also is full of **idols,**" he said, "They worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made" (8). Can this be true of America today? The answer is yes. Anything that man places above the true God is an idol. Any philisophy, any ideal, that man puts in the place which belongs alone to God is an idol. Any religion, any god, which man worships **apart from Jesus Christ,** is nothing but an idol, more subtle perhaps than cerain forms of idolatry in pagan lands, but worse for that very reason in its final effects upon the human soul. A great deal of the religion so-called, which we are being urged to defend against the attacks of Hitler and Stalin, is nothing but idolatry.

What this nation needs first of all, in getting ready for the approaching peril, is to cleanse the land from idols and return to the true God Who is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him alone there is safety.

Casting Away The Idols is Not Enough

Of late there have been some remarkable admissions made by certain leaders in the field of modernistic religion. A few years ago they were sure that they had the infallible formula for solving the problems of the world. All we needed to do, they said, was to throw away the dogmas of historic Christianity, believe that God is the Father of all men, adopt the new "social gospel" of modern religion, and the millennium would be just around the corner. But today these modern prophets are not so sure. And some of them are actually advising their brethren to cast away the idol of modern "Liberalism" which they have been worshipping.

This movement among the modernists has been hailed by certain conservatives, who know little or nothing about Biblical prophecy, as an evidence that modernism is returning to the Word of God. Nothing could be farther from the truth. All it means is that the intelligent modernists are seeing that their schemes have not worked, and therefore they are casting away their former idols. But it does not mean necessarily that they are returning to the true God and His thoughts. Isaiah pictures a similar situation which will obtain at the end-time. "In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they have made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats" (2:20). But do they cast away their idols in order that they may return to the true God? Not at all. They abandon the idols **"To go into the clefts of the rocks,** and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord . . . when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth" (21). To borrow and speak in the language of modern philosophy, they abandon "religious idealism" and turn to "materialistic realism." And, looked at from the standpoint of worldly wisdom, this is a sensible move. For, after all, when a flock of enemy bombers sweeps over your head, a good strong cave in the rocks is a safer place for the body than to be worshipping at the shrine of modernism in Dr. Fosdick's church in New York. And this is exactly where the logic of modernism leads. Since, according to Dr. Fosdick's theology, the only way that God can answer prayer is through the ordinary operation of natural law, it is much more sensible to build caves in the rocks than to spend your money and time building cathedrals to be used as platforms for modernistic preachers to preach that kind of nonsense.

The True Refuge of the Soul

For all those, however, who are concerned about the welfare of the soul and the life to come, there is a better refuge. There is a God in heaven Who is not bound by the laws of mere nature, which He Himself ordained, but Who came down from heaven and

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became man by the miracle of virgin birth in order that He might at last die for our sins at Calvary. Thus He became "an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land" (Isa. 32:2). "Blessed are all they which take refuge in Him" (Psa. 2:12 A.R.V.). If your eyes have been opened to His incomparable glory, if you have been led to take refuge in Him, if you have come to know His peace, then the blasts of adversity and catastrophe will leave you unafraid. Empires may fall and rise, but you are in the mighty hand of Him Who ordains and controls all these matters, and He is making all things work together for your final good. "He hideth my soul in the cleft of the Rock, and covers me there with His hand."

Propaganda and Prayer

I have been reading the 36th and 37th chapters of Isaiah today, and some of the events seem quite modern. Sennacharib, absolute monarch of the totalitarian kingdom of Assyria, had come up against the fortified cities of Judah and took them with but little trouble. Then he sent a great army led by Rabshekah against Jerusalem. This city, he well knew, would be a tougher nut to crack. So he planned to soften the defense by a little propaganda. Rabshekah took his stand by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field, and a sort of appeasement delegation of Jewish diplomats came out from the city to parley with the invaders. Tell your king Hezekiah, said Rabshekah, that it will do him no good to trust in Egypt for help: neither will it save him to trust in the Lord, for none of the gods have been able to deliver the other nations from the armies of Assyria.

All this parleying took place just outside the walls of Jerusalem, and the Jewish diplomats became nervous for fear that the defending soldiers on the wall would hear. "Speak . . . in the Syrian language," they said, "for we understand it; and speak not to us in the Jews' language, **in the ears of the people** that are on the wall." But Rabshekah, knowing a thing or two about the psychological effect of effective propaganda, began to shout with a loud voice what would happen to them if they attempted to defend the city, at the same time reminding them of the fate of other nations which had resisted. Then, very cleverly, he pictured in fair words the economic benefits they could secure by surrendering:—"Make an agreement with me," he said, "and eat ye every one his vine, and everyone of his fig tree . . . until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards." (How like the threats and promises of Hitler today!)

Rabshekah's propaganda must have had some effect, for when Hezekiah heard what had happened he rent his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth. Then he did a very wise thing. Instead of answering propaganda with propaganda, he went into the Lord's house and laid the whole matter before the Lord in prayer, and the Lord answered by destroying 185,000 men in the Assyrian army.

We should remember, in this day of loud words, that humble prayer is the best answer to the lying boasts of the dictators. The battle of the propagandists is always won by the cleverest liars, and the Christian is never very good at that sort of thing. We should take these matters and, like Hezekiah, spread them before the Lord. He is still able to defend His own interests and His people.

SEMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brother Homer A. Kent, who was elected to the faculty of Grace Seminary in 1937, will begin full time teaching service this fall. The family will move from Washington D. C. to Winona Lake some time this month.

The annual meeting of the Ohio corporation of Grace Theological Seminary will be held in Winona Lake, Ind. at 10 A. M., Aug. 28, 1940; and the Indiana corporation will meet in the same place at 10:45 A. M. of the same day. At this meeting all members of the Ohio corporation will become members also of the Indiana corporation which has been formed to comply with the laws of the State of Indiana. All members and friends are urged to be present.

The 4th Annual Session of the Seminary will open on Monday, Sept. 2, with the registration of students, and classes will begin promptly the following day.

The Convocation Chapel Service will be held on Tuesday, 9:30 A. M., at which the public is cordially invited to be present. The opening prayer and fellowship meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:30, and the faculty reception for students on the following Friday evening.

By advancing the opening day to Sept. 2, two desirable results have been secured. First, it will enable some students to come early and attend the Winona Bible Conference; and second, it will make possible the completion of the first semester and examinations before the Christmas vacation.

So far as we can learn, all Middler and Senior students will return, and at present the prospects for the new Junior class seem excellent.

Following attendance at the Dayton trial, President McClain with Mrs. McClain motored to the west coast where he conducted Bible conferences at the First Brethren Church of Whittier, the First Brethren Church at La Verne, the First Brethren Church at San Diego, the First Brethren Church at Long Beach, the First Brethren Church at Tracey, and lectured at an interdenominational missionary conference at Mt. Hermon. He also preached at two Sunday services in the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside, Wash.

THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPHET HABUKKUK

By Harold Dunning, Missionary Candidate to Africa

(Continued from issue of July 27th)

Let us return to the main theme again.

Upon receiving such an answer the prophet is more perplexed than ever. He does raise up his eyes, and he beholds the heathen invading hosts, but the sight only adds depth to his problem. Look at his second complaint, v. 12-17:

> Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord, mine Holy One?
> We shall not die.
> O Lord thou hast ordained them for judgment;
> And O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.
> Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil,
> And canst not look upon iniquity:
> Wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously,
> And holdest thy tongue
> When the wicked swalloweth up the man that is more righteous than he?" Etc.

He surveys this nation which God has raised up to be the instrument of bringing judgment to Israel, and he is aghast. Pointing at it, he asks if this can really be the people. Then he expresses the depth of his perplexity. He says, "You are holy, so holy that sin cannot remain unconsumed in your sight. How, then, can you use this wicked, idolatrous, iniquity-filled nation as an instrument of judgment against a nation, that while it is wicked, is better than this heathen nation?" Israel was wicked, but the Chaldeans were more so. Habakkuk was troubled, for he could not see how God could still remain just and holy while using so filthy a vessel to break a vessel that was cleaner.

Bowed down under this problem, he raises his cry; and with the fear of this coming devastating host now filling his heart, he throws himself before Jehovah for more light (2:1).

> "I will stand upon my watch,
> And set me upon the tower,
> And will watch to see what he will say unto me,
> And what I shall answer when I am reproved."

While he is there, God gives him the answer, and with it the admonition that changes his whole viewpoint and revamps his whole life. Let us now look at the **Promise and Admonition of Jehovah** (Hab. 2:2-20).

> "And the Lord answered me and said,
> Write the vision and make it plain upon the tables,
> That he may run that readeth it."

First He explains something to him and gives him a word of admonition (v. 3,4).

> "For the vision is yet for the appointed time,
> And it panteth toward the end and shall not lie,
> (Better: At the end it shall break forth as a blast.)
> Though it tarry, wait for it;
> Because it will surely come, it will not delay.
> Behold, his soul is puffed up,
> It is not upright in him:
> But the just shall live by his faith." (Or, in his faithfulness)

Jehovah said, "What I am about to reveal to you concerns an appointed time. Though it seem long, don't despair for it, but wait for it. It will surely come, and will not take as long as you think. Your job is to come in trust to me and live your life in trust to me."

Then He unfolds to him His purpose in judging Israel with the heathen and his purpose with the heathen. Time will not permit us to investigate these following verses, but a hasty glance at them will show us that he pronounces woe upon the heathen invaders five times. He pronounces woe upon them because of their insatiate ambition (v. 5-8), for their unscrupulous greed (v. 9-11), for their cruetly (v. 12-13), for their drunken debauchery (v. 15-17), and finally, for their gross idolatry (v. 18-19).

But what is to be the issue of all this judgment upon these heathen? V. 14 tells Habakkuk the message that delights his heart.

> "For the earth shall be filled
> With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,
> As the waters cover the sea."

God, seeing all the corruption of Israel and her rebelliousness, decides to purify her with the fire of chastisement. His instrument is a still more wicked nation, the reprobate nations of the earth. But these in their turn will be judged when God has used them for His purpose. When they have, in their own hatred of Israel, worked God's purpose with her, He will draw in their reins and then lead them to receive their own just reward for their sins. Then He says to Habakkuk, "When Israel has been purified by fire, and the nations have received their due from My holy hand, then and then only will My glory and holiness be recognized in all the earth. Then, and then only, will My name be revered properly by men and peace will be covering the earth."

Then in v. 20 He closes with a final word of admonition.

> "But the Lord is in his holy temple:
> Let all the earth keep silence before Him."

"Habukkuk," the Lord said, "I have thus revealed to you as much as you can understand of my great plan. I am going to punish Israel for her sins. And I will also punish the nations that move against her. And when this whole process is complete, My glory will be respected in all the world. Until then, remember, man of God, I am still in my holy temple. I still hold the reins of providence in my hands; I am still the God of all the universe. Now dry your tears, cast aside your puzzling problems, and wait before me in

silent trust. Shall not the Judge of this world do right?" Thus the prophet, seeing, though dimly, the great purpose of God, seeing that He will bring peace to this old earth, seeing that he will vindicate His name and glorify Himself before men, falls down in prayer.

However, before we examine this prayer, there is something of importance prophetically that I believe we should note before passing on. When will this judgment which will usher in this time of blessing take place? Look carefully at v. 3, for that tells us clearly. Using a more literal translation, it reads:

"For the vision is yet for THE APPOINTED TIME,
At the END IT SHALL BREAK FORTH AS A BLAST, and shall not lie:
Though it tarry, wait for it,
Because it will surely come, it will not delay."

There are two suggestions as to when this judgment will be. Let us take the latter of them first.

The last portion of this verse is quoted by the writer of Hebrews in chap. 10:37, where he changes the "it" which refers to the vision itself to "Him" which refers to the One Who will make the vision real, the Lord Jesus Christ. The writer's use of this is very suggestive, for thus we have the testimony of the Holy Spirit as to the time in which this will take place. The writer is seeking to encourage some of the Jewish believers, who were being persecutd for their faith in Christ, to continue on and not give up and go back to Judaism. In order to do this, he tells them of the blessed hope that is the heritage of every true child of God. He says their greatest blessing and relief does not lie in recanting and returning to the temple, but rather, in the return of Christ for them. Thus the testimony of the Holy Spirit is to the effect that the time of this vision is around the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The second suggestion is in the former phrase. The end generally always refers to the final end, the last days, the great Day of Jehovah; and in view of what we noted about the nature of the invading host referred to in chap. 1, this seems very probable. For the beast and his army will invade Israel in the last days, the time of Jacob's trouble; and the coming of Christ will destroy the beast and his armies. Then, and then only, will the "knowledge of the glory of the Lord cover the earth as the waters cover the sea." Therefore, I believe that this verse and this chapter refer primarily to the final judgment of the Gentile world during the tribulation period, and particularly at the coming of our blessed Savior.

Now let us resume the thread of our theme. God has answered the prophet's complaints. Israel shall be judged for her sins, and the vile nations that are the pawns used in her judgment will in turn be judged for their sins. Then God's name will be properly respected and revered in all the earth. Habakkuk, therefore, is to trust Him to perform His Word. While there is much that puzzles, he is to bow in silent faith and leave the rest to God. With this promise and admonition ringing in his ears, the prophet bows in prayer to confess his faith and trust in this gracious Sovereign.

The Prayer of the Enlightened Prophet

Space will not permit us to examine all of this prayer, but we can note that in the first three verses he prays that the Lord will perform His will in all the earth. It is a prayer of submission. In the next few verses, (4-16), he offers a prayer of reminiscence. He reviews the beauties and prowesses of the Lord Jehovah, and finally in v. 17-19 rings forth with that marvelous burst of praise and faith which we marked in the beginning. Let us examine that a little more closely.

"Although the fig tree shall not blossom,
Neither shall fruit be in the vines;
The labour of the olive shall fail,
And the fields shall yield no meat;
The flock shall be cut off from the fold,
And there shall be no herd in the stalls:
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.
The Lord God is my strength,
And He will make my feet like hinds' feet,
And He will make me to walk upon mine high places."

Upon seeing a glimpse of the great purpose of Jehovah, and upon being assured that He is still at the

The swarms of locusts seen in the accompanying picture wrought desolation in many a field, but they could not impoverish those whose hope was fixed firmly in the Lord. Divested of every earthly possession, the believer still has "in heaven a better and enduring substance" (Heb. 10:34), and can still rejoice in the Lord from Whom no disaster can separate him (Rom. 8:35-39).

helm of the universe, the prophet bursts into this song, casts off his gloom and is clothed with light. He says, "Jehovah, let the invader come, let him strip this land of all its present glory and beauty, let him drain it of all its resources, let even the most necessary food supply be destroyed; none of these things move me. I have seen Your sovereign hand. I have caught a glimpse of You at the helm of the universe. I know that Your face toward me is love. Therefore, I will rejoice and joy with singing. Though all things fail, You will remain; though all calamity strike, I know that it is but one more shaft from the bow of Your great purpose, and You are my Strength and my Refuge in all things. I will joy in You, for I know that all things shall be done well."

What a lesson this book has for us! How many of us have been sitting in the seat of despair with this prophet of God! We also have seen iniquity abound and superabound. We see on every side of us the wicked prospering. The horizon is black with the clouds of war, and the streets are filled with the noise of rioting. Hitler and Mussolini crush the weak before them and drain the poor to build their great machines of destruction. The heavens above seem like brass. Nineteen centuries have passd since Jesus split the sky and returned to His Father's throne. Nineteen centuries the heavens have been silent. Is God asleep? Has He gone off some place and forgotten us altogether? No, a thousand times no. Look, He is still in His holy temple. He is still the Sovereign. He still holds the reins of events in His hands. He is still on the throne. He still speaks comfortingly to us: "Be still, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord;" "The just shall live by faith;" "Rejoice in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice."

O may we catch a glimps of this vision. May we see that when all the smoke is cleared away, then all will be well. May we grasp the meaning of this wonderful clause, "The just shall live by faith;" and somehow by His grace embrace it to our souls, and glory in God, our Savior, though we be sorely beset by the foe. Though all be calamity tomorrow, may we say with the prophet:

"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.
The Lord God is my strength,
And He will make my feet like hinds' feet,
And He will make me to walk upon mine high places."

RELIGIOUS RIP VAN WINKLES

By Paul Levin, Carlock, Ill.

"Let us not sleep" (1 Thess. 5:6)

Rip Van Winkle slept twenty years. Many Christians who are afflicted with spiritual sleeping sickness have been sleeping longer than that. God in His grace has saved us. We, who are "children of the light, and of the day" ought not to live as the unsaved, who are "children of the night, and of darkness" (1 Thess. 5:5). Let us not live as though we were still "of the night." Furthermore our Lord's return is imminent. The verses preceding and following our text (1 Thess. 4:13-18, 5:1-11) deal with this blessed truth. "It is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than we believed" (Rom. 13:11).

Spiritual sleep is **Satanic**—of the devil. Shame on the Christian, who by his lethargy helps to promote Satan's work. Sleep is also **subtle,** for one is asleep before he knows it, and one who is asleep doesn't know that he is. The sleeping Christian doesn't realize his condition, but seems perfectly satisfied with himself. A sleeping person does not see, his hearing is dull. He is not nourished with food. If he walks, he wanders. If he talks, it is only a meaningless jumble of words. And when it comes to work, a sleeping man does no more than a corpse.

If you are a sleeping Christian, you are not the follower of Christ you once were. You have lost the vision, and the burden for souls. The cry of the heathen, "Send missionaries" falls on deaf ears. Hence you do nothing for foreign or home missions. You no longer feed yourself on the Word. The preacher must feed you now. You have become weak and sickly. Your walk isn't right. Your feet take you to church on Sunday and to worldly pleasures on Monday. You have wandered out of fellowship with your Lord. You have no testimony; you have lost power in prayer; you are not witnessing as to the saving and keeping power of Christ nor doing aught else to spread the gospel. In fact you are a greater hindrance to the work of the Lord than those who are "dead in sins" from whom nothing is expected. While you sleep the enemy is busy, you are robbed of your strength (Samson lost his might while asleep), and multitudes rush on to hell. God knows how to awaken His sleeping children. If you do not heed His call, He may use methods that will be grievous to you. For your own sake, for lost loved one's sake, for a lost world's sake, for Jesus' sake, "let us not sleep, but let us watch and be sober."

—Reprinted from "The Voice"

THINK IT OVER

"Behold, now is the accepted time: behold now is the day of salvation"

—2 Cor. 6:2.

THE KINGS OF THE EAST . . . By H. A. Ironside

There are certain aspects of prophetic truth which in the very nature of things could not be understood clearly until the time of the end drew near. This principle is indicated in the angel's instruction to Daniel when he says: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased . . . . But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days" (Dan. 12:4, 13). Many things were revealed to Daniel which it was not the mind of God for him to understand fully in his own days, nor could they be comprehended clearly in the early centuries of the Christian dispensation.

The Book of the Revelation, contrary to the Book of Daniel, was to be unsealed, and thus this unsealed book of New Testament prophecy has to a very large extent removed the seal from Daniel, the outstanding book of Old Testament prophecy. But even in Revelation there is much which it pleased God to conceal from general understanding now that the end has drawn nigh. Take, for instance, the prophecy relating to the kings of the East and their apparent onslaught upon the powers of the West. In Revelation 16:12-16 we read:

"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of **the kings of the east** might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

Identifying "The Kings of the East"

Who are "the kings of the east" here referred to? They are clearly distinguished from the powers of the West animated by the unclean spirits that proceeded out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. Armageddon is really the clashing of vast Eastern and Western armies contending for the possession of Palestine. This, I have no doubt, is all in the future and perhaps in the very near future, though not to take place until after the rapture of the church.

It has often been noticed that the trumpet and vial judgments (beginning in Rev. 8:6 and 16:1, respectively) run parallel, to a certain extent; that is, in each instance the same spheres of influence or groups of people are referred to under the respective numbers. The first trumpet and the first vial are similar in character, and so on down through the lists. Now if the prophecy of the sixth trumpet (Rev. 9:13 ff.) be compared with that of the sixth vial (Rev. 16:12-16), we may see that the kings of the East are the leaders of a tremendous Oriental army which will come down upon Palestine in the last days. For the sake of convenience I quote the trumpet passage from Rev. 9:15-21, that it may be considered carefully in connection with what we have already read:

> "And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood; which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornications, nor of their thefts."

Symbolism in the Revelation

In reading such a passage as this, we must recognize the fact that we have before us a very highly figurative vision. The angel made known the unveiling to John in symbols: "He sent and signified it by his angel" (Rev. 1:1). "Signified" is literally **"sign-i-fied"**—that is, symbolized. If this key is kept in mind when one is reading the Apocalypse, it will save from many erroneous interpretations.

The symbolic picture, then, of the sixth trumpet judgment is that of a great army—on land and in air belching forth fire and smoke—coming down over the eastern steppes and plains of Asia, across the Euphrates into the land of Palestine, with the cry "Asia for the Asiatics."

Who will be the leaders of this horde? The definite explanation of the sixth vial makes this clear. The way of the kings of the East is to be prepared by the drying up of the great river that was once the eastern boundary of the Roman Empire. I am inclined to believe that this symbolizes the complete

destruction of the Turkish power which has acted as a buffer between the East and West for so long. Others think it refers to the actual drying up of the river itself, that river which was one of the four that of old went forth from Eden.

In either case, as a result of some great cataclysm, the way is to be effectually opened up for the onslaught of the kings of the East.

Viewing the Empire of the Rising Sun

Who are these kings? It is not necessary to guess. The word for "East" is simply "sun-rising." The kings of the sun-rising! Japan has been known as the empire of the rising sun for a millennium.

The last three decades have brought this nation to the front in a marvelous way, but recent events have shown up her malignity, her ferocity, and her evident determination to dictate all the policies and dominate all the nations of the Far East. The puppet king of Manchukuo, possibly Japanese - controlled rulers in other northeastern Chinese territories, perhaps at last an alignment with China itself, and there you have the kings of the sun-rising—all in readiness for the great day of God Almighty—the Armageddon conflict.

The instructed believer in the inspired Word of God knows that the fierce winds of the great tribulation will not be let loose on the earth till the church is raptured and the remnant of Israel sealed, but "coming events cast their shadows before," and we may well look with bated breath upon the amazing and truly horrible developments in the territory of the coming kings of the East.

The tocsin of doom is sounding. The yellow peril becomes more and more ominous. The preparation of the day of the Lord goes on apace. Christian, lift up your head. Your redemption draweth nigh.

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TWO MORE REASONS

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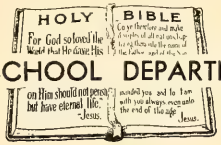

BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

By Tom Hammers

CREATING EFFECTIVE MISSIONARY EMPHASIS

(Concluded from July 13th issue)

C. IN HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE DEPARTMENTS **—accompany the missionary challenge by definite service for Christ.**

1. **Home mission endeavors.** Keep your young people active in Christian work, for many who have tasted its joys will rejoice at the greater opportunities of full-time service if God reveals that as His will for their lives. One of our missionaries said he did not feel the missionary urge until the joy of winning a soul spurred him on to seek others.

Every young person should be given opportunities —plenty of them—to express with definite purpose his devotion to Christ. Every talent of every individual should be put to use. Fields of service should be provided, and even hunted, if necessary. Needy places are to be found on every hand. Many an untouched district would welcome a cottage Sunday School (i. e. one held in a home), or a meeting in the old country schoolhouse. Hospitals, orphanages, poor sions (and for the older ones, jails, city rescue missions and girls rescue homes) throw out a real challenge to those burdened for the lost. Every one may engage in the fruitful ministry of distributing tracts. Gospel teams, quartettes, and carollers will find no end of opportunities to serve. One group of young people sponsored a summer Sunday School in an auto camp, which resulted in 50 conversions.

The value of actual service to both young people and the church has been demonstrated again and again. Some years ago volunteers from among the young people of one of our churches spent their Sunday afternoons visiting shut-ins. After meeting for prayer, they went to the homes where they participated in a program of songs, Scripture, prayer, testimonies, and an occasional devotional message. They marvelled that anxious faces could so soon glow with joy because they had come. They saw that heavy burdens were constantly being lifted and that yearning hearts were eagerly awaiting their return. They rejoiced that some were saved as the result of their efforts and prayers, and often remarked that they received even greater blessings from their ministry than those to whom they ministered. So great were the joys of such a service that a longing for greater usefulness possessed them. As a result, over half of their number have had Bible Institute or Seminary training, and several are now enjoying or contemplating full-time Christian service. All but one of that group is still active in Christian work.

2. **Foreign missionary emphasis.** Every phase of the world's mission field should have been so thoroughly presented, before one enters this golden period of youth, that the **facts** need not be mentioned so in detail. The **needs** should now be stressed so as to give the challenge and vision of a life of service, of prayer, and of giving, and to encourage a yielding to the will of God in any of these three channels as God may direct.

3. **A round-the-world historical chart.** The young people would enjoy making this, and it would provide an interesting background for missions as a whole, or for any country in which one is especially interested. It would be helpful to Sunday School teachers also, to know that was transpiring in Europe, Africa, India, or China during the lifetime of the Bible characters as they study them. A series of columns are drawn, one for each country or continent. Horizontal lines mark off each 500 years. Important events which occurred in each period, taken from both secular and religious history, are listed in the respective columns. The length of time some nations waited for the gospel is appalling.

4. **Round-the-world missionary occasions.** These are always interesting, and are especially adapted to C. E. groups. They may be promoted in any of the following ways:

a. **A missionary decoration contest.** The society is divided into several groups with a leader for each. The groups endeavor to outdo each other in the portrayal of the country of their choice. All available information is gathered and put into an attractive form. Decorations, posters, curios, interesting maps, and pictures, add to the impressiveness of the meeting. The countries may be presented in a single evening, or a series of services may be arranged. If the former plan is followed, each group may be assigned a corner of the room for its display, and a limited time for the program. The chairs are turned to face the proper corner as each group takes part. The contest may be followed by a missionary social in which games and refreshments characteristic of the country are furnished by the representative groups.

b. **A missionary trip.** The same idea as the contest is carried out in a different way. The society travels in a body to a number of homes which are decorated to represent different countries, each having a display of pictures, curios, costumes, flags and anything else of interest. At each place, a suitable program and refreshments are provided.

c. **A round-the-world social.** For this, different phases of the various countries (transportation, industry, religion, social life etc.) are assigned to all members of the society ahead of time. On the evening of the entertainment, those having the same topic but representing different countries exchange in-

formation between features of the program. Songs, skits, foreign games and refreshments will add zest to the occasion.

5. **Adopted missionaries.** A plan which was greeted with enthusiasm by California Christian Endeavors was for each society to adopt a missionary without financial obligation. The local organizations communicated with the state Union, stating their preference for a man, woman, or married couple with or without children, engaged in the evangelistic, medical or educational field. The societies took a very definite interest in the one who was carefully selected for them—he was **their** missionary. They wrote him and sent Christmas boxes and many other cheerful, helpful things. Societies desiring pictures from the field sent films, (these are so expensive in heathen lands) to fit their missionaries' kodaks. They also received news, requests for magazines, etc. This plan was especially valuable because it made an interest in missions personal.

6. **Drafted information.** Sometimes conditions and needs on the field can be most effectively presented by striking maps and posters. If new ones are posted frequently, several can be left up at a time. At a Christian Endeavor Conference, a black map of Africa was posted in a conspicious place. The location of missionaries of all denominations were represented by white spots. The scarcity of white spots was so appalling that several volunteered to go to Africa. Much information can be attractively displayed in this way. The need for medical workers can be shown by locating each nurse on a map by a red circle and each doctor by a red cross. At the foot, notate the number of people to each nurse and the number to each doctor.

7. **A challenging appeal.** The pictures of fifteen missionaries who were members of a certain congregation were hung on the walls of the church auditorium, but much to the pastor's dismay, new recruits had not been added for several years. His frequent appeals for additional workers were unheeded. Finally he arranged for a missionary program, one feature of which was another unveiling. When the hour arrived, the audience was tense with expectation. Who was to be their new representative on the field? The curtain was drawn aside. A frame similar to the others appeared, but instead of a picture, the word, "WHO?" was staring at them. This remained on the wall as a challenge to all until a new recruit was added to the mission field a short time later.

Prayer and planning under our Father's direction will suggest other methods more numerous and effective than these. The attractiveness of these plans will largely determine the missionary temperature of the church. Let us, therefore, seek God's guidance in studying the characteristics of our respective groups that we may effect an appealing and well-balanced missionary program. Then, ever guarding against over-confidence in methods rather than complete reliance upon God, we shall see missions exalted to the proper place in the prayers, gifts and lives of our people.—G. A.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

SHARING THE BEST WITH OTHERS

By Jo L. Morris

When other children make fun of you, you may shun speaking of Jesus. I want to tell you what one little girl did to show her testimony.

Rachel had been given a New Testament which she cherished very dearly. She could read many verses in her little Bible. If she found words she couldn't say, she would remember and ask mother about them. However, when she was reading by herself, she could always find verses in which she knew every word. She enjoyed reading very much, and she even memorized some of the verses.

On library day in the city school. Rachel had invited a friend to go with her to the school library. Liesurely walking along, her little friend said, "I haven't read a book this year other than my books I have in school. Tell me of a good book to read and I shall read it."

Rachel's eyes gleamed with joy as she reached in her pocket and brought forth her Bible. As she handed it to her little friend, she said, "This little book is the very best. I carry it with me every day. In my idle time I read from it. It tells me all about Jesus, and by reading it I have learned to love everybody too."

Her little friend shamefully hung her head and said, "That book is the Bible. There is one at home, but I have never read a word of it. I shall keep my promise and read some from it."

Even little boys and girls are not too small to help spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

WHAT OTHER BOYS AND GIRLS ARE DOING

Primary Sunbeams is the name of the Sunday School class of first graders at the First Brethren Church in Johnstown. The Lord Jesus must be pleased with the way these Sunbeams shine. Their teacher, Miss June Blough, found some little barrels at the church, and gave one to each member of her class. In these barrels they put pennies for Anne Kliever. After Christmas they collected over 1200 greeting cards from among their friends and spent their Saturday afternoons at the church cutting and pasting Scripture verses over the names on the cards. They saved pennies to pay for the postage and sent them to Brother Sewell Landrum for his missionary work in Kentucky.

Every Sunday Miss Blough takes a few minutes in class to tell her Sunbeams about one of the children

of either our home or foreign missionaries. Although the Sunbeams are young they are learning how important missions are and how they can be missionaries for their Lord.

One of the Sunbeams, Thomas Arsen Hawks, whose father is blind, does not often have pennies to spend on candy as most children do. Since Tommy got his bank, he has not spent what few pennies he has received, but has put them in his little barrel-bank to help support our little missionary in Africa, Anne Kliever.

Wouldn't it be fine if every boy and girl would show his love for Jesus as Tommy has done?

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What are the boys and girls in your church doing for the Lord? Write Children's Editor, Brethren Missionary Herald Co., 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft Wayne, Ind., and tell us about it.

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AN HOUR GLASS PUZZLE

Start with the middle of the glass, numbered 1, which is a one-letter word found in the reference to its right. In like manner find 2a, 3a, and so on to 7a, each time adding one letter to the preceding word and rearranging the letters to spell the new word. Then begin with 2b and continue through 7b in the same manner.

7a.	— — — — — — —	Hunt in Ps. 122:5.
6a.	— — — — — —	Hunt in Prov. 15:19.
5a.	— — — — —	Hunt in Num. 11:23.
4a.	— — — —	Hunt in Luke 2:13.
3a.	— — —	Hunt in Ex. 16:21.
2a.	— —	Hunt in Rom. 16:27
1.	—	First word in Ps. 63.
2b.	— —	Hunt in Rom. 2:4.
3b.	— — —	Hunt in 2 Sam. 2:18.
4b.	— — — —	Last word in Jude 11.
5b.	— — — — —	Hunt in Mt. 11:12.
6b.	— — — — — —	Hunt in 1 Sam. 6:8.
7b.	— — — — — — —	Use singular of a word in 2 Peter 3:3.

—The Sunday School Banner

(Answer on page 6)

THE PALACE OF PEACE CLOSED

The Palace of Peace in Geneva, Switzerland has been closed. Its rooms are deserted and the officials have departed. It is (or was) the embodiment in stone of the dreams of many statesmen for world peace. This League of Nations was formed 20 years ago, and at one time included 60 nations of the world. in its twentieth birthday last Jan. 10, 52 nations were still on the roll, though nearly a score had already resigned. Ineffective in the purpose of its founding, the League of Nations has now become entirely inactive. One writer referring to this says, "but the closing of the Palace does not mean the death of the great ideal. 'Truth though crushed to earth will rise again'."

Oh, if men would only know that they cannot bring about world peace! This old world will have peace, only when the Prince of peace returns! Instead of trying to force peace upon nations, much more would be accomplished to make known the gospel unto them.

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

KITTANNING, PA.

Though it has been so long since Kittanning has been heard from, our silence has not indicated inactivity, nor that the Lord has been withholding from us His blessings.

Among the outstanding events we have enjoyed have been; First, our Harvest Home Services, which closed Oct. 1, last. Bro. W. H. Shaffer, Jr., of Conemaugh led us in this week of services. His messages were very well received, and his fellowship much enjoyed. Then, the latter part of November we were led in a Jewish Bible Conference by Rev. Herman B. Centz. This was but a three-day conference, which proved to be too short. However, Bro. Centz proved to be a very able and interesting speaker, and was much appreciated by our people.

Our evangelistic services in February were under the leadership of Bro. Frank Coleman, Jr., then of Allentown, Pa. We greatly enjoyed the very excellent messages brought by our brother, as well as his congeniality. The meeting continued for only a little more than two weeks—that was as long as Bro. Coleman could be with us—and here again, I am convinced that the meeting was entirely too short. The visible results of this effort were 19 decisions. Eight of these were first-time confessions, two came into the church by statement, and nine were definite rededications.

The Sunday following the close of the revival, the pastor had the privilege of receiving the confessions of two more young people. Much more recently another young man professed conversion. Ten of these have been baptized and received into the church, and one united with another church.

From time to time the pastor has been privileged to lead ten others to an acceptance of Christ in their homes within the past ten months. These range in age from 12 to 70 years. Thus in the three and one-half years of our labors together in Kittanning, the Lord has been pleased to bless our efforts, in a visible way, by baptism, letter and statement, a total of 73 souls; and 12 are yet to be baptised.

Our spring communion service was, I think, the most blessed and the most largely attended of any such service since our coming to this field. The attendance was 25 per cent larger than the average for the entire period previously. The attendance at the regular Sunday services has remained quite uniform, with the exception of the mid-week service, which has registered a higher average attendanc than ever, the past quarter, with an average attendance of nearly 47.

During June we held our Daily Vacation Bible School, which was very successful in many ways. There

were about 90 in attendance on the average. The cost was taken care of by free-will offerings, and when all bills were paid we had $4.90 in the treasury.

Also, while the Bible School was in progress, we had the happy privilege of having Rev. and Mrs. Harold Dunning with us for two services. We were greatly blessed by their presence and ministry.

Praying that the blessing of the Lord may continue to rest very definitely upon all God's faithful ones everywhere, we are,

Yours in Him,

G. W. KINZIE

RITTMAN, OHIO

Greetings to the brotherhood in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from the Rittman brethren. God's people here have abundant and manifold reasons to lift their voices in paeons of praise to the blessed Lord of life.

During the last year our flock has shown a very appreciable growth in every way, spiritually, financially, numerically. The Savior has manifested His power in some mighty and striking transformations of hearts and lives. Many believers have taken rapid strides forward in the knowledge of the Word; likewise in ability to skillfully handle and present that Word. The attendance at services has been consistent and generally good. Of course, while all this has been taking place, Satan has not failed to "build his chapel close by." However, through prayer and the practical application of our Lord's power and wisdom we have been able to avoid generally those things which haunt the work of Christ. The devil never yet has won a battle in which Christ fought on the other side.

We wish especially to praise God for another successful Daily Vacation Bible School. With a registration of 120, the school was conducted for three weeks at the close of which time a commencement service and picnic were held. The decision day yielded a harvest of 13 souls for Christ. Attractive diplomas were presented to all those who had satisfactorily completed the work. Bible School buttons were given to each student and a small figure Bible to each one having perfect attendance through the term. Those who so efficiently assisted in this program of child evangelism were Miss Genevene Walter and Mrs. Fred Blatter in the Beginner's Dept., Mrs. Virgil Armstrong and Mrs. Herl Brickel in the Primary Dept., Miss Mary Fritz and Mrs. L. L. Grubb in the Junior Dept., Mrs. Walter Schultz and Miss Bertha Kuhn in the Intermediate Dept. Mrs. Bud Walter acted as Secretary-Treasurer. The position of pianist was assumed by Mrs. Fred Blatter. All visitors attending the opening exercises of the school were inspired by the spirited singing of the children. Surely of all the varied ministry of our churches this is one of the most worthwhile.

So, with the psalmist we say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

Pray for us!

LEW GRUBB, Pastor

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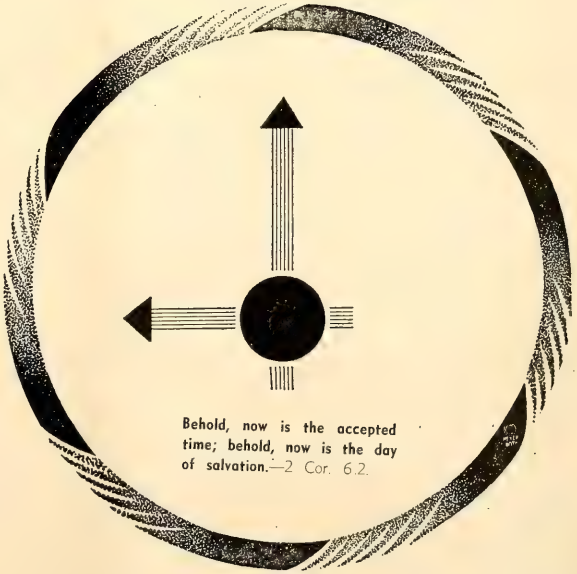

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MOTION PICTURES OF ALL OUR HOME MISSION FIELDS

The Home Missions Council has arranged to have the secretary cover the entire eastern portion of our brotherhood this fall with motion pictures of our swiftly expanding Home Mission fields. The pictures of Kentucky alone are worth it all. To see Russell Barnard, Roy Patterson, Leo Polman, Bill Schaffer and Bernard Schneider swinging hammers and saws will be something. There are also other characteristic pictures which will make these the most interesting and attractive Home Missions pictures ever seen. Several weeks ago every pastor was contacted for a date for these pictures to be shown in his church. They will be shown in every place where a reply card has been sent in. If there has been no card returned from any church, that date will be filled with another place. About 95% of the replies have been returned. A free will offering will be lifted at each service to aid in meeting the cost of this trip. These pictures will undoubtedly be of great value in stirring our people with a passion for Home Missions. It is planned that one of our western men will take the pictures to the Pacific Coast churches.

THE JUNE EMERGENCY OFFERING

During the month of July practically all of our churches sent in their emergency offerings. The amount now stands at approximately $1700.00. This leaves a balance needed of $1300.00 to meet our barest need for the added works we have taken on. However, there are still several churches to send in, and this may materially aid us toward reaching the amount we need. The Lord knows our need and knows where the supply will come from. The work is His. We look to Him. The work will never suffer on His account! We shall continue looking to Him.

THE BIG HOUR ! !

From 10 to 11 o'clock Saturday morning of conference week you will hear the first hand story of the victories being won here in America in our new mission fields. John Squires, Henry Remple, Ralph Rambo, Frank Coleman, Jr., and Jack Simmons, will all be there to tell of the advances this last year in spite of opposition in Wooster, O.; Flora, Ind.; Hagerstown, Md.; Waterloo, Ia. and Fremont, O. We would like to call in several more of our men, but time forbids it. These men will each have six minutes in which to tell his story. The secretary will then review the year and tell of the plans outlined by the directors of the Council for the year ahead. If you want to know what is going on in The Brethren Church, don't miss this hour.

FELLOWSHIP PICNIC FOR MISSION PASTORS AND THEIR WIVES

The finest year of Home Missions in The Brethren Church is going to be celebrated with a real time of fellowship for our mission pastors and their wives and the directors of the Council and their wives. It will be in the form of a banquet or picnic, whichever the committee decides is best. One day during National Conference will be chosen for this get-together. The committee is arranging a splendid program and a delectable menu. The committee will send out notices to all mission pastors and directors regarding the day and hour shortly.

SEND IN YOUR REQUEST DATE FOR JEWISH CONFERENCES AT ONCE

Pastor, do not wait until the conference speakers are dated up elsewhere before sending in your request. Your chances of getting your date when you want it are greater if you send early.

SEND IN TODAY !

Write either to the office of the Council, or direct to the speakers, but—

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By R. Paul Miller, Editor

"A BALANCE IN HIS HAND"

"And I beheld, and lo, a black horse, and he that sat on him had a balance in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, 'A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny, and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine'" (Rev. 6:5, 6).

It is true that "an army fights on its stomach." There is little doubt that Hitler's fighting forces will experience no lack of food for their stomachs that they may fight on and on. But they are leaving the conquered peoples in a sad state of hunger and destitution. He may find that there are worst enemies to fight than the Royal Air Force of Britain. Starvation may sweep away every advance that Hitler has made before another year has passed over. A man by the name of Napoleon found that while there were no legions in Russia that could withstand his military machine, that he was no match for the pangs of hunger.

Walter Davenport in a recent article in Colliers sets forth some most startling facts about Europe's economic situation. His information was obtained from the files of Herbert Hoover's relief commission. It is unquestioned that no man on earth has a better knowledge of the actual state of Europe's peoples than Mr. Hoover, who dispersed so many hundreds of millions of dollars worth of relief in food and clothing in Europe after the last world war.

From these files it is learned that when Hitler seized Belgium in May, they had food supplies for just 50 days. When Poland was crushed it was when she had the poorest crops in years. The farmers were just sowing their wheat when Hitler drove his blitzgrieg over their land and slew the sowers and stopped the sowing. Drought had withered the fields of Holland and the people were living on their herds and eating them up. Scandinavia was doing the same. Europe's wheat crop was reported by its economists as 25 to 50% below normal last winter.

The German army has but one objective and that is to win the war regardless. The soldiers are well fed. They seize everything in sight that they need. If there is anything left, the conquered people have that. When Hitelr entered Belgium the nation had 2,000,000 hogs, but they were slaughtered for his army, leaving Belgium with nothing. King Leopold said he surrendered to save his people from starvation. As another has said, "He could have starved honorably with his flag flying instead of starving as a vassal of Hitler who despises a weakling."

Mr. Hoover's files show that in Poland are 7,000,000 people on the verge of starvation because Hitler has forced 15,000,000 to live in the industrial sections where but 10,000,000 can really exist. He wanted their factory products. Little he cares if they starve. They should be on their farms growing crops, but no, the insatiable appetite of the war machine must be fed. Of these people 1000 are dying daily from starvation right now. Normally, Poland raises 7,000,000 head of beef cattle. Today they have but 2,400,000. Famous for her enormous crop of peas, that nation has but one half crop now. Hitler seized Poland's beef cattle for his own people. What will happen to Poland?

Norway is already rationing to its people at the rate of 3 ounces a week per person. Hitler has forbidden grain to be fed to cattle. Denmark's cattle, robbed of grain, are being slaughtered and shipped to Germany. Milk and beef are but memories in that unhappy land. Military observers, the most reliable we have, report that the streets and roads of conquered countries are lined with children that are horrible caricatures of humanity, "birdlegged, reed-armed, fever-eyed, and balloon-bellied."

A child can be fed in Europe normally on 5 cents a day, and an adult on 7 cents. But they can't eat 7 cents! There is great plenty in the South and North Americas, but a solid war blockade keeps all ships of supply out of these countries. To feed these helpless millions he has seized, he must first crush the British navy, then he must either seize this hemisphere by force or invent something for money with which to buy food for Europe. Verily the joy of Hitler's recent victories may not last very long.

All this is true with winter yet several months away. By the time winter comes the conditions of Europe may well be described by the word of God as quoted above. The time may not be far away when a man may be willing to give a fortune for a loaf of bread. With wheat selling at $128.00 a bushel and barley at $43.00 a bushel, as this verse seems to indicate it will be when the antichrist rides, there are certainly unhappy days ahead of this Christ-rejecting world of men. That the ground work for this may now be in the course of laying is evidenced by the continuous stream of reports of our economists who know how much food there is in the world and how many mouths there are to feed.

We fear there are many unthankful hearts eating bread today who will live to remember how they wasted food for which they never thanked God in other days. The rider on the black horse seems getting ready to ride forth in the world. But we also know that it won't be long till there will ride forth One called 'Faithful and True' on a white horse, and following Him there will come the armies of heaven to the great day of victory at Armageddon. May we hasten the work of enrolling men in the army of the King of kings while there is yet time. The night cometh.

No matter how lonely you feel, you are not as bad off as poor Robinson Crusoe. He had only Friday for company. You have the whole week.

ARE WE HEADED TOWARD PROHIBITION AGAIN?

In a recent Gallup poll of public sentiment in 15 states it was found that 47% today advocate prohibition. 51% declared present laws inadequate. 39% said drunkenness was on the increase in their section. 42% said prohibition was better protection for our young people than the present laws.

Twenty-four years ago in a time of great national distress and danger the nation penalized the sale of liquor. There followed the greatest period of prosperity this people ever knew. Outside our large cities a drunk man became practically unknown. Young men knew nothing of the swinging doors of a saloon. Today liquor is being sold in gas stations, grocery and drug stores, restaurants and hotels on every side.

The tide was largely turned against liquor the first time by Billy Sunday, the famous evangelist. But now he has gone to glory and there has been found none to wear his mantle. Nevertheless it might surprise a lot of folks at the size of the vote for prohibition if it were taken today. The liquor interests are making a tremendous effort to make drinking genteel and harmless but it is like trying to make a rattlesnake harmless. They realized that the excesses of their dirty business are once more causing the rise of strong resentment against it.

Prohibition may come again. It may not. In any case it would not correct the evil liquor creates. Prohibition is an effort to make unwilling men to be sober by force. It has never worked. It never will. Nothing but a new creature in Christ Jesus can enjoy true victory.

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THE CHRISTIAN AND LIQUOR

In a question box during a recent campaign the editor found this question:

"Is there anything wrong in a Christian taking a harmless glass of beer now and then?"

The Scriptures enjoin the Christian to abstain from even the appearance of evil. First of all liquor of any kind hurts the Christian himself. It is not the last glass that makes a drunkard. It is the first one that does it. It is like taking a serpent into the breast. It will finally sink its fangs into the heart and slay its protector.

Second, liquor will hurt others. "No man liveth to himself." Most drunkards have been led into such a life by the influence of others. The apostle Paul wrote in Rom. 14:21, "It is good neither to eat meat or drink wine, or do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended or is made weak."

In the Jackson, Mich., State Prison are 5500 men. 68% of them had alcoholic fathers. 90.5% had used liquor to excess. 54% declared liquor was at the bottom of their life tragedy in crime. Most of them had started drinking at the age of 16 years. With such an appalling record before him, can the sincere Christian really ask, "Is there any harm in a harmless glass of liquor?" Never forget, "The best booze makes the worst of men."

SPIRIT OF ANTI-CHRIST ADVANCES

A recent report from Spain reveals the startling fact that only 15 Protestant preachers and 11 teachers remain in Spain. This is but one more example of the spirit of antichrist which is leading the spread of dictatorships over the world. The Roman Church will go along with the dictators as far as possible. In fact they will rise to power through her aid. The "scarlet woman" of Rev. 17 is now preparing to ride "the beast" or dominion of antichrist. These are great and terrible days: terrible in character, but great in opportunity for Christ.

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THE BIBLE STILL HOLDS ITS PLACE

The Paris correspondent of "Newsweek" has just returned from England. He reports that English people are reading Daniel the 11th chapter with a new interest born of their war fears. In cafes, clubs, and homes, he says people ask interestedly, "Have you read Daniel 11? It is supposed to refer to the present war." While in his report he indicates that their comfort is being especially taken from the 45th verse of the chapter, which very evidently refers to antichrist, yet it is refreshing to observe how quickly people discover the fact that Daniel wrote a book in the Bible when they get into real trouble. It was not until Jonah was in the belly of the whale that he remembered the Lord. God grant that war, terrible as it is, may send Great Britain back to the Bible and to her knees and to Christ!

WHY CHRIST CAME INTO THE WORLD

Rev. W. H. Schweinfurth, Findlay, Ohio

1. To fulfill. "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill"—Mt. 5:17.

2. To do His Father's will. "Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will O God"—Heb. 10:7.

3. To bear witness of the truth. "For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness of the truth"—Jn. 18:37.

4. To call sinners to repentance. "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance"—Mk. 2:17.

5. To preach. "And He said unto them, let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth"—Mk. 1:38.

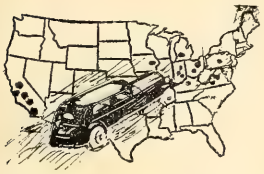
6. To minister unto; and to give His life. "Even so the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and give his life a ransom for many"—Mt. 20:28; Jn. 10:10.

7. To seek and save the lost. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save the lost"—Lk. 19:10; Mt. 18:11.

8. To save sinners. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—1 Tim. 1:15.

9. To give everlasting life. "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever"—Jn. 6:51; Rom. 6:23.

"What The Home Missions Council Is Doing"



ACROSS THE NATION

with our secretary

KENTUCKY BUILDING NOT FINISHED

As much as we would like to report a finished structure, we cannot do so, but we **can** report a lot of work done. While we expected much more volunteer help than we got, and as a result the building is still unfinished, yet those who did help made a marvelous showing. The building is 60 ft. long and 40 ft. wide. It is built to stand and of course that takes more material and labor. It is sheathed and papered and then covered with drop siding. The roof is covered with heavy duty 4 in 1 asphalt shingles. These are a beautiful evergreen color, and with the outside walls painted white, they will make a most beautiful effect. It will be a building that will stand to the credit of any people. Mission workers of that section are enthused over the project. One successful business man in Hazard told the secretary that he thought it was the finest thing that could happen in Clayhole.

While there was plenty of money sent in to take care of the windows and the doors, yet we were about $750.00 short of enough to pay for the roof and the rest of the material. Mize Landrum, who has always been a true friend to our work in Kentucky, gave sufficient timber from his woods to provide practically all of the dimension lumber. At the low price of $35.00 a thousand his gifts amounts to about $310.00. French Combs, a brother-in-law of Mize, who is also much interested in the new church, gave about three fourths of this amount in timber. It is easy to see that these people have some mighty fine hearts for the Lord's work among them. Mrs. Maggie Noble has offered all of the cut stone for the foundation of the church and parsonage. Bro. Bernard Schneider of Covington, Va. had charge of the construction work. He is a real workman and knows how to get things done. He brought with him Bro. Booz from his congregation and he stayed with us an entire week. We hated to give him up. The second week Bro. Schneider had the two Duncan brothers who helped us all week. The secretary and his son Paul contributed somewhat to the work. Bro. William Schaffer undertook to get out the lumber for the seats and get the first few seats assembled so that others could finish the job. He worked mighty hard to get as much done in four days as possible. He surely knows his way around with tools. On the 4th of July, Roy Patterson, president of our Home Missions Council, and Russell Barnard,

The Barnards (left) and Pattersons at Clayhole

Flora Men at Clayhole are shown in upper left. Gerald Polman and Glen O'Neal at right.

pastor of our Dayton Church, spent a few hours with us. Things surely hummed while they were there. The walls went up right after they got there!!

Four of our Flora, Ind. brethren, Dalta Myers, his father, Melvin Fisher, and Wilbur Dyson, came and helped us for two mighty busy days. They were real workmen and accomplished a lot while they were there. Dalta Myers' father is a very good carpenter and he stayed several days more. Bro. Leo Polman, his son, Bryson Fetters, and Glenn O'Neal came down for one day. They also gave a lot of help! We will need to send someone with them the next time they come down for they got lost on the way and wandered all over those hills. We didn't mind that, but they wasted half of a perfectly good day that they could have spent on the building!

Sewell Landrum, the hard working and faithful pastor, his father, Mize Landrum, his brother Clyde, and a number of other local men helped on the building regularly.

During the two weeks that Bro. Schneider and the secretary remained on the job, the walls were raised, the roof was finished and the window frames placed. Two weeks was all the time that either of us could give at one period. The secretary is still trying to crawl out from under the pile of work that accumulated while he was in Kentucky.

The week after we left, Bro. R. D. Barnard brought

a number of his men down from the Dayton church. They accomplished a lot for the few days they were there, and now the siding is mostly on, the finished floor is half laid and the doors and windows are hung. We still have this work to finish besides the electric wiring, the placing of the celotex and the painting of the entire building. There is still plenty to do.

We need an electrian to do the wiring and several groups to spend a week this summer to finish the building before cold weather comes. There is a local man, a good carpenter, who is there right along, and he can direct the work of all who come.

Most of the material was shipped down from the north. It is hard to buy such material in Kentucky. Stocks are low and the prices are usually high. We got the sash and doors made in Berne, Ind. where we have a good manufacturing mill. When we explained our need for haste they laid aside other work to give us our material on short notice.

We tried to get good pictures of the various stages of the building work. We trust that the cuts will give some idea of what is going on.

Not all of the hard work was done on the building. Down at Bro. Landrum's home was Hazel, his wife, doing the work of three ordinary women in cooking for these suddenly coming and going groups. One week she had 15 men to feed three times a day. The next week she had more for several days. Besides cooking she provided sleeping accomodations for all, but harrassed as she was she always wore a smile and had a cheerful word for everyone. She is glad to see the work of the Lord in that community go forward at last. During this time she was ably assisted by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Clyde Landrum. Realizing Mrs. Landrum's need, Mrs. Bryson Fetters of Berne, Ind. laid aside her own home and spent two weeks helping Mrs. Landrum. I fear that at times Mrs. Landrum would have about given up but for

Sewell and Hazel Landrum, upper left. At right is Roy Patterson "at work."

Caney School Building

Mrs. Fetters' timely and efficient help. She was a blessing with her cheery disposition. We found that she especially likes to cross rivers in boats and walk logs across streams in the hills!

We took motion pictures of everything, and we believe they will be mighty interesting when we show them to the churches this fall. It would be a revelation to all of our Brethren to have the chance to see young and old crowd into the truck and into the bus on Sunday mornings to be whisked away to church. It is a sight to see. 181 crowded the school room where they meet until the church is finished, on the second Sunday morning we were there. And how these people sing their favorite songs! One outstanding feature of their meetings is the order and discipline observed. The children march out and in and know their places. This is a new thing for Kentucky audiences. Clyde Landrum, principal of the Caney School, largest in this section, is Sunday School superintendent and has brought this about. We will be glad when our people will learn the habit of driving to Kentucky when they have a few days to spend for recreation. It will be an eye opener to them for missions.

Another need that has presented itself is a parsonage. There is no house within four miles of Clayhole for our pastor to live in. He should live near the church for many reasons. He should have a true Christian home as an example to others and he is needed right where the church stands. We are praying that the W.M.C. will feel led of the Lord to provide a parsonage as their home mission project for next year. This is an imperative need. One other need that we are now facing is for a first class Delco plant to provide water and lights for the church and the parsonage. We have an idea that the Sisterhood girls may desire to provide this unit. It will cost about $650.00.

But by every indication we have made mighty fine progress in our new field this summer and we hope to have sufficient additional help that will enable us to get these people into their new building by conference time. Whatever we do must be done promptly, for this summer is swiftly passing.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT FLORA

On Thursday night, July 25, the Flora congregation took final action to start the erection of their new church building. They passed all necessary resolutions for obtaining funds, signing contracts, and for cooperation with the Council. The secretary to date has never worked with a finer group of men than those in this Flora congregation. They are the kind of men that God uses to glorify Himself. On Thurs., Aug. 1, the dirt began to move and in just 45 working days the contracts require that the structure be completed. Dedication of the building will be about Oct. 15. It is going to be a great day for that whole community. It will also be a great day for the testimony for Christ which these people purpose to bear.

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MIDDLETOWN, OHIO, IS PROMISING FIELD

On Fri., July 26, the secretary went to Middletown to teach the Bible class that Rev. Arthur Cashman and Rev. Russell Barnard have been teaching for months. It meets at the Y.M.C.A. once a week. It has had as high as 158 in attendance.

Middletown is a fine growing city with a big steel works and other industrial institutions to make it prosperous. We hope soon to start an actual mission in the city. Let those who pray ask God for the man and the means for this field.

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PERU UNION MEETING

We were privileged to accept the invitation from the Peru Brethren to address the Sunday night union meeting in that city on July 21st. There is a good spirit present in this group of churches, for they meet together in fine harmony. Several hundred people were in attendance and the Lord blessed us all. Bro. Ashman's people are a strong influence for the fundamentals of the gospel in this city.

IN HIS LIKENESS

A little lad was sick unto death.

"Daddy," he said, "is God as nice as you?"

After the silence during which the father's throat was too full of sobs to answer, the little fellow said, "Then, daddy, I am going, I am not afraid."

This beautiful statement needs no comment. Comment would spoil God's lilies with man's mean paint. But a question is not out of order. This: How many get such an impression about God from us who are preachers, leaders, parents, teachers, church officers? How many? And—how constantly?

—Church Administration.

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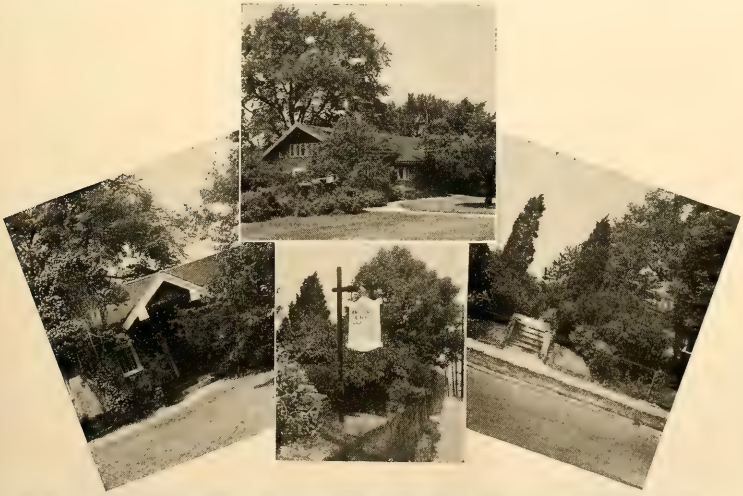
THIS IS MINISTRY

Amos R. Wells was quoted in The Sunday School Times some time ago, as follows:

"Not to sit on a lifted throne, not to rule superbly alone; not to be ranked on the left or right in the kingdom's glory, the kingdom's might; not to be great and first of all, nor to hold others in humble thrall; not to lord it over the world, a sceptre high and a flag unfurled; not with authority, not with pride, vain dominion, mastery wide,—nothing to wish for, nothing to do,—not, in short, to be ministered to!

"Ah, but to minister! Lowly to sup with the servant's bread and the servant's cup; down where the waters of sorrow flow, full-baptized in the stream of woe; out where the people of sorrow are, walking brotherly, walking far; known to bitterness, known to sin, to the poor and the wretched comrade and kin; so to be helper, the last and least, serf in the kingdom, slave at the feast, so to obey, and so to defer, and so, my Saviour, to minister."

"Yes, for never am I alone: this is thy glory and this is thy throne. Infinite servant, well may I be bondman and vassal and toiler—with thee!"



Recent Views From Cleveland Showing The Spacious Grounds Where Open-Air Services are Being Held on Sunday Evenings This Summer

The Sin of Prayerlessness

By Homer A. Kent, Pastor, Washington, D. C.

"God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you" (1 Sam. 12:23)

It was a critical time in the history of the nation of Israel. They had sinned in asking for a king in order to be like the nations round about them. God had frowned upon their sin by sending thunder and rain. The people confessed their sin and earnestly asked Samuel to pray for them. The response of Samuel to this request is our text: "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." Note the exact statement. He does not say, "God forbid that I should sin against **you**" but rather, "God forbid that I should sin against the **Lord** in ceasing to pray for you."

Prayerlessness is not a sin, first of all, against needy men, or unsaved men, or the church, or the servants of the Lord but "against the Lord" Himself.

Why Prayerlessness a Sin?

Let us consider in the first place why prayerlessness is a sin against the Lord. We shall present four reasons. First, it takes lightly the promises of God respecting prayer. The Scriptures teem with promises to those who will pray. For instance, Jn. 14:13, 14 says, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye ask anything in My name, I will do it." When the child of God comes before the Father in the name of Christ, "enclosed in His name," he is promised answer to his prayer to the end that the Father may be glorified. To fail to embrace this promise is to keep back glory from the Father and is sin.

Again, Jn. 15:7 says, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." To fail to meet these conditions and pray as herein suggested is to keep back our lives from being fruitful and is sin.

James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." To those who pray for it, God here promises wisdom for living the Christian life. To fail in to live unwisely and to be less than we ought to be for God and is sin.

One further promise in 1 Jn. 5:14, 15, says, "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have desired of Him." According to this, prayer imparts Blessing. It brings forth healing virtue. To fail to heed such a promise is to go forth unblessed and is sin. Dr. A. T. Pierson has said, "God has no greater controversy with His people today than this, that with boundless promises to believing prayer there are so few who actually give themselves unto intercession."

Prayerlessness Robs God

Secondly, prayerlessness is sin because it robs God of fellowship with His children. Our Lord's first lesson in the school of prayer was, and still is, "Enter into thy closet" (Mt. 6:6). The closet is the closed place close by God, where the human spirit waits upon the divine presence and cultivates His acquaintance, fellowship and friendship. We are His children. What earthly parent does not like to talk with his children? So our Father in heaven wants the fellowship of His children. Elijah was bidden first to "Go hide thyself" before he was told to "Go show thyself." To rob God of the fellowship that is His due from His own children is sin.

Thirdly, prayerlessness is sin against the Lord because it is plain disobedience. "Pray without ceasing," says the great apostle writing under inspiration. We cannot make up for the lack of praying by an excess of working. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Lk. 11:9). To refuse God's way of receiving His blessings is disobedience and is sin.

Prayerlessness Withholds Blessing

Finally, on this point, prayerlessness is sin against the Lord because it keeps the blessing of God from being witnessed in His work. It was when the early church prayed that the place was shaken and things began to happen. It was as Jesus was praying that He was transfigured. If the history of all true spiritual advance could be written and read it would be seen that the cause of God advanced as men felt the burden of prayer. Prayer is the greatest privilege of the Christian life, the privilege of audience with God, of commanding His blessing upon ourselves and others, of taking our stand upon His precious promises. To fail to do this is sin in the sight of God.

For Whom Is It a Sin To Cease Praying?

As a second consideration in this matter of the sin of prayerlessness, let us ask the question, **for whom is it a sin to cease praying?** From our text we gain the idea that it is the duty of the child of God to pray for others. That is certainly true. But it is also true that we should pray for ourselves. It is not selfish to do so, nor is it presumption. One of the most beautiful prayers of the Old Testament is that of Jabez found in 1 Chron. 4. It is a prayer for himself. He says, "Oh that Thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that Thine hand might be upon me, and that Thou wouldest keep me from evil, and that it may not grieve me." And so we need to pray for ourselves, to be blessed, to be forgiven, to have a sense of His presence, for purity of heart, for loyalty, that He might enlarge our usefulness. Let

each one of us pray: "Oh that thou wouldst bless me." It is a sin not to pray for ourselves.

Again, it is sinful to cease to pray for the church. Paul in Rom. 1:9 says, "God is my witness, Whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers." Samuel said, "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." More than the church needs your money, it needs your prayers. More than it needs a fine organization it needs the prayers of its membership. The church only moves forward toward God as it moves forward upon its knees. **The Lord is a great deal more concerned about how many real intercessors there are in the church than about how many committees and organizations there are.** The latter are a burden unless bathed in the heavenly atmosphere of prayer. To fail to pray for the church, its ministry, its membership, its preaching, its teaching, and its organization is sin and we ought to be less and less guilty of it.

Prayerlessness a Sin Against the Unsaved

It is also a sin to cease praying for the unsaved about us. Dr. R. A. Torrey used to say that every minister and Christian worker should have a prayer list with the heading at the top of the page, "God helping me, I will pray earnestly and work persistently for the conversion of the following persons." Then there should be careful consideration as to the names included on the list. There should be prayer each day without ceasing for the names of those upon the list. You say, "I have been praying for certain persons but my prayer is not answered." Keep on praying. Leave the result with God. George Mueller prayed for two persons for 60 years. At the time of his death they had not yet turned to God. But Mueller said in words of sublime faith, "I have not a doubt that I shall meet them both in heaven; for my heavenly Father would not lay upon my heart a burden of prayer for over three score years, if He had not concerning them purposes of mercy." Let us pray for the unsaved while we may, lest the Lord come to us in our neglect to fail to pray for the unsaved about us. "Lord, lay some soul upon my heart and love that soul through me; and may I nobly do my part to win that soul for thee."

Furthermore, it is sinful to cease praying for the missionaries of the cross and their work. You and I had a part in sending some of them to the field. We are morally bound to uphold them in prayer. We have no right to forsake them thus. Those who have visited foreign mission fields say that it seems as though the very atmosphere is taken possession of **by "the prince of the power of the air." We must not let these missionaries battle alone. James Gil**mour, whose rare and radiant spirit so impressed the rude Mongolians, said that, unprayed for, he would feel like a diver in the river bottom with no air to breathe, or like a fireman on a blazing building with no water in his empty hose." Pray for the missionaries of the cross. Pray for the new converts on the fields. Pray for the boards that have the responsibility of guiding missionary work.

Prayer Pays Rich Dividends

We are called to a ministry of prayer. Let us as individuals and churches give ourselves more earnestly to this ministry. It will pay rich dividends. God summons His people to prayer. Who knows? You may meet someone on the streets of glory who will grasp your hand and say, "Thank God, you prayed for me. That's why I am here." The first converts on a certain mission field in Africa were very earnest and regular in their devotions. Each one had a separate spot in the bush to which he went to pray. The paths to these "Bethels" were distinctly marked. When any one began to decline in his prayer habit, it was soon manifest to his fellows. They would remind him of his duty by saying, "Brother, the grass grows on your path yonder."

Let us beware lest, in these busy days, we let the grass grow on the path that leads to our "Bethel" of prayer. "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."

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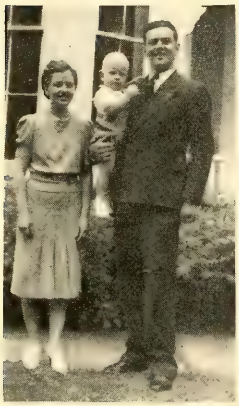
AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

WOOSTER



John Squires family

Wooster, O., is a town of approximately 14,000 population and is the seat of Wayne County, the third richest agricultural county in the United States. Wooster is located on the Lincoln Highway (No. 30), 56 miles south of Cleveland and 30 miles west of Canton. The First Brethren Church is just five blocks above the square on the main street of Wooster running north and south.

History

In order that our Herald readers may be informed about the Wooster Church we will present a brief history of our work. For a period of about two years preceding the organization of a Brethren Church here, Brethren Mayes, Beal and other pastors in the Ohio district helped conduct a Bible class in the city. The demand for a Brethren Church in Wooster became so great that finally a group of Brethren petitioned the Brethren Home Missions Council for aid in starting the church. After Bro. R. Paul Miller, secretary of the Council, had investigated the field with the district mission board, an agreement was entered into by the Wooster brethren and the Council. On Oct. 1, 1939 the First Brethren Church of Wooster was organized. Officers were elected and Elder Squires was called as pastor. Elder Squires did not come to Wooster until Jan. 1st, when his term as pastor of the Sterling Brethren Church expired.

Building

As soon as the church was organized, the people, with the expert help and guidance of Bro. Miller, began looking for a place to locate the church. After having scoured the town, a piece of property with a large brick residence on it was finally chosen. In December the people of the church started to go to work on the building in an effort to make it available for church and Sunday School services at the earliest possible date. And how they did work! The readers would have to see the house as it was in order to appreciate fully the transformation that has taken place. The house is a huge brick structure which was built back in the Civil War days. It was necessary to remove two great brick walls on the interior which ran from the basement to the attic. This was done in order to make way for an auditorium that will comfortably seat 125 people. The upstairs has been partitioned off into five large Sunday School rooms. Rest rooms have been installed in the basement beneath the auditorium. The parsonage consists of four spacious rooms with bath which adjoin the rear of the church and are separated from the auditorium by a steel fire-door and a twelve inch brick wall. The building was ready for occupation the last of February and our people were glad to move in, having tired of sharing a town hall with Seventh Day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses! On March 3 we had our dedication service with Elder C. W. Mayes as speaker. Our small auditorium was taxed far beyond its capacity but we managed to make out by squeezing people into the nooks and alcoves that are found in the auditorium. Just recently the exterior of the building was given a coat of white paint which has improved its appearance 100%. It may be added that we have never seen a residence, the exterior architecture of which lent itself so beautifully to the purpose for which the building is now being used. The exterior is also made more churchy by the presence of a large and beautiful bulletin board which was presented to the church by Bro. Paul Arnold, one of our faithful workers.

Membership

The membership situation here at Wooster is somewhat different than found in the average church, and could be a real handicap to our work were it not for the fact that we have a group of people who are faithful and willing to work. At present the Wooster church has 25 members and most of them live in the country from 12 to 14 miles from the church. It is not easy for farmers, especially in the busy summer months, to go home from the morning service, get their chores done, and then drive back into town for the evening service. Then, too, with only three families in Wooster it means that our work will be somewhat slower than if our entire membership were in immediate contact with the people of the city. But it is in the midst of conditions such as these that our people show that their hearts are in the Lord's work and that they want to see a work to His glory built in Wooster. The faithfulness of these people is something that would make the heart of any pastor rejoice.

Another outstanding indication of the determination of the people to establish a church with a testimony in this city is the manner in which they respond to the financial program of the church. When one realizes that just a few families with modest incomes support a budget that runs well over $100 a month, then it is possible to understand that we have a charter membership that forms a solid foundation for a great work to come.

The growth of our Sunday School has not been phenomenal but the Lord has blessed us with a steady increase. We rejoice in seeing the attendance number in the fifties instead of in the thirties as when we first started. Our Sunday School has been departmentalized and is using the quarterlies published by The Brethren Missionary Herald Co.

A constant source of blessing and also a real encouragement is the way our evening services are beginning to get hold of the people in Wooster. Our Sunday evening services have opened up a real field of service for us and will undoubtedly play a large part in the growth of our work.

Two prayer meetings are held each week. One is held on Wednesday night at the church and the other on Thursday night in the various homes of our country membership.

Prospects

Although at present our work is small, we are not the least bit discouraged, because we believe that we have a great field in Wooster and constant cultivation of it will eventually bring a rich reward. Recently we completed a census of a large portion of the city and through this census discovered that our field of activity is an extensive one. Constant contacts are beginning to produce fruit and we expect to see great results in the near future. Several special services of late which have packed our church reveal the fact that many people are taking interest in our work.

The Wooster People—1940

We would be most ungrateful if we should close this article without expressing our thanks to The Brethren Home Missions Council and its secretary for the most gracious way in which they have come to the aid of the Wooster work. The Wooster Brethren have a warm spot in their hearts for the Council and appreciate everything that they are doing to help our work along.

We desire the prayers of the entire brotherhood on our behalf. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

JOHN SQUIRES

Uncle Eban says, "De gospel, when you really hab it, is too big and too good to keep to yo'sef."

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

HOME MISSION STORY NO. 2

A LITTLE GIRL'S MISSIONARY OFFERING

By Mrs. Herman Koontz

"This morning," said Miss Brice, as she faced the children's happy Sunday School faces, "I am going to tell you how a little girl helped to earn her own missionary money.

"She is a real little girl with curly hair and big gray eyes and a true love for her Sunday School and for the Lord Jesus.

"She has a father and mother who love the Lord and who hope some day, if it is the Lord's will, to have the care of a church of their own. She has a baby sister, too, who can already sing choruses with her.

"One Sunday morning her Sunday School teacher told her about the boys and girls who needed churches near their homes, where they could learn of the Lord Jesus Christ Who died to save them from their sins. She wanted to help in some way too, just as you children do.

"All through Sunday dinner she thought about the children who did not know about Jesus, and even the excellent fried pies her mother had for desert didn't seem quite so good as usual.

"Perhaps northern children do not know about fried pies, those delicious little pies filled with apple sauce, or raisins, or dried peaches, and fried in a skillet, but I assure you that any southerner will tell you they are delightful pastries.

"Maybe it was because they were so good that our little Joyce had such a good idea about them.

"Mother," she said, "If you would make me some of these good fried pies, I could sell them to our neighbors and get some money for my missionary offering."

"Her mother thought a moment and then she said, "Surely I will, if you will find out how many want them, and if you will take care of baby sister while I make them."

"Joyce was a very busy girl for a few weeks, you may be sure. People liked the fried pies very much, and so Joyce sold a number of them. Her father helped too, by selling them through his business connections. So, when the Sunday came to receive the offering, Joyce was ready with hers. She not only

had an offering for the Lord, but best of all, it was an offering she had made because she herself worked and sacrificed for it.

"Look about you, children," said Miss Brice, "perhaps there are many ways in which you could serve the Lord right before your eyes. Perhaps you will find some of them this week and tell us about them next Sunday."

"TIME FOR PRAYER"

By Louise Ingle Hyde

"How can I stop to pray?"
"How fail to stop?"

"How drop my work today?"
"'Tis gain to drop!"

"How lose this precious hour?"
"Thou shalt gain power."

"But, undone work's a cross;"
"Without Me—loss!"

"Thy fellowship I choose."
"Child, thou'lt not lose."

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MAKE CERTAIN

By Leona Dawson Cole

Two will be sleeping,
Two making bread,
Two will be reaping,
So Jesus said.
One will be taken
(One of the two).
Will it be me, brother?
Will it be you?

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A GREAT LESSON

Live, while you live, the
Epicure would say,
And seize the pleasures of
the present day.
Live, while you live, the
Sacred preacher cries,
And give to God each
moment as it flies.
Lord in my view let both
united be,
I live in pleasure, when I
live to Thee. —Doddridge

THINK IT OVER

The Bible contains much we cannot explain, nothing we cannot believe.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR AUG. 25, 1940

An Outdoor Meeting

Entered in C. E. Topic Contest by Fort Wayne Young People.

At this time of year, an outside C. E. meeting can be most profitable. We of the Fort Wayne group found that we had a most enjoyable service, meeting along a river in one of our city parks, and that we attracted many onlookers who also joined in our fellowship. It is a wonderful privilege to be in an open air meeting which affords real opportunity to testify for our Lord before interested spectators as well as before one's usual group.

Our general theme centers around God's Word and the illustrations it gives us about natural things such as rocks, trees, water, flowers, fountains and springs. It is the specific purpose of the speaker to show how these things of nature are illustrative of spiritual facts.

1. Rocks.

Chorus by group: I Shall Not Be Moved.

A. God as the Strength of His people. Ps. 18:1-2; 62:7; Isa. 17:10.

B. God as Defense of His people. Ps. 37:2-3.

C. God as Refuge of His people. Ps. 94:22.

D. God as Salvation of His people. Ps. 89:26; 95:1.

E. Christ as Foundation of His church. Mt. 16:18 with 1 Pet. 2:6.

F. Christ as Source of spiritual gifts. 1 Cor. 10:4.

2. Trees.

Vocal solo or poem: Trees, by Joyce Kilmer.

A. Of Christ. Rom. 11:24; Rev. 2:7; 22:2, 14.

B. Of wisdom. Prov. 3:18.

C. Of the life and conversation of the righteous. Prov. 11:30.

D. (Green). Of the innocence of Christ. Lk. 23:31.

E. (Evergreen). Of Saints. Ps. 1:1-3.

F. (Barren). Of the wicked. Hos. 9:16.

3. Water.

Song by group: Shall We Gather At The River.

A. Of the support of God. Isa. 8:6.

B. (Still). Of the ordinances of the gospel. Ps. 23:2.

C. (Deep). Of the words of the wise. Prov. 18:4.

D. (Many). Of different nations and people. Rev. 17:1, 15; Jer. 51:13.

E. Of the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit. Isa. 41:17-18; 44:3; Jn. 7:38-39.

4. Flowers.

A. Of the graces of Christ. S. of Sol. 5:13.

B. Of the shortness of man's life. Job 14:2; Ps. 103: 15-16.

C. Rich men. Jas. 1:10-11.

Vocal duet: In The Garden.

5. Fountains and Springs.

A. Of constant supplies of grace. Ps. 87:7.

B. Of eternal life. Jn. 4:14; Rev. 21:6.

3. Of spiritual wisdom. Prov. 16:22; 18:4.

D. Of the law of the wise. Prov. 13:4.

TOPIC FOR SEPT. 1, 1940

Moses as a Type of Christ

(Acts 3)

Suggestions for the Leader

Moses first made the prediction that God would raise up a Prophet like himself (Deut. 18:15). There are many ways in which Moses is a type of Christ, but the outstanding thing is that he is the Deliverer. At a time when the people were crushed under oppression and bondage, Moses came to rescue them. That is what Christ did for us. In our discussion tonight, it is really wonderful that the greatest figure in the O. T. should stand for even a greater yet to come.

1. The Unnatural Birth.

Moses was born into an unwelcome world. His life was in danger from the start. He was a promising child but unwanted by the authorities. He was reared under the best conditions. Legally he was an heir to a great throne and had a right to lay claim to the greatest treasure of the world.

Jesus was born under supernatural conditions. He came into a world that was cold and cruel. In spite of the fact that some tried to kill him, he was reared under the best conditions. Legally, He was an heir to the throne in His Father's kingdom.

2. Moses and Christ identify themselves with their people (Heb. 11:25).

Moses counted the cost. He choose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Once he struck an Egyptian while he was oppressing one of the Hebrews.

Jesus came here from heaven. The conditions there were far better for Him. Nevertheless He choose to suffer for His people. He counted the cost of the cross. He dealt a death blow to those enemies of righteousness.

3. Moses and Jesus were rejected by their own people.

Moses was rejected when he interfered with personal affairs. It was a good thing for him to fight for his people, but they resented his leadership and authority. Once they plotted his death.

Jesus came to His own but His own received Him not. They would have been glad to have been released from the bondage of Rome, but they were not willing to follow His leadership. There were adjustments to be made in the lives of the people. Jesus dared to mention them and insist upon right living. Because of this many took offence. One of the great sins of the Jewish people was the betrayal of the Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Both Moses and Christ turn to the Gentiles for a bride.

The greatest favor a man can show to another race of people is to identify himself with them by taking a wife from their midst. When Moses was expelled from the land and away from his own people, he took a bride from among the Gentiles.

Jesus intended that the Jews would honor Him and be witnesses. They failed to stand for these things and now Jesus is taking out of the world a bride. This bride is the church (Eph. 5:25-32). Even though it is neither Jew nor Gentile, still many come from the Gentiles.

5. Moses and Christ return at the critical time to save their people.

When the punishment and hardship increased in the land of Goshen, Moses was called to return to be their savior. He returned with new power and authority. The Lord gave him ability to deal with Pharoah and to plague him until he was willing to release the Jews.

The day is coming when the Jewish people will cry toward heaven for their Messiah to come. The antichrist will persecute them and make living almost impossible for them. Then Jesus will come and destroy the antichrist and save His people. This is the time all Israel shall be saved according to Rom. 11:26.

6. Both Moses and Jesus deal in an unusual way with an unbelieving world.

Moses answered Pharoah's challenge by sending plagues. Pharoah had implied that Moses was wrong about the Lord, and even asked, "Who is the Lord, that I should follow Him?" He claimed that he was the incarnation of the god of the Nile and that his son would be the next in line. However, the son died.

During the tribulation there will be many severe plagues sent to punish the people who have rejected Christ. Some have even taken counsel against Christ to do Him harm. The unbelieving world must give up as Jesus takes possession.

Questions

1. How was Moses like Jesus in the work of the prophet? Acts 3:22.

2. How were Moses and Jesus similar in the work of the Advocate?

3. Give an illustration of the intercessory work of Moses and Jesus.

4. What is the relation between Moses and Jesus in regard to making laws?

Junior-Intermediate C. E. Topic for Aug. 25

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT SATAN

Although we cannot see him, Satan is real. He is always very busy, but he is always doing the wrong things. In these last days, he is especially busy doing all the damage he can do because he realizes he does not have much time left (Rev. 12:12).

Those who are not saved are his children (Jn. 8:44). He controls them (Eph. 2:2) and keeps them in his power (Acts 26:18). He blinds their eyes so they cannot see how wonderful it is to know Jesus (2 Cor. 4: 3-4). When the seed of the gospel is sown in their hearts, he quickly snatches it away (Mt. 13:19).

Satan hinders God's people (1 Thess, 2:18). He tempts them to do wrong (Gen. 3:4-5; Mt. 4:3-11), and makes the Christian life a constant struggle for them (Eph. 6:12).

He is always on the lookout for those whom he can destroy (1 Pet. 5:8).

He even brings sickness and disease upon people (Job 2:7; Lk. 13:11, 16).

Satan cannot touch God's children without God's permission (Job 1:12); and if God allows him to do this it is always for a purpose (2 Cor. 12:7), and God more than makes up for it (Job 42:10, 12a).

Satan is so much more powerful than we are that we would have no chance to stand against him if God did not help us. There isn't a boy in your neighborhood who can "lick" you if you are close to your daddy, and we need not be afraid of Satan if we stay close to Jesus (1 Jn. 4:4b). God always has a way out of every one of Satan's temptations (1 Cor. 10:13).

Someone asked a negro convert if he was not afraid the devil would get him since the devil was so much stronger than he. He said, "No, because as soon as the devil gets after me, I look to the Lord and say, 'Lord, look after your property'." Satan is not afraid of us, but he is afraid of our God. That is why he flees from us if we yield ourselves to God when we resist him (Jas. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:9).

Junior-Intermediate C. E. Topic for Sept. 1

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

(Adapted from Young People's Witness)

When Philip asked Jesus, 'Lord, shew us the Father,' Jesus answered, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father" (Jn. 14:8-9). Another time Jesus said, "I and My Father are one" (Jn. 10:30). Tonight we will see how the things that can be said of our heavenly Father can also be said of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God the Father is full of mercy (Ps. 103:17; Ps. 108: 4; Joel 2:13). He showed mercy to Lot when He sent His angels to take Lot and his family out of the wicked city of Sodom, before it was destroyed (Gen. 19:16). Since Jesus Christ and the Father are one, we can expect to find Jesus merciful also. And how merciful He was throughout His life! One day some scribes and Pharisees brought a sinful woman to Him. They wanted to stone her to death for her sin, but Jesus was merciful to her. See what He said to her in Jn. 8:11.

God the Father is full of forgiveness (Ps. 103:3; Mt. 6:14; Ps. 85:2). In the Old Testament when David confessed his great sin, see what God's prophet, Nathan, told David (2 Sam. 12:13). Since God is full of forgiveness, we can expect to find Jesus Christ, His Son, Who came to earth to reveal God to us, full of forgiveness also. How forgiving He was (Mk. 2:5)! See what 1 Jn. 1:9 says about Jesus' forgiveness.

God the Father is full of compassion (Ps. 86:15). How did He show His compassion when the children of Israel were in bondage in Egypt (Ex. 3:7-8)? Later when they wandered away into sin, He had compassion on them and sent messengers to call them back to Himself (2 Chron. 36:15). Jesus, Who revealed God the Father to the world, was likewise filled with compassionate tenderness for all mankind (Mt. 9:36; 20: 31-34). He was so full of compassion for Jerusalem that He wept over the city (Mt. 23:37).

The love of both God the Father and of Jesus the Son for this lost world was shown on the cross. Jesus died on the cross because God the Father loved the world (Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 4:9-10). Jesus showed His own love also by dying on the cross (Jn. 15:13; Eph. 5:2). Parents sometimes ask their child, "How much do you love me?" The child's answer is usually a hug and a kiss. If you want to know how much God loves you, Rom. 5:6-9 gives the answer. How great His love for us! Have you shown your love for Him, first by taking Him as your Savior (Jn. 1:12) and then by keeping His commandments (Jn. 14:15)?

THE THIRD BRETHREN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES, CALIF. APPRECIATES GIFT

National Christian Endeavor of
The Brethren Church
3326 South Calhoun Street,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Attention Rev. Leo Polman, Executive Secretary.
Dear Brother Polman:

We, the members of the Third Brethren Church in Los Angeles, in special business session, herewith express our vote of thanks to the National Christian Endeavor organization of The Brethren Church for the communion set recently presented to us.

This is but another fine example of the work that is being done by your organization. Our prayer shall continually follow your work, and may God grant that through the ministry of National Christian Endeavor in our church scores of young people shall find Christ as their Savior.

Yours in that precious hope,

ARNOLD R. KRIEGBAUM, Pastor
MARY A. SHIPLEY, Clerk

Center Chapel Christian Endeavor, Peru, Ind.

Greetings: It has been about a year since you have heard from our society. During this time we have been striving to reach our goals and to further the Lord's work.

In checking over our records, we find that as to membership we have not grown as much as we might have, but we have had a wonderful experience in serving the Lord.

We are a small country church and our average attendance is not so high, but we are happy to report that nearly every person present takes part in our lessons, and leads in prayer.

We are very fortunate in having a very able sponsor, Mrs. Vaughn Neff. She has charge of our closing five minutes. She has been a great help and has given us many good thoughts to keep in mind throughout our lives.

Our C. E. has sent two delegates to camps and we hope to have a representative at Camp Bethany.

In closing, we pray that the Lord will bless all societies and that He will be with the National C. E. work throughout the coming year.

Yours in the Master's work,

EDNA ZIMMERMAN, Cor. Secy.

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NO OTHER WAY

"Come, take up the cross" (Mk. 10:21)

By the thorn-road and none other,
Is the mount of vision won;
Tread it without shrinking, brother!
Jesus trod it; press thou on!

—Selected.

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COMFORT

"E'en for the dead I will not bind my soul to grief;
Death cannot long divide,
For is it not as though the rose, that climbed my garden wall,
Had blossomed on the other side?
Death doth hide,
But not divide!
Thou art but on Christ's other side.
Thou are with Christ and Christ with me,
In Him united still are we."

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BEG PARDON !

In last month's Home Mission Number of The Brethren Missionary Herald in the report from Flora, Ind., under the heading "Around The Council Table," the enrollment on the first day of the Daily Vacation Bible School is printed as 2. This was a typographical error and should have read, "the first day 32 enrolled." We are sorry for this error, but are glad to correct it here.

Only a few More Days and Then— On to Winona for

The National Brethren Bible Conference
August 26 to September 1
Winona Lake, Ind.

From east and west we are being assured of great delegations. This conference undoubtedly will be one of the most interesting ones we have ever had. The spirit of Christian earnestness is prevalent throughout our churches. Christian men, women and young people are ready for real challenges. The National Brethren Bible Conference will challenge all of us!

Letters of inquiries have been coming to us, and from every indication those attending

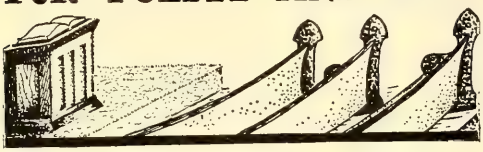
THE FAMILIAR AUDITORIUM
WHERE BRETHREN MEET

The National Brethren Bible Conference and The National Youth Camp at Bethany are anticipating one of the greatest and enjoyable weeks in Christian fellowship that they have ever had.

Glance over the program and speakers in recent Brethren Missionary Herald issues dated July 27 and Aug. 3, and ask yourself if you can afford to stay away from The National Brethren Bible Conference at Winona Lake, Ind., this year! "On to Winona Lake!

Be seein' you all Aug. 26-Sept. 1.

FOR PULPIT AND PEW



Compiled by Alan S. Pearce

THIS WEEK'S POEM

REAL CHURCHES

If you want to work in the kind of a church
  Like the kind of a church you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
  And start on a long, long hike.

You'll only find what you left behind.
  For there's nothing that's really new;
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your church;
  It isn't your church, it's you.

Real churches aren't made by men afraid
  Lest somebody else goes ahead;
When everyone works and nobody shirks,
  You can raise a church from the dead.

And if while you make your personal stake,
  Your neighbor can make one, too,
Your church will be what you want to see—
  It isn't your church, it's **you.**

—1,001 Illustrations

PELLETS FOR PREACHERS

SPEAKERS WHO MUMBLE PEEVE LISTENERS MOST

Professor Sylvester Toussaint of Colorado State Teachers College of Education asked 500 persons in 59 occupations to name their "pet peeves" against public speakers.

Topping the list of 999 grievances, he told the convention of the National Association of Teachers of Speech, were the following:

1—Mumbling.

2—Long-windedness.

3—Obvious lack of preparation.

4—"In closing" remarks running on and on.

5—Hesitant ahs, uhs, and ers.

6—Folksy remarks addressed to someone in the audience.

7—A show of temper over a disturbance in the room.

8—Vagueness about facts.

9—Mispronunciation of common words.

Professors Walter H. Wilke and Joseph Snyder of New York University said their study of American dialects disclosed that neither the Boston nor southern accents ranked first in public favor. The accent produced in Lancaster, Pa., they reported, was most pleasing to the average American.

READY BIBLE OUTLINE

JESUS, THE WAY

"Jesus said unto him, I am the way"—Jn. 15:6.

President McKinley in his dying moments said, "It is God's way." The terms "path," "road," and "way" are used in all Oriental religions for doing God's will. The words of the text were spoken to doubting Thomas. In the New Testament we have five "ways" mentioned:

1. The way of God (Acts 18:3).
2. The way of peace (Rom. 3:16).
3. The more excellent way (1 Cor. 12:31).
4. The new and living way (Heb. 10:20).
5. The way of truth (2 Pet. 2:2).

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ILLUSTRATIVE JOTTINGS

A TWO-ROOM MILLIONAIRE

Condescend to Things of Low Estate. Read Rom. 12:9-21

Recently I was the guest of Mr. Milton S. Hershey, in the Pennsylvania town which bears his name. I had spoken on Sunday morning to the eight hundred orphan boys, to whom Mr. Hershey has given homes and training. All of the vast fortune which he has made has already been turned over to a trust fund for the carrying on of this industrial farm school.

Two facts impressed me. As Mr. Hershey showed us over the place, there was no sign of awe or fear among the teachers, nurses or boys. They received him naturally, as one of themselves—a plain man, full of friendly interest. The other fact is that Mr. Hershey himself lives in two rooms of his former home; the rest of the house having been turned into a community country club.

Wise is the person, who, having possessions, is not possessed by them.

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I need not shout my faith. Thrice eloquent
  Are quiet trees and the green listening sod;

Hushed are the stars, whose power is never spent;
  The hills are mute; yet how they speak of God!

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The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever (Isa. 40:8).

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NOTICE

The annual business session of e corporation of the Brethren me Missions Council will be d from 10:00 to 11:00 a. m., turday, August 31, 1940, at nona Lake, Ind.

Paul Miller, Sec'y of the Corporation

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

Second Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

In spite of the wind and rain, we had the greatest day in the history of this church on July 28th, when our all day meeting was held.

A tent was pitched on the sight of the new church building soon to be erected, and all sessions were held in this tent. The attendance in the Bible School was 129, 95 being the previous record attendance. All other services were well attended, and the interest and spirit were marvelous.

One of the reasons for the success of the day was the presence of our beloved Prof. Herman Hoyt of Grace Theological Seminary, who brought us three stirring heart-searching messages. Ernest Baeringer, a young man from our Waynesboro church spoke to the three Christian Endeavor groups in a combined service at 6:30. The ladies of the church served a delightful luncheon on the grounds, and moving pictures were taken of the activities of the day.

We were so glad to have with us delegations from our churches at Washington, D. C., Waynesboro, Pa., Winchester, Va., Roanoke, Va., and Vinco, Pa. Words cannot express our appreciation for the assistance and the interest manifested by our sister churches.

We covet the prayers of our entire brotherhood for the work here. The Lord is wonderfully blessing our group in many ways. Our praise is ever to Him, and may He have all the golry.

The efforts put forth for this all day meeting were climaxed by one young lady accepting Christ as her own personal Savior, and this was by far the greatest event of the day—a life saved for eternity.

RALPH RAMBO, acting pastor.

Young People's Camp of the Southern California District

The camp of 1940, meeting at Camp Seeley, Crestline, in the heart of the San Bernardino mountains, from July 6 to 13, was by far the largest camp ever held in this district and the largest group of persons at one time meeting at this particular camp. There were 296 people in the camp. Of these 240 were students, and the remaining 56 were composed of adult campers, faculty members and small children.

Instead of having two weeks at camp with separate groups, both groups ranging in ages from 12 to 25 met together at the one time in one week. However, recreational activities and classes were conducted separately. Both groups combined for the time of fellowship each evening, at what was known as Victory Circle.

The courses offered at this camp were: Bible Doctrine, Missions, Prophecy, Soul Winning, Brethren Practices, Christian Endeavor, Personal Evangelism, Sacred Music, Science and the Bible, How We Got our Bible, Archeology, Present-day Isms, and Sunday School Methods.

There were 87 definite decisions for Christ. Of this number, 8 were first confessions, 69 were renewals, and ten were decisions for full-time service.

At both camps note books were kept by the students and turned in at the close of the week, graded and the grades recorded. Diplomas are to be awarded at the close of three years' attendance at camp. Students attending beyond the three years for post graduate work will receive a special post graduate diploma.

Athletics included baseball, badminton, volley ball horseshoes, swimming, horseback riding, tennis, croquet, and tin can golf.

The teachers this year were Grant McDonald, Geo. Richardson, Clarence Sickel, C. H. Ashman, Jesse Hall, Paul Bauman, Walter Lepp, Arnold Kriegbaum, Donald Carter and C. E. Reuter. Dean of Women, Mrs. C. E. Reuter; Dean of Men, Mr. C. E. Reuter; Athletic Director, Mr. R. Fischer.

We truly praise the Lord for our young people's camp and while it means much work and giving of time by many who are very busy, we feel it is time and energy well spent in the Lord's work.

RUTH McCLAIN, Secretary.

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OBJECTIVES SUGGESTED FOR THE YEAR 1939-1940

1. Regular monthly devotional meetings.
2. Missionary prayer circle.
3. Bible reading—entire New Testament, or a chapter a day of your own selection.
4. Missionary project—Support of Bouca Station, with dime calendars turned in not later than Feb. 25.
5. Special offering lifted in January and July (for administrative purposes).
6. Thank offering received at National Conference for Home Missions Council.
7. Public service held and offering lifted for Grace Seminary not later than May 1st.
8. Mission Study Class using "Biographies of Brethren Missionaries"—Study 11.

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EDITORIALS

Why a Thank Offering?

Do we take a thank offering each year just because it has always been done and thus has become a habit? Perhaps there is a danger of its becoming a mere matter of routine like that, so let's think about it a little.

In the first place, each of us has **so much** for which to be thankful, and it is a good idea to have something to keep us in remembrance to be fittingly grateful to our heavenly Father for all His goodness unto us. It is so easy to forget.

Then comes the next fact: we are commanded to be thankful in Col. 3:15, and in the 17th verse of that same chapter we are told to accompany all that we do or say with the giving of thanks. The same thought occurs in 1 Thess. 5:18 and in Eph. 5:20. In fact, the New Testament Epistles abound in examples of thankfulness, as well as exhortations to be thankful. Two powerful incentives for thanksgiving are mentioned by Paul in the second letter to the Corinthians: in 2:14 the possibility of our continuous victory in Christ is held out to us as a reason for giving thanks; and in 9:15 it is the unspeakable gift of God which appears as our motive. And what a motive! When we have a God who gives us a gift so great that it leaves us speechless, can we fail to give Him thanks?

Not only do we have so much for which to thank God, and have also His direct commands to be thankful, but in the third place to cultivate the habit of thankfulness is to grow in grace. Years ago we were led to make it a rule of our prayer life to always begin our prayer with giving of thanks and follow that with our petitions; thus each time we pray we take time to think of **some** of the things for which we should render thanks, and we can recommend this habit as good spiritual exercise. It accomplishes a seeming paradox; for while it makes us humble to think of our utter dependence upon God, it also makes us bold to ask Him who loves us and is so able for the things we desire of Him. The cultivation of a spirit of thankfulness day by day will also help to keep the believer from that awful sin of spiritual pride. While he is thanking his Lord for what He has done through him, he avoids the danger of thinking of anything as his own achievement.

Christian, is your faith sometimes weak? Would you like to have an abounding faith? Then listen to Paul in Col. 2:7, "Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished **in the faith,** as ye have been taught, **abounding therein with thanksgiving."** Be properly thankful, and your faith will grow by leaps and bounds. Do you feel that your prayer life is not what it ought to be? Is it a burden instead of a joy? Let Paul reveal another secret in Col. 4:2, "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." As we wrote those words, that word **watch** stood out in a new way: a watchman's job is a lonely and tedious business. He must keep alert in the time of darkness. He must fight the enemy of sleep within himself, and be ready for the enemy without. What a picture of the Christian's life today! Living in the night of man's age, watchmen awaiting the coming of the Day-Star, we must keep alert. Within we have to fight against the Laodicean lukewarmness of this age, and without are all the forces of the devil ready to attack at any moment if they can catch us unaware. But the secret of keeping alert and of continuance in prayer is **thanksgiving.**

God's chosen people, Israel, were commanded to bring sacrifices unto God. Are we exempt from this command? Yes, as far as animal sacrifices are concerned, but if we as believer-priests would be well-pleasing unto our God, we do well to heed Heb. 13: 15, 16. In v. 15 the exercise of our priesthood Godward is outlined. We are to offer sacrifice **continually,** the sacrifice of **praise,** and the Holy Spirit is careful to define just what this sacrifice is, "the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." But our priesthood is not complete until we have exercised it manward as well, v. 16 makes that clear, "But to do good and to communicate (share what you have with others, marg.) forget not." And not until that feature of

priesthood is added does the Word say, "for with **such sacrifice** God is well pleased."

And so we have our thank offering as an exercise of our Christian priesthood—Godward we render the fruit of our lips in thanksgiving, and manward we give of our substance to do good by sending forth the gospel through our Home Missions Council.

This is the last call for your thank offering. It is not yet too late to rush it in. You will want a part in this service at Winona Lake, we are sure.

Concerning the Devotional Topics

With the September series we will have concluded 12 months of these studies on "Christ our Sufficiency." For October there will be no topics issued, as we feel that the October meetings should be given over to consideration of the National Conference reports. Our work is so new that we are only just hitting our stride, as it were, and thus we are certain that many things of great interest and of surpassing importance will be developed at our national get-together which should be given immediate attention in our local councils.

We shall endeavor to have a full report in our Sept. 28th number of The Brethren Missionary Herald for you to use in your October meeting, and we shall try to supplement that with mimeographed copies of plans and materials from the new national officers as elected at Winona Lake.

May we suggest that you plan your October meetings as a sort of fall rally and make use of the material mentioned above as inspiration and direction for your work in the coming year.

A Word of Personal Thanks

Your editor has been too busy this last year to write personal messages to all to whom we feel under God we owe the measure of success which has crowned our labors.

So, to all those who so graciously have responded to our appeals: in writing devotional topics, in sending reports of your work and names and addresses for our mailing list, in furnishing questions for the Question and Answer Dept., in gathering missionary material, or in any other services rendered, it is our desire to thank you one and all, and to say that we simply could not have carried on without your help.

There is one service you have rendered us which is beyond value and beyond any thanks of ours. That is the service of remembering us in your prayers. Scores of you have written that you were praying and we know many hundreds have been praying from whom we have had no word. How do we know this? When a seemingly insurmountable task resolves itself into a joy and blessing, and when God uses our poor efforts in any way to His glory—we **know** that much prayer has gone up.

Thank you and keep praying.

THINK IT OVER

Disobedience always leads us into troubled waters.

PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

Christ Our Sufficiency For All of Life

Opening Hymn
Scripture Reading: Phil. 3:1-14
Season of Prayer
Topic: Christ Sufficient for Home Life
Hymn
Topic: Christ Sufficient for Business Life
Special Number
Topic: Christ Sufficient for Church Life
Business Session
Closing Prayer

NEWS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD

With the Bible Coach Workers in the Argentine

Our life during the gospel tour is full of varied experiences through our contacts in the different towns. We would tell you something of these.

Just as in other years, we have again been richly blessed of our heavenly Father. His protection has been our continuous experience. Praise to Him be given.

In the town of Lavalle there is an active priest who has the favor of a goodly portion of the people, many of whom are, of course, women. Having pretensions of dominating the town, the poor man has had uncomfortable nights as a result of our work. He even attended one of our meetings from afar off. "They are poisoning the world," he said to one who questioned him regarding our work. He has warned the children that the **true** Bible is in the Catholic Church and that ours is false.

One of our workers heard him preaching on the unimportance and at the same time the detriment caused by our work. He said, "You have your churches, your Bibles. What need have you to read their papers? They are wolves in sheep's clothing that come to do harm." He called the attention of his audience to the fact that in the United States there exists the determination to dominate Central and South America and naturally pointed us out as agents sent to work towards such a goal. He was very elo-

quent but his resentment led to a bitter and abusive harangue of us and our work.

Truly in this town there is great need for the gospel message and the work is not easy due to the hostility of the clergy.

In that same town a gentleman exclaimed thus, as he was offered the Bible. "One cannot be at ease. Everywhere these gospel workers are offering the Bible. I went to Buenos Aires and I heard them speaking in the public square about the Bible. In the shop where I worked they came offering the Bible. Later I moved to San Nicolas and the same thing happened. From there I went to Rosario where they again talked to me about the Bible. Now, after having returned recently to Lavalle I again hear about this Bible." The worker responded, "This shows that you had better get a Bible, read it and follow its teachings. It is not well that you resist the call of God." He was able thus to speak to him about the condition of his soul and the plan of salvation.

Here as in other places we were able to do personal work with many souls. We found some who were already acquainted with the gospel truths. It was a special cause of joy to us to hear the testimony of a dear old lady, whose Bible is her constant companion, to know how she is faithfully witnessing for her Lord.

Adella Maria is another town that has aroused our interest. There an enormous church is being built by private donation. Nevertheless we found much interest in the gospel message. The meetings had a surprisingly large attendance and the amount of literature placed was pleasing to us.

We were able to deal with many souls. We received special blessing from conversations we had with two young girls who had been educated in Catholic institutions. They were not satisfied with the spiritual training they had received there. We were able to testify of the One Who truly satisfies.

We had a very curious thing happen in Buchardo, another town on our route. We held two open air meetings there. The first from every point of view seemed to be a complete failure. It was not possible to maintain order and the police were not on the job as they had promised to be. Young men and girls ran in and out among the crowd throwing grass and weeds at one another. One girl who had no part in this was hit in the forehead by a bone someone had thrown into the crowd. It was impossible to accomplish anything.

The next morning the leader of the disorderly group was struck by an automobile, hurting him and damaging his bicycle. That night the meeting was carried on in perfect order, the police being on the job and some school teachers taking it on themselves to keep their childern quiet. One of them told us how displeased she had been when she had heard of the disorder caused by her students.

Rio Bamba is a small town on the main line of the Pacific Railway. Hardly had we reached it when we met an old man who offered his services to us. His was a prepared heart and when we talked to him of the Lord and his need of a Savior he received the message with great joy, taking our Savior as his own. When we left this dear one, the only born again one in this town so far as we know, he said to us, "God sent you to me. Now I have peace in my heart in spite of my loneliness and my old age."

In Lequizamon we found a colony of Hungarians, all Chritsians.

This year we have even greater difficulty than usual with our sleeping quarters. We found it necessary to share this with drunkards, lice, bedbugs and mice. Some of these rooms had such a bad odor from dirt and dampness, that had it not been for the cold and the bad weather we would have preferred the open fields. The interesting thing was the price that we were askd for some of these with their inhabitants of bats and rats. It was impossible to stay more than one day in one town because we were unable to find sleeping quarters at a price we could pay. But though we have had inconveniences we thank God that we have been privileged to have a part in the great work of spreading the gospel. A great region has been covered and brought under the hearing of the Word. Thousands of tracts and Bible portions have been scattered over these same regions. A great many have listened to the gospel, many have been touched personally, some have been saved. The open doors are many. Help us by prayer to occupy them for God's glory.

Translated by Mrs. Loree Sickel.

LIFE

"I am come that they might have
life, and that they might have it
more abundantly."
To do God's will from day to day,
To follow Christ and not to stray,
To have the Spirit's power alway,
This is abundant life!

—Henry W. Frost.

SIN HAS THE STING OF DEATH IN IT

One day a gentleman in India went into his library and took down a book. As he did so he felt a slight pain in his finger like the prick of a pin. Soon his finger began to sweel, then his arm, and then his whole body. It was not a pin on the book cover, but a deadly serpent hid away back of the books. He died in a few hours. The serpent of sin lurks in books, pleasures, companions, business, politics and even in some churches. Look out for it! It even hides in our own natures.

A young girl grasped a wire hanging from a post. Instantly she was fastened to a burning current. Her mother tried to help her but was knocked down by a shock. A man near by, chopped the wire with an axe and saved the girl. So with sin. It burns into the soul until Christ is received and looses us from it. "He was made sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

—"The King's Business"

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven"—Matthew 5:16.

A Men's Magnify Meeting

By Gene Farrell

Last night the "Men's Magnify" organization of Long Beach, Calif. held its monthly meeting. As the walls of Dr. Bauman's famous church at Fifth and Cherry rang with song and prayer and testimony, it seemed a strange paradox to the world without, where nation was rising against nation and men's hearts were failing them for fear. From the time of our initial prayer, where God's blessing was asked upon the food, until the closing benediction, it was one delightful evening of spiritual feasting and fellowship.

Our meeting last night was one of our best. Out of a group of 60, only two or three were on the thither side of 50. The average man was in his late thirties.

After the evening meal was over the men adjourned to an upper room of the church where a lusty song service prepared the way for the prayer and devotions (always given by a member of the Magnify) to follow. Incidentally, our song leader journeyed from a town some 60 miles distant to attend the meeting!

Though there were a dozen or more unsaved men in the meeting (invited by members), the message this time was directed to Christians. At the close, we were challenged by the one who lead, to take our place on the platform with him if we could dedicate our lives wholly to the will of God. The men needed no provocation. They went forward, almost en masse, to the platform. A few, heretofore reluctant in the vital matter of absolute surrender, held their seats for a moment—then, as they listened to the voice of the Spirit and viewed the abandon of their fellows, they, too, came forward. And as they took their place among the others there were many hearts that rejoiced in the visible deed which the appropriation of the visible promise had made possible. Yes, there were many eyes whose "floodgates" were opened wide as they experienced, in a very real way, the fulfilment of that word from Isaiah, "They shall not labor in vain . . . ."

Immediately following this, our president asked for volunteer prayer captains, who took charge of the individual prayer groups. There were seven in our room. Each man had in his possession the prayer requests of some other man in the Magnify. These had been made out just before we left the supper table.

Would that you might have been there as we sat in a little circle, voicing our needs and "confessing our faults one to another." There were two backsliders in our group, three consecrated Christians and two more who had never, until tonight, decided to go all of the way. We talked, as only brothers can, of the things that were closest to our hearts. We praised God for answered prayer. And finally, just before we went to our knees, we set the candle of faith burning brightly with many promises from the Word of God.

The last feature of our meeting is the time of testimony and praise. We usually begin this portion with another rousing song service until all of the prayer rooms are emptied and the men are once again in the auditorium.

Then the corn begins to pop! Our president has barely time to say, "And now we will hear your testimonies," when several men are on their feet. A young man, well known to us all, is the first to speak and he tells of deliverance during the past month from a habit which has enslaved him for years. With the passing of the habit he acknowledges, too, the passing of a bondage to fear which formerly overtook him every time he arose to his feet to testify.

A man who recently rededicated his life to the Lord is next. It is a different person who stands before us now than the fear-ridden, shifty-eyed, habit-possessed man who came to our meetings seven or eight months ago. He was away from us for about six months. Alcohol drove him from us, finally separated him from his wife and the little girl whom he so dearly loves, and left him a poor, penniless, despairing derelict out on the highways of California. He wandered into a mission one night. "After that," he tells us, "I hit the home trail as fast as I could go. Somebody told me just before I left Long Beach," he continues, "that if I wanted to go on with God I'd have to start again just where I left off—at Fifth and Cherry. I'm here to stay this time, fellows. You won't have to drag me to the meetings anymore. I've learned my lesson, and what's more, I've learned how to get the victory. 'For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus **hath made me free** from the law of sin and death'."

Yes, he is back with us again, a new man, with a new look in his face and in his eyes. It looks as though the devil has gone a bit too far with him and another candle has been lit for the Lord.

And so the testimonies go on and on, running the gamut of Christian experience. A man tells here of winning a soul for Christ. Another unfolds his own experience in coming to the Savior. Another testifies to the renunciation of a worldly amusement because he could not give thanks for it. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." Another thanks God for a paralytic condition which came to his little girl, for it brought them all to Christ as Savior and Lord. Seldom is a testimony heard which does not ring true as every barrier is removed by the power of the Holy Spirit. And fortunate indeed is the unsaved or unsurrendered man who finds himself in this hot bed of reality. Certainly it is an experience which he will never be able to forget—neither will he truly rest until he has a similar testimony.

At the close of this last meeting we had an altar

call. While the third verse of "I've wandered far away from God, now I'm coming home," was being sung, a man, backslidden for 14 years, took his stand once again for Christ. It was a fitting climax for our meeting as he testified on the verge of tears to wasted years and the desire to go on now with God.

Everyone then stood as we repeated our "Magnify" verse: "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together" (Ps. 34:3).

There were many who, for the first time, could conscientiously sign the "Men's Magnify Covenant" last night. About 55 had already done so in the past. Our covenant was first forged by the founder of our group, Mr. Sterling Smith, now promoted to glory. It reads as follows:

MEN'S MAGNIFY COVENANT
Psalm 34:3

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

Motto . . . . . Others.

Purpose . . . . . Soul Winning (Prov. 11:30).

Requirements for Membership:

1. Full dedication of life to God (Rom. 12:1,2).

2. A faithful Bible study and prayer life (2 Tim. 2:15; Phil. 4:6,7).

3. A life bearing the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22; Gal. 6:9).

As a member of the Men's Magnify I resolve:

1. That I shall endeavor by God's grace to magnify Christ in my life (Phil. 1:20).

2. That my supreme purpose in life shall be to bring others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:15,16; Mt. 28:18,20).

3. That I will strive to befriend, in the Christian spirit, all men irrespective of station in the world or relation to my Lord, and cheerfully assist whenever I discern opportunity (Lk. 10:30; 1 Jn. 3:16,17; Gal. 6:1,2).

4. That I will live a life separated from the world, which I understand to include theatre, cards, dances, lodges, beverages, tobacco, all games of chance, profanity, etc. (2 Cor. 6:17,18; Jas. 4:4; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; Tit. 2:11,15; Mt. 6:24; Jas. 3:10).

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him I will endeavor to live up to these resolutions.

Date ..... Signed .....

"Men's Magnify" are always on hand for call to service in churches, missions, jails, etc.—anywhere, any place within reach, where a word may be given for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are all laymen, taken from all walks of life, giving our all, by His grace, to the business of the King. If you do not have a similiar group, our prayer is that you institute one immediately. Be not cast down by numbers. We began with a handful. Write to us for information, if necessary. Address your communication to: "Men's Magnify," Fred Dewhirst, Pres., 1st Brethren Church, 5th and Cherry Sts., Long Beach, Calif.

JEWISH DEPARTMENT

By Arthur Carey

John 10:16; Matthew 18:12-14 and 10:6; Romans 1:16 and Acts 15:26

The Neglected Race for Whom Christ Died

PART 1: Lk. 21:24; Ps. 79:1; Rom. 11:25

By Arthur Carey

Ejection

The process of ejection of the Jews from Palestine began with Titus the Roman, 70 A.D. The historian, Josephus, was considered in part responsible for the Jewish capitulation. A final insurrection arose in 131 A.D. under Bar Kokeba with 400,000 men. The Romans under Severus, conqueror of Britain, consumed over four years in vanquishing Bar Kokeba with a final massacre of over half a million. Streams of fugitives then left the country until Judea especially was almost entirely depopulated. Galilean Jews were unmolested for the next 200 years, during which time was produced the Mishna, an encyclopedic collection of Jewish materials, traditions and decisions. From then till 638 A.D. the Roman church suppressed Judaism in Palestine.

Babylonian Diaspora

Meanwhile in Babylonia had grown up the real center of influence for the Jews. These centers served to keep up the vitality of the Jewish dispersion. Out of the Mishna and the Gemara, an interpretation of the Mishna, was produced the Babyolnian Talmud, a a gigantic work representing 100 years of **intellectual** effort. It is a collection of laws, decisions, practices, customs, academic discussions, religious rules and regulations, concepts of God, and superstitions of men, covering the Jewish people from the end of the Pentateuch to the beginning of the 6th century. When on their wanderings, their actual home was bit by bit taken from them, the Jews replaced it little by little with fragments of their fictitious home, taken from the world of the Talmud, until the place where they settled was merely a habitation, the Talmud their home.

Under Islam, Judiasm again scattered. Jewish Babylonian farmers, due to a terrific land tax, turned to commerce. Many migrated to all parts of Europe. But a growing desire to end the dispersion manifested itself in a number of Messianic movements, the greatets. to be referred to later, occurring in the 17th century. Abu Isa, about 700 A.D., proclaimed himself the forerunner of the Messiah, and revolted against the Caliphate. Zonarias then announced himself as the

Messiah and preached the reconquest of Jerusalem. The movement died out in a few years (Mt. 24:5,11, 23-24).

Karaites

This Jewish group would not be mentioned at all in this article were it not for the fact that they illustrated Paul's discussion of the law and its effects (Rom. and Gal.) beyond all equivocation. Anan Ben David, 750 A.D., openly opposed the Talmud. As the leader of the "back to the Bible" movement, he rejected all oral traditions as spurious. His followers, called Ananites, of Karaites, or "Bible Loyalists" by self-terminology, rejected the Talmud and accepted only the O. T. Scriptures. They searched them carefully. Result: ritualistic changes, severe laws. Sabbath day almost a day of torture, increase of fast days, stringent ritualistic cleanliness. This drove them to a new Talmudism and a formalism which became the death of the sect later. This return to the law was to be the first step towards a return to Jerusalem and a preparation for the Messiah. One Jewish historian says, "It seems impossible that so radically sound a movement, animated by such lofty aims, should not have had the power to succeed. . ." But the answer is that the real Messiah had already come, and that Judaism thus makes a startling confession of its inherent weakness of being unable to keep the law, finally being driven to a Talmud (Rom. 3:19-20, 31).

Catholic Persecution

The seeds of animosity had already been laid. But from 800-1200 A.D. the Jews were allowed a certain amount of freedom for development, in which the language became a science, the poetry an art, the Talmud a disciplinary system, the philosophy a creative expression of life, but metaphysics hopelessly divided into two irreconcilable camps. Charemagne and Louis the Pious enforced special protection for them. Against this, Pope Stephen III and later the Bishop of Lyons made complaints. As early as 1007 A. D. under the French Capet dynasty, Jews were being murdered and forcibly baptized.

Meanwhile the church had made a universal framework and everything had to fit into it. There was one church, the Holy Catholic Church; one emperor, the one crowned by the pope; one law, Roman law; one science, theology; one form of expression, the Gothic style. From under this restraint the crusades offered means of emancipation: the peasant to relief from his drudgery, the knight to fame and fortune, the criminal to murder and rapine, the pious to promised complete and final forgiveness of sins, the priest to increasing political power. Local crusades led by knights, monks, and adventurers turned upon the Jews in the Rhine provinces, burning, pillaging, and murdering them. Between May and July of 1096, 12,000 Jews were massacred, other thousands committing suicide.

The Talmud had said that rather than commit idolatry, unchastity, and murder, the Jew should die a martyr's death. In his eyes, Catholic worship was idolatry. He regarded the worship of images, the reverence paid to inanimate relics, as heathen superstition, and even prayers addresesd to saints as no better than the worship of pagan heroes and demigods. How could he feel any impulse to respect the ignorant, greedy, and extremely dissipated clergy, or accept ecclesiastical teaching which allowed murder in the name of a religion of love?

More blows fell during the second crusade. The monk Rudolph spread such violent propaganda and heinousness against the Jews that even the church feebly protested. Nevertheless, massacres and compulsory baptisms took place in Wurzburg 1147 A.D. But the evil harvest began to ripen between the second and third crusade. Now emerged the charge of ritual murder against the Jews. A Jew was charged with throwing the body of a Christian boy into a river. The blood of the boy was supposed to have been used in their feast of the Passover. The judge put the man who made the charge in a boat and filled it with holy water. As the boat did not sink, a verdict of guilty was returned against the Jew. Since the Jews refused baptism, 38 of them were shut up in a wooden tower and burned alive, May 26, 1171. This case was typical of many others that followed, and this hatred pursued the Jews wherever they went (Lev. 26:17,33,38).

(To be continued)

SNAPPY SERMON STARTERS

Verdict Delivered

"Guilty before God" (Rom. 3:19).

Judgment Pronounced

"The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23).

Penalty Borne

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (1 Pet. 3:18).

Pardon Offered

"Be it known unto **you** that through this Man (Christ Jesus) is preached unto **you** the forgiveness of sins; and by **Him, all that believe** are justified from **all** things" (Acts 13:38, 39). He "was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:25).

THE REFINER AT WORK

'Tis sweet to feel that He who tries
The silver, takes His seat
Beside the fire that purifies,
Lest too intense a heat—
Raised to consume the base alloy,
The precious metals, too, destroy.

'Tis good to think how well He knows
The silver's power to bear
The ordeal through which it goes;
And that with skill and care
He'll take it from the fire, when fit,
With His own hand to polish it.

—Methodist Protestant Recorder.

JESUS CHRIST

The One Key to Scripture

STUDIES IN THE HEBREW EPISTLE

"Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have Eternal Life; and they are they which testify of me"—John 5:39.

By Ord Gehman

STUDY No. V CHAPTER IV

Proceeding from the third chapter, the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews begins the chapter before us with a warning: "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." There is a great difference between hearing the gospel and hearing it with faith. Two sinners attend an evangelistic meeting where Christ's name is exalted and proclaimed with power from on high. One individual goes away gloriously saved from a life of sin and shame. The other goes away with a harder heart and sin more fully enthroned in his life. What makes the difference? One heard the Word proclaimed and expressed faith in the Christ Who was presented. The other heard the Word but refused to yield in faith to the precious Christ Whose name was preached. One man goes forth to begin his heaven-bound journey by the aid of and in the companionship of the Son of God. The other goes forth to continue alone in a life of debauchery and degradation, or perhaps he goes out in his own strength, and proceeds along the path of self-righteousness and moral perfection, yet both paths lead at last to the same place of eternal destruction. The Word preached did not profit the one man because it was not "mixed with faith" when he heard it. The one who believed entered into God's rest; the one who did not believe did not enter into God's rest. What a great difference the exercise of faith makes!

We are reminded that there is such a rest for the people of God (v. 9). With this thought in mind, let us look at the next verse. The force of this verse fixed itself upon me some time ago when we were studying this chapter in our Bible study. When we have entered into this rest of God, we have ceased from our own works as God did from His. V. 4 alludes to God's Sabbath day rest from His labors. But this does not necessitate complete inactivity. Some men strive to attain eternal life, as did the young ruler who questioned the Master (Lk. 18:18ff). But hear the Word: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works; lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:7-9). Salvation does not suggest inactivity and loose living, but the real works of faith in the Son of God. The Christian's admonition is, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:12b-13). Therefore, as God's children, we no longer engage in our own works, but in God's works, and to Him be the praise and glory eternally!

There is a vital reason why we should abide by the Word of God, that is, for the child of God. The world cares not what the Word of God says. Their interests are centered in matters of life somewhere also. We as Christians many times seem to feel the judging ministry of the Word and the Holy Spirit applies only to the world of the unsaved. But not so. Here is a message from God's Word for His children. The Word of God is quick and active. It is powerful and effective. It is sharper than any twoedged sword. God's Word is the "Sword of the Spirit" (Eph. 6:17). It is keener in its operative power than any instrument known to man. Darts of truth of the Word pierce the erring hearts of men. It is so keen that it divides between soul and spirit; and even to the dividing of joints and marrow. Even the thoughts and intents of the heart are discerned by His Word. The Psalmist must have caught the significance of this great Biblical truth when he prayed: "Cleanse Thou me from secret faults" (Psa. 19:12b).

The Word is the cleansing factor in the hearts of God's children. "That He might sanctify and cleanse it (the church) with the washing of water by the Word" (Eph. 5:26). Only the yielded heart can fully realize the complete discerning power of the Word of God. Oh that our poor, blundering human wills would be more submissive to the Word's working power! How many times we would be spared the painful experiences resulting from erring judgments if we but more closely adhered to His divine Word.

Not only do God's children feel the effect of the cleansing power of the Word, but every creature is made manifest in His sight. There is nothing hidden before Him. There are no dark corners into which conniving men can go where they will escape Him. Our God keeps records, and the settlement does not always come as quickly as we think it should. But all things will be made manifest before Him when His time comes.

Therefore, realizing that we have a great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ, we are admonished to hold fast our profession before Him. Again we note God's readiness through His Son to hear our feeblest plea. He knows our heartaches and feels our faintest pain. He is interested in the very heart-throbs of His humblest saint. His great heart of love is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities" because He passed through the things which will never be ours to bear. His earthly ministry permitted Him to drink to the bitterest dregs the disappointments of life. He was tempted, without sin in His life. We are tempted, with

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

An Exposition of Revelation Eight

By R. I. Humberd

The Trumpet Judgments

"And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour" (v. 1).

There is the usual life and buzz in the school room. The teacher turns to the blackboard to explain a problem. There is a "smack" as a paper wad splatters about his head. As he turns to face the culprit the room goes suddenly dead. Not a finger moves; not an eyelid twitches. Nothing but breathless silence, a silence of awe, of fear and expectancy.

As the first six seals were broken, the heavens rang with voices. There were the shouts of angels, the thunders of the living creatures, the voices of the elders, the harping of the harpers, and the song of the palm bearers. But when the seventh seal is broken there is dead silence in heaven.

What deep sympathy the heavenly host have in the closing hours of human history; what great interest they have; and how they sense the greatness of the occasion! When the other seals were broken, judgments went forth. Now the last seal is broken, the book is open; swift and more awful judgments must quickly fall upon mankind.

These judgments are tempered to give place to repentance. The seventh seal is broken, but not all at once does our Lord close up the age. The seven trumpets must bring more sufferings upon earth dwellers, and the seven vials still more sorrows; and then, when the last soul is in, the end will come.

The Seven Angels

"And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets" (v. 2).

There were "seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, and which sat the first in the kingdom" (Esther 1:14).

And so in heaven. It is a place of order. There are angels and archangels; principalities and powers; princedoms upon princedoms until we reach the highest and most honored order—the seven angels that stand in the presence of God.

Only two of these angels are named in the Bible. Michael is "one of the chief princes" (Dan. 10:13), and Gabriel is another that stands "in the presence of God" (Lk. 1:19).

Answered Prayers

"And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne" (v. 3).

In chap. 5:8, there were "golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints." Here we see these prayers brought forth to meet their answer.

Many are the prayers of God's true children that are not yet answered. God has a program and events must await their turn. Zacharias, "thy prayer is heard," announced the angel Gabriel as Zacharias stood before the golden altar.

His prayer was heard; but which prayer? Had not Zacharias prayed all his life?

But Zacharias, don't you remember when, in your younger days, you and Elisabeth prayed so earnestly for a baby boy? The time has come, that prayer is heard and soon Elisabeth will bare a son.

And so here. For ages God's children have been praying and longing for "Thy kingdom come." But events must take their course. "When the fulness of the time was come, God sent for His Son" (Gal. 4:4); and when the fulness of the time has come, that Son will bring redemption to the earth.

In the meantime, all the heart-cries of "all" the saints are kept in heavenly vessels of gold awaiting the time when they will be brought forth and be presented on the highest altar in the universe.

The Incense

But these prayers must be made savory before they can be accepted by a holy God. "Much incense" was given unto him to offer with the prayers. Incense speaks of the merits of Christ. No prayer may reach high heaven unless approved and endorsed by Him. It is in His name that we are to pray, and it is His name that perfumes our prayers and renders them savory before God.

"And the smoke of the incense, that came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand" (v. 4).

The time has come to answer the prayers of the saints of all ages, who have so long prayed, "Thy kingdom come." The golden vessels are opened; the merits of Christ are added and the smoke arises "up before God." They are accepted and will speedily be answered.

Cornelius had been praying. An angel was sent to inform him that his prayers "are come up for a mem-

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sin in our lives, for "if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 Jn. 1:8). Therefore "He is able to succor them that are tempted" (Heb. 2:18b).

On the basis of this great manifestation of the Son of God in our lives we are entreated and permitted to come boldly before His throne of grace in order that we may obtain from Him the things which we need in the times of stress and strain. Graciously blessed is that heart which can truly sing:

"I've found a Friend in Jesus. He's everything to me;
In temptation He's my strong and mighty tower."

The redeemed heart is made more gracious because of the marvelous working of God's abundant grace.

orial before God" (Acts 10:4), and an immediate answer came.

So Enoch, who spake of the time when the Lord would come with ten thousands of His saints; Abraham, who looked for a city which hath foundations; David, whose throne will yet be occupied by the Lord of glory; Paul, as he labored to fulfil his commission —all of these and multiplied others have looked and longed and prayed for the kingdoms of this world to "become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ."

Prayers Bring Judgment

"And the angel took the censer and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, lightenings, and an earthquake" (v. 5).

The same fire that wafted the prayers of the saints into the presence of God, when turned earthward, brings judgment and the very fire of hell upon unbelievers. All of this is in answer to the prayers of the saints. They may pray, "Thy kingdom come," but that will mean judgments, fierce and terrible; for the men that offend must first be gathered out. So here, the prayer of the humble saints will set God and the angels to work to oust the devil and his followers and bring sore trouble upon blaspheming humanty.

This is the same fire that wafted the prayers into the presence of God, only now it is turned earthward. And so with every true and sincere child of God. They are "unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish. To the one we are a savour of death unto death; and to the other a savour of life unto life" (2 Cor. 2:15).

The same child of God, as he walks the street of his home town, may cast a savour or odor of death to the ungodly but an odor of life to those who love the Lord. He is a killjoy to a group of filthy pesters and silence reigns until he passes by; while to another Christian, he is an odor of life and encouragment.

Some people even spoil a name and cause it to have an odor of death. A young girl in my congregation, realizing the foul odor of Hollywood and not wishing to be connected with even the name of "Shirley" Temple, changed her name to "Loraine."

So here the same fire turned upward means ananswered prayer, while turned eathward it means judgment, fearful and sore.

(To be continued)

ONE OF D. L. MOODY'S STORIES

A Scotch minister went to labor with one of his members who was in the habit of going to sleep during the sermon every Sunday. "Don't you think" said he, "you had better stay at home if you can't keep awake?" But she said she had been brought up to go to church and she would go.

"Then don't you think you had better take a little more snuff to keep you awake?" She replied, "Don't you think you'd better put a little more snuff in your sermons, Mon?"

THE MIDNIGHT CRY

By A. B. Horst

"Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!"
It is the midnight cry!
O, shall we heed it, brother,
While mercy still is nigh?

The pearly gates are open
To all who heed the call.
The gospel sound is ringing
To all, both great and small.

This is the day of mercy,
The day of hope and grace.
O, shall we heed God's message
And meet Him face to face?

The moments now are precious;
The day is drawing near,
And happy saints are waiting
Till Jesus shall appear.

The angels wait in heaven
To greet the raptured bride,
And glorious are the nuptials
With Christ the crucified.

Yes, crowns and thrones await us
In the millennial reign
When saints and ransomed nations
Shall dwell on earth again,

When Christ the throne of David
Shall come to occupy,
And Israel and the nations
In Christ are all brought nigh.

This is the age the golden
For which mankind has sighed
And by God's holy prophets
Was duly prophesied.

Then in the golden city,
The New Jerusalem,
We'll live with all the ransomed
And wear a diadem.

And in the heavenly mansions
With Christ our Lord we'll be,
And with the saints in glory
Through all eternity.

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OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

A HUNT IN AFRICA
The True Story of a Brave Dog

By Roger Jobson

"Bang! bang!" go the village drums, and everyone is aware that tomorrow there will be a big hunt. All the men that can walk are going, and taking their dogs with them.

Roger Jobson

Next morning all are ready, and among them is a tall brown and white dog, just as much excited as the men, if not more so. His real name is Spot, but the natives cannot pronounce "sp" so they just call him Pot.

All are off for the bush, and as they disappear around the bend of the road, they see another group of hunters going the same direction. After walking two or three miles they see in the distance a mountain on fire. That is where their hunting ground is.

When the natives hunt, they don't start off with a gun on their shoulder, and cartridges in their pockets, but with a large net into which the animals run when the fire chases them from their hiding places. Then the men have bows and arrows to spear them with.

The hunt has begun. Dogs are running wild. Their owners are having a hard time keeping them together. Spot appears to be running after a large rabbit. His owner who is chief Saka, shouts at him to stop and not waste his strength on such a small animal, but to watch for an antelope or buffalo.

The fire is now getting headway. There goes a ground hog! All the dogs run for it, and soon it is speared. There is a big shout, and they try to agree on which dog killed the ground hog.

Soon some shouts—they see a buffalo coming toward the net. The dogs are off. He has escaped—no, there he is at a distance. Soon the buffalo comes running toward the net. He runs into the net, but tears it and is off again. The dogs are after him. Spot is in the lead. Some of the dogs have lost sight of him, but Spot is still on his trail. Now the men again see the animal, and are getting close enough to spear it. They throw their spears, but the buffalo does not fall. Off again in the bush near the river! Spot has hold of his leg now. Into the river they both go, faithful Spot still holding on to him. They spear the buffalo again, as the big monster makes slow headway in the water; and as he plows on a little bit farther, the animal falls over dead.

You ask about Spot? The poor dog was found lying on the ground beside the buffalo, suffering from a broken back. Great was the sorrow of chief Saka. They carried him home and put splints on his back and are taking the best care of him so that he may get well.

A week later I came to see him. True, his back quarters had been badly cracked, but he did not seem to be in pain as I thought he would be. He was overjoyed to see me again, and did not want me to leave him.

. . . Spot is my dog. He was given to me by a French man—a friend of mine. Now Spot is going to get well. However, I believe he will be able to run as fast as he did before, but he is still my faithful old pal.

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WHAT OTHER BOYS AND GIRLS ARE DOING

As you may have heard, we only have two kinds of weather in California: good, and unusual. In other words, if we should happen to have some disagreeable weather, we never dream of calling it bad. It is unusual!

It is so in the Primary-Junior C. E. of the First Brethren Church in Long Beach, Calif. Our weekly meetings are such a blessing that we never dream of calling an "off" Sunday a bad Sunday. Ah, no, it is unusual!

Picture, if you can, a happy group of about 20, from five to eight years of age, seated in a room on the southeast corner of the church. Outside the evening shadows are beginning to fall. Inside the sunlight of God's love still shines.

After standing and repeating Hab. 2:20, different members choose songs and lead them. Eager hands, those of visitors included, fly in hope of being called upon for this honor. The collection is taken, and each one wants the honor of carrying it into the office. Memory work follows. Then each one stands and thanks God for some gift. A lad of six thanks God for the gift of His Son. Another boy of seven recites a verse of Scripture. A blue eyed girl, who has never testified publicly before, rises to her feet, "I thank God for my mother," she says. We thank God too, for it was a start for her and she will have more to say the next time.

Our watch reminds us that it is time for prayer. Everyone kneels and prays as the leader goes from one to the other to help them as they pray. Sometimes the leader calls them by name. Anyone who has been missed quickly makes it known by raising a tiny hand or speaking to the leader.

One evening a little four year old was there for the first time. When the leader knelt beside her for prayer she whispered, "I don't know what to say." The reply was, "Tell the Lord Jesus that you love Him." She paused for a second and then said, "But I don't **know** Him."

There was a sermon tucked away in that child's words. Before we can talk to the Lord Jesus we must truly **know Him.** Thank God that Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word . . . . ye shall know the truth"—"I am the truth." O, that we all might come to truly know Him, and be able to say truthfully, "I love you, Lord Jesus."

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

A THRIVING C. E. IN FREMONT

It was about the first Sunday in February when our C. E. began its historical career. Just two weeks before, our young pastor had arrived to take the helm in our new yet unorganized church. As he saw the enthusiasm of us young people he immediately called a meeting for us to organize a young people's work.

There were about 20 at the first meeting. To many of us it was all new, but the Lord led in our choice of officers. Our president has proven to be one whom it would be hard to excel. His keen interest and sincere devotion has been a real testimony to each of us. He has excellent ability as a Christian leader.

The C. E. lessons in the Herald have been used from the very beginning. We find them interesting and inspiring. Our services are one hour in length. They are always begun with our pre-prayer period. Then we have a rousing song service led by one of our group. The singing could be improved upon, but it is heart sprung and we enjoy it. The Lord, as one of His many blessings, has blessed us by giving us three young people who can accompany at the instrument. The fact that 10 of our group were at Camp Buckeye has brought renewed interest in choruses. All this paves the way for our topic.

Our C. E. is not content with just ordinary services, but we are constantly seeking ways of improving them. At this writing we are expecting to have Miss Cook, a missionary to India, as a speaker one Sunday evening. She is a member of the Moody Memorial Church, and is out in an inter-denominational work. Her original home is near Fremont, and she was baptized in the Brethren Church here several years ago.

We are sponsoring the B.S.L.V. rally to be lead by Brother and Sister Dunning. Thorough plans are being made, and we look for a wonderful service. These plans include definite prayer for the Lord's blessing. We are expecting near 50 young people to attend.

Aug. 25th, we are going to the Old Folks Home to hold our C. E. service. The time will be moved forward enough to allow for getting back to evening worship. A committee is already in charge of this service.

Last Sunday we enjoyed our record attendance. Forty-one young people crowded one half of our small auditorium. This included several young married people. We are longing for the time when we can be in our new church where facilities will enable us to have a departmentalized C. E. Twenty some of our group have been awarded C. E. pins for perfect attendance for 12 consecutive Sundays. Some of these have neared the halfway mark for a gold pin which will be awarded for perfect attendance for one year.

As the future is faced, should our Lord delay His coming, we look earnestly for God's continued richest blessings, and we pray that He will make us worthy of them. Will you join us in prayer for our young folks over the nation? They as we need your prayer.

EDNA TEETS, Secretary.

Junior-Intermediate C. E. Topic for Sept. 8, 1940

By Mrs. Ruth Waymire

ABRAHAM and ISAAC (Heb. 11:8-10).

"Mother," cried Marie as she tossed her books on the table. "There's a Jewish family in the next block, and they have children in our school."

"Well, what's so exciting about that?"

"Why mother, we've never had any Jews before. Geraldine says they're dirty and they work on Sunday and they cheat people."

Just then Paul came in and listened in astonishment. "Aw shucks, sis, I think they're swell. Solly is in our room and he let us play with his new ball. What's the matter with them?"

Mother spoke reprovingly. "Darling, you surely have a very wrong idea about things. These people are Americans, and they are God's people."

"God's people!" cried Marie. "Why they don't even go to church and they don't keep Sunday. I thought they were heathen."

"My dear child, a great many Gentiles don't go to church or keep Sunday or worship God. You surely have forgotten that the Bible was written by Hebrews. Almost all the characters in it are Hebrews. Christ Jesus was a Jew. I will tell you why God chose Abraham out of all the people on earth to be the head of a race of people who should represent Him on the earth.

"Abram lived in Ur of the Chaldees, a rich prosperous city. The people there were wicked and began to serve heathen gods. So God told Abram to leave his country and people and go to a land God would show him. God wanted a people who would love and serve Him through whom He could send His Son when the time came to redeem humanity. God knew just what kind of a man Abram was and what was in his heart. It must have been hard for Abram and his wife to leave all their friends and relatives, but Abram believed and obeyed God.

"Abram became very rich and powerful in the new country. God had promised that his children should be a great nation and as the sands of the sea, and

that in him all the nations should be blessed; but Abram did not even have a son. God changed his name to Abraham, which means father of many nations, and tho he and his wife were old, God sent them a son, Isaac.

(Supply the story of how God told Abraham to offer Isaac and how God provided a ram instead, just as Abraham was ready to sacrifice his son.)

"So you see why Abraham was chosen to be the father of the Hebrew nation and father of the faithful. Because of unbelief the Jews are scattered today —no country, no government, no Savior. But God has promised to restore them and they will again have a home in Palestine. God has promised to bless us if we are good to the Jews, but to curse us if we mistreat them."

"But it is true that they are dirty and don't go to church and cheat people, isn't it?" insisted Marie.

"Don't you know others who are not Jews who are not clean and are dishonest? Of course you do. There are very cultured Jews too. They have their synagogues in which to worship and keep the Sabbath. A great many wonderful doctors, scientists, musicians and educators have been Jews. This anti-Semitic movement is of Satan. He hates the Jews because Jesus was a Jew and will some day destroy him and all his work."

"I'm sorry mother," said Marie, "I just didn't understand. I certainly will tell Geraldine and I will be as nice as I can to Anna who is in our class."

Junior-Intermediate C. E. Topic for Sept. 15, 1940

By Mrs. Ruth Waymire

SAMUEL (1 Sam. 1:27-28; 2:18-19)

"Mother, mother," called Carol. "Isn't Dick going to Juniors? It's almost time."

Mother looked at the clock. "O you've almost a half hour. Where is he?"

"He said he wasn't going tonight, and went over to Bill's."

"Whatever has come over him? He used to like to go when he was a Junior. Now that he's with the Intermediates I thought he'd like it better."

"I think it's because he's about the youngest in the class and thinks he isn't wanted."

Mother phoned Bill's home and soon both boys came in the door looking rather sheepish.

"Better hurry, son, and get ready for the meeting."

"Aw, mom," he growled, "I'm not old enough to do anything anyhow, and besides Bill don't have to go."

Mother looked a little anxious. Bill's parents weren't very regular in church attendance, and allowed Bill to make his own choices pretty often.

"Wash your hands, boys, and I'll fix you some sandwiches, milk and cookies."

While the boys were eating she said quietly, "I want to remind you of a story before you go, but first look at this little plant. See the two shoots, both of them nice and green and both on the same plant. Can you tell me the difference between them?"

Dick examined them curiously and said, "One's nice and straight and the other is bent way over. Can't you straighten it up?"

"No, Dick. The one grew straight and tall because there was nothing between it and the sunlight. The other caught by this little low branch, and grew crooked to get around it. If you try to straighten it up now it might break."

There was a questioning look in the eyes of both boys.

"You see sometimes boys are like that. If they have the right training when they are young, and nothing is allowed to come between them and their Savior, they grow straight and tall both mentally and spiritually. But if they allow things to bar their growth, they sometimes become crooked too."

"But my mother says I'm too young to go to church and Juniors," said Bill.

"Let me tell you about a little boy who began to serve the Lord when he was little more than a baby."

"A baby," cried both boys at once.

"Well just a little more maybe." (Supply the story of how Hannah asked the Lord to send her a son, how she took him to the Lord's house when he was still very young, how God called him, and what God said when he answered.)

"Well, I'm not quite a baby," said Bill, "Maybe I'm too old to start now.

"O no you aren't," said Dick. "I'm going to Juniors and you're going with me."

Mother added, "When God sent other children to Hannah, I think there was still a very special place in her heart for the little son who was away serving the Lord."

"He grew **straight**, didn't he," asked Bill thoughtfully, "because he had a good start. Guess I'd better get started."

"Well come on then," shouted Dick as he grabbed another cookie and started for the door.

C. E. TOPIC FOR SEPT. 8, 1940

Jonah, the First Foreign Missionary

Mat. 12:38-45

Suggestions for the Leader

The Book of Jonah is as important as any Scripture, and has a message for us today. Jesus believed it and put His approval upon it. He used it as an illustration. Jonah became a sign of the resurrection of Christ which was, in many ways, the most important miracle in the Bible. The Book also teaches the true purpose of the Jews as a witness to the Gentiles. It points out that God was not partial in dealing with men.

1. The Man Who Ran Away From God. Jonah 1:1-3.

Jonah actually went in the opposite direction from God's commission. Perhaps he did not want to see the people of Ninevah receive God's mercy because he disliked them. Perhaps he was frightened at the thought of working among these cruel people who

were his enemies. Jonah fled from fellowship with God, but it was impossible for him to flee from God's presence.

2. The Burial of Jonah. Jonah 1:17, 2:1-3, 10.

Unbelievers say that a whale could not swallow a man like Jonah but we know that whales have swallowed barrels. Remember this was a prepared fish to take Jonah back to shore. God was able to take charge of the fish and Jonah. He kept him for the great task of preaching to the sinful people of Ninevah. Our Lord's own resurrection was based upon the truth of Jonah's experience inside the great fish. Nothing is impossible with God. He was able to bring Jonah back to work safely as well as to free the Lord Jesus from the bonds of death.

3. The World's Greatest Evangelist. Jonah 3:1-5.

It was a painful experience for Jonah to learn that he could not run away from God. His success came when he did exactly what God told him to do. He was great because of the marvelous results that followed his preaching. It is a rare thing to hear of an entire city being converted to God. Conversion of Nineveh was real. The wicked people forsook their ways. The fact that a Jew was able to stop a Gentile city on its downward course is the great miracle of the Book. Some day Ninevah will rise up to judge those who disbelieve the story of Jonah.

4. The Man Who Argued with God. Jonah 4:1-11.

It is easy for us to run ahead of God and begin to tell Him what to do. Jonah was not willing that the city of Nineveh should be saved. He had preached that it would be destroyed. He did not want mercy shown to the people. The lesson of the gourd convicted Jonah of selfishness. It proved that God had the right to control things about him. We need to learn that God does not delight in Judgment. He will give every opportunity for confession and adjustment.

Questions

1. Why did Jonah refuse to go to Ninevah at the first call?
2. Why is it important for us to insist upon the truth of the story of Jonah?
3. Do you think that people who do not believe in the miracle of the Book of Jonah will also deny other things in the Scriptures?
4. How was Jonah a sign to Ninevah? Luke 11:30.

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A Man, Named Matthew

Matthew 9:9

Chas. H. Spurgeon (Reprinted from Young People's Witness)

Matthew is here writing about himself. Note his modesty in the expression—"a man, named Matthew," and his omission of the fact that the feast mentioned was held in his house. The story is placed immediately after a miracle, as if to hint that Matthew's conversion was also a miracle. There may be points of likeness also between Matthew's personal story and our own. These may be profitably considered.

1. His Call Seemed Accidental and Unlikely.

Jesus had often been to Capernaum, which he had selected as "His own city;" and yet Matthew remained unsaved. Was it likely that he would now be called? Had not his day of grace closed?

Jesus left many other persons uncalled; was it not highly probable that the taxgatherer would be passed by? Yet Jesus called to Himself this "man, named Matthew," while many another man had no such special call. "He saw a man, named Matthew," for He foresaw him. He knew him, for He foreknew him.

In all of which there is a parallel between Matthew and ourselves.

2. His Call Was Altogether Unthought of and Unsought.

He was in a degrading business. None but the lowest of the Jews would care to be tax-gatherers for the Romans. He was in an ensnaring business. The publicans usually made a personal profit by extorting more than was due. He would not have dared to follow Jesus, even if he had wished to do so. He felt himself to be too unworthy. He would have been repulsed by the other disciples had he proposed to come without the Lord's open invitation. The call was of pure grace.

3. His Call Was Given by the Lord, with full knowledge of him.

He saw all the evil that had been in him and was there yet. He saw his adaption for holy service, as a recorder and penman. He saw all that He meant to make of him. The Lord calls as He pleases, but He sees what He is doing. Sovereignty is not blind: but acts with boundless wisdom.

4. His Call Was Graciously Condescending.

The Lord called "a man, named Matthew"—that was his best. He was a publican—that may not have been his worst.

He allowed such a sinner to be His personal attendant; yea, called him to that honor, saying, "Follow Me." He allowed him to do this immediately, without putting him into quarantine.

5. His Call Was Sublimely Simple.

Few were the words: "Follow Me." Clear was the direction: "Follow Me." Personal was the address: "He saith unto him." Royal was the command: "He saith."

6. His Call Was Immediately Effectual.

Matthew followed at once. He followed spiritually as well as literally. He followed wholly. He followed growingly, more and more. He followed ever after. What a call was this! None could have given it but the Lord.

7. His Call Was a Door of Hope for Others.

His salvation encouraged other publicans to come to Jesus. His open house gave opportunity for his friends to hear Jesus. His personal ministry brought others to Jesus. His written gospel has convinced many, and will always do so.

Bible Questions

Where is God's habitation on earth today? (1 Jn. 4: 12, 13).

What does God require of members of Christ's Church? (Eph. 4:17-32).

What will enable us to fulfill God's will? (1 Cor. 13: 1-13).

THE CULTURED PIG

When Henry Moorehouse was a boy, on a certain occasion he was walking with his father through the streets of Manchester, England. His attention was suddenly called to a man standing before the door of a building, and crying aloud, "Walk in, ladies and gentlemen, and see the great American pig." Having his curiosity aroused, he paid his penny, and entered the building. There sure enough was a wonderful pig, performing feats and giving evidence of an intelligence probably never a pig exhibited before.

At the command of his master he would pick out from the alphabet lying upon the floor, the letters, "G-o-o-d P-i-g." He would also walk about upon his hind legs and shake hands with those who paid him a visit. Moreover he had been washed and scrubbed until he was perfectly clean, and he was dressed in a beautiful garment. Of course he excited the highest admiration, and no one could deny that he was well educated, and well-behaved in every respect. But notwithstanding his remarkable culture, and his attractive appearance, he was still a pig; better off perhaps than most other pigs, and yet after all, only a pig, and a pig he would remain however advanced his learning.

There is no error, amid the perils of these last days, more dangerous, as there is none more shallow and silly, than the notion taught by many, that culture is the way of salvation. Multitudes, by the perusal of the magazines, or of a few books, acquire a smattering of science, and then, like the pig walking on his hind legs, strut around in the conceit of their superior intelligence, that has placed them, they fancy, beyond the need of regeneration by the Holy Ghost, and of the cleansing blood of Christ. Multitudes of others imagine that courtesy, gentility, acquaintance with the fine arts, or regard for the rules of good breeding, will put them on a different footing before God from the position of the uneducated and the vulgar.

The Cutivated Mind at Enmity

But a moment's observation might convince them that the deep-seated enmity against him of the mind of the flesh, and the desperate wickedness of the heart, are often most fully manifested by those who are most highly cultivated. The history of the race since the death and resurrection of his Son proves that a far more bitter opposition, or a far more contemptuous indifference, to the gospel of his grace has generally been shown by the wealthy and educated, than by the poor and ignorant; because the former are more prone to be puffed up with a pride that refuses to humble itself beneath the mighty hand of God.

A moment's observation should also convince them that any degree of culture, mental or moral, must utterly fail to change the nature. An educated pig is still a pig; a conquered tiger is still a tiger. "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" (Matt. 7:16). No; the diligent cultivation of thorns and thistles for a life-time, or for a thousand years, or for eternity, could not produce grapes and figs; and whatever may be done with human nature, it will remain human nature, whether in the palace of a king, or in the cell of a convict; whether amid the retreats of philosophy, or the huts of untutored savages.

It was to a cultivated, refined, moral and even a religious inquirer, Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water (the Word) and of the Spirit, he can not enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (Jn. 3:5-7). It was to those no less accomplished than the society of the present day the inspired apostle wrote, "You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others" (Eph. 2:1-3). The desires of the mind may be as offensive to God as the coarser desires of the flesh, and the most cultivated are by nature the object of his displeasure, even as others.

No Human Remedies

What the nature is in his sight may be inferred from the fact that the Lord Jesus, speaking of the unregenerate, says to his disciples, "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine" (Matt. 7:6). So the Holy Ghost, describing some who had received culture, but not the new nature, tells us, "The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed, to her wallowing in the mire" (2 Pet. 2:22). The sow may be washed, but unless a lamb nature is imparted to it, that shall gain the ascendancy, it will still be a sow, and at the first convenient opportunity will go back to its old ways. "Though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much sope, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord God" (Jer. 2:22).

BIGGER AND BETTER MALE CHORUS at Conference this year. Our Brother Henry Rempel is hereby reminding all the members of the Conference Male Chorus to meet at the Christian Temple on Monday, August 26th at 5 p.m. for a "Warm-Up" rehearsal. Bring your music and be prompt!!!

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The Voice of One Who Wept

By MARTHA SNELL NICHOLSON

Today I heard the voice of one
  Who wept in foreign lands
Because of sin and misery,
  And begged with outstretched hands

For one small lamp to light his dark.
  Now fain I would have slept,
So stopped ears, but in my heart
  That sobbing voice still wept.

And then I heard the voice of One
  Who counted not the cost,
But left His ivory palaces
  To seek and save the lost.

He said, "The voice of one who weeps
  Is coming up to Me;
Hast thou forgot that last command
  Which I gave unto thee

To preach My Word to all the world?" . .
  O, bitter be our shame!
Still hopeless millions walk the earth
  Who never heard His name!

And still the world spends lavishly
  In every crowded amrt,
And still the voice of one who weeps
  Is sobbing in my heart!

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The 51st General Conference of The Brethren Church

By Louis S. Bauman, Editor

The 51st General Conference of The Brethren Church has now become history. Had our conference last year been legally organized under the rules of its Manual of Procedure, this would have been our 52nd General Conference.

The conference met at Winona Lake for reorganization on the morning of August 27th, 1940. Elder Chas. H. Ashman of Whittier was elected as its Moderator. Homer A. Kent, of Washington, D. C. was elected Vice Moderator, and Joseph L. Gingrich of Allentown, Pa. was chosen as our Secretary.

It proved to be one of the best conferences that the writer has ever attended, and we have been attending National Conferences for forty-three years. Looking at it from its spiritual side, its financial returns, its sweetness of fellowship, its enjoyable weather, its largeness of attendance, its unity of thought, its importance of accomplishment, its enthusiasm of spirit, its plans for the future—looking at it any way you will, and all were agreed that the Lord did for us exceedingly abundantly above all we asked or thought—and all this in spite of the fact that it was preceeded by so much of uncertainty.

The conference certainly was a happy foreshadow of conferences ahead, if our Lord shall tarry. Due to much of confusion, uncertainty, lateness of the Call, and various misunderstandings which preceded this conference, for reasons that are well understood, a number of churches failed to have their delegates there, which will have them on hand for the opening of our Conference in the year 1941.

We believe that the Conference of 1941 will prove even greater yet, in its spiritual blessing and definite results for the advancement of the Brethren Church.

The general attendance of Brethren and friends of the Church was one of the largest in all our history. Naturally, the **delegated** body was not as large as it has been for the last several conferences. However, we would much prefer a smaller conference in which the spirit of mere rivalry is absent.

One of the outstanding features of the Conference was the Grace Seminary rally. Over $4500 in cash and pledges were raised for the support of the Seminary during the coming year. This again was "exceedingly above!" Rev. Homer A. Kent and family arrived on the Conference ground this year, bag and baggage, where they will remain, inasmuch as he has resigned his work in Washington, D. C. and is now a permanent member of the seminary staff. This means that the staff of the Seminary is greatly strengthened, and assures a most successful year ahead. The large offering given to Grace Seminary has caused some of its strong and able supporters—men of real vision—to insist that the time has come for even adding another strong man to the facutly staff. We predict that Grace Theological Seminary, although widely known over the United States, is destined for a great future and to do a great work if our Lord shall tarry.

The Women's Missionary Council was most enthusiastic in all of its meetings, due to the most successful year they have had. They wrote a check for the Foreign Board alone amounting to $794.48, and this comes in addition to all that they have previously contributed for the year. Just what their total will be is a matter for later report. We do not have the exact figures, and they were far from confining their good work to foreign missions alone. They reported the organization of seventy societies during the first year of their existence. There will be many more during the coming year.

One of the highlights of the conference was the report of the Home Missions Council. The best year in the work of Home Missions in the Brethren Church, barring none, and, we might say even "away and beyond," was reported. The offerings for the year exceeding their asking, the Council is planning greatly to extend its work. Everywhere groups of Brethren in cities and towns, where Brethren Churches have never before existed, are applying for financial and

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ministerial help, so that Brethren Churches may be established in said cities and towns.

R. Paul Miller, our efficient Home Missions Secretary, reported that the need for men who can build churches is greater even than our need for funds. It almost makes one weep to think that a few years ago some of our leading brethren suggested that the organization of Grace Seminary might prove to be a producer of more Brethren ministers than could possibly find "jobs." After all, a real Brethren preacher never thinks of his work as a "job." It is a **calling,** under God, to labor in His vineyard; and there never, in all the history of the Christian Church, has been a surplus of workmen in the vineyard of our Lord.

The Foreign Missionary Society will later publish the Treasurer's Report, and, it will likewise prove to be one of the best reports in the history of the Foreign Missionary Society, in spite of war conditions that vitally effect our African work, and denominational troubles that have greatly hindered our progress in the Argentine field. When the foreign missionary money (that has been held, for reasons that are well understood, in the treasuries of the local churches) is all turned into the Foreign Missionary Society treasury, we feel assured that our offering will go beyond the $40,000 mark, which assures the continued progress of our foreign work. Only a few years ago, $40,000 was a goal beyond our dreams. The treasurer's report, when published later, will be placed before all the members of the society, as heretofore.

A New Name

An agreement between the "Ashland College Group" of Brethren Churches, and the "Grace Seminary" Group of Brethren Churches, was effected during conference week, whereby confusion of name in our general conference work will be avoided in the future.

"The Ashland Group" will continue its national conference work under the title—**"The National (or, General) Conference of Brethren Church."** The Grace Seminary Group" will continue its work under the name of **"The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches."** The latter "Group," in taking this change of name, acted within the legal right of any organization to change its name. In other words, "The 51st National (or, General) Conference of The Brethren Church," without forfeiting any rights it may have had under said title, and considering itself duly organized for the proper authorization of said action, changed its title, and will assemble next year as "The 52nd Fellowship of Brethren Churches."

Upon the agreement of our Conference to use this new name to designate our "Grace Seminary Group" of Brethren Churches, the "Ashland College Group" of Brethren Churches assembled at Ashland, O. agreed to surrender all claim to the name, the assets, and the control of "The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church," over which there has been contention, fears, and doubts.

"The Ashland College Group" of Brethren Churches will do their foreign missionary work under the direction of "The General Missionary Board of The Brethren Church," better known in years gone by as "The National Home Missionary Board of The Brethren Church." By this action, Elder Claude Studebaker becomes the President, and Elder Dyoll Belote becomes the "Office Secretary," who will presumably directly have charge of the foreign missionary activities of the "College Group" of Churches. We pray God's blessing to rest upon them in making Christ and His salvation known to all the children of men.

In a later issue, the full story of this important matter, together with the resolutions passed by both conferences, will be published for the information of all Brethren people.

One other matter is worthy of mention here. The committee appointed to care for the publishing of the Brethren Missionary Herald this past year, made its report, and once again it was "exceedingly above!" The thanks of the Brotherhood must be extended to Elder Leo Polman, of Ft. Wayne, for the success of our publishing work. This work was in the state of flux that precedes organization; and yet, in spite of that, it came through with flying colors. 2200 paid subscriptions are upon its mailing lists. Debts have been liquidated. The Brethren Missionary Herald has been popularized among our people. The financial report of the committee was more than satisfactory. The organization of the work was effected at the conference, and another very successful year for this work is predicted. There will be more publicity concerning this work later.

All Sunday School work, the Christian Endeavor work—**everything** went forward with an enthusiasm that knew no bounds. The greatest year in the history of the Brethren Church is ahead of us. A fuller and more detailed report we will be expecting soon from those in charge. This report has gotten into this early issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald, because of the patience and willingness of our good Brother Foye B. Miller, who has the printing and publishing of this paper in charge, to work day and night. We thank you, Brother Miller.

The Treasurer's Annual Report

We regret that we are unable as yet to publish our Annual Report. We had an Annual Report made out, and presented it to the Foreign Board at its meeting at Winona Lake on August 24th. However, the report was so incomplete, due to the fact that so many have not yet sent in their Easter offerings, that we felt it would be very unfair, not only to the churches, but to our Society, to publish the same at this time. However, we are assured that our denominational troubles will be ironed out so that we can gather all the outstanding funds into our treasuries, at which time a full and complete report will be printed and sent to all the members of the Society.

Thus, the fiscal year will be extended at least three months, if not a bit longer, by order of the Board of Trustees.

THE STORY OF "LOROR"

By MRS. FLORENCE N. GRIBBLE, M. D., Yaloke, O. C., F. E. A.

(On April 24, 1940 an epileptic woman was brought to the hospital at Yaloke. Abandoned by her family, carried from village to village by a "banda," a native fishing net, doubtless scantily fed, she arrived exhausted and emaciated from her hundred mile journey. In her semi-maniacal state, she had but few lucid intervals. But on April 25, the Lord Jesus spoke to her through Louis Tiouane, a native nurse in training; and in that very hour she accepted the Lord. On April 26, she died suddenly, her death being the culmination of the neglect and abuse of years—snatched as a brand from the burning, she is with her Lord. In order to portray vividly her actual story we are endeavoring to fictionize it, as so many of the details of her life, only the last few days of which she was under our care, must be imagined . . . . Author's note.)

Loror's Birth and Early Childhood

Night had fallen upon the village of Gomoloungou near to Boali. Many of the villagers were asleep in their thatched huts, with doors fast closed to guard against leopards or human marauders. But there was a stir in the center of the village. Some of the older **women** were gathered together, officiating at the birth of a child.

Dr. Gribble

The mother was one of the many wives of Lembe. The child was the third she was bringing to Lembe. Already he had a stalwart son, and a buxom daughter. Then Delihona, the little mother had "left bearing." And now there was joy in the midst of pain, for a child was being born. Either a boy or girl would be welcome—the boy because of hoped-for future prowess, the girl because of the dowry she would bring. The mother's arms no longer empty, the mother heart no longer grieved because of that natural depreciation of a husband's esteem which comes when children are few—or none.

But the child of her old age was small and puny, not fair to look upon as the elder children had been. It cried incessantly and would not be satisfied, even at its mother's breast.

"Call it "Loror," or "Losso," said the midwife scornfully. "Loror," **Mud!** "Losso," **Rubbish!**

"Surely mud is better than rubbish," thought the disappointed mother, and "Loror" she became.

She grew slowly. She learned to walk awkwardly. She was unsought by lovers, for wooing takes place early in Banou land, and none were willing to give the "bride price" for just **mud.** She who had brought disappointemnt at birth and unhappiness during her childhood, not only to her parents, but to the village and herself, was to bring upon them another calamity.

All the world fears that dread disease epilepsy—the first "falling"—how it brings consternation to family and village alike! As in Bible times, so in Africa, it is "ofttimes into the fire" that the poor epileptic falls, and one series of burns and contractures succeeds another, until trunk and limbs are drawn into hideous contortions.

Girlhood

Ushered in so inauspicously, Loror's girlhood was even sadder than that of other girls in Banou land. Unloved, unsought, worse than that, feared and hated because of her great suffering, her loneliness and fear aggravated her malady. The domoniacal cries which so often accompany her disease were frequently heard in her village. For her sake it seemed the whole village was cursed. African flesh and blood cannot long endure such a condition. In the old days she would have been discarded to die in the brush.

But into the village of Gomoloungou the gospel's light is shining dimly. It is the dim gray light of early dawn, when the villages "see men as trees walking." At Yaloke, a hospital! There she would not be turned away. The family determined to send her there. Only a mother's love demurred, but who in Africa listens to a mother's plaintive voice? Small wonder that she demurred, for father and brother would not think of carrying her one hundred miles! Only to the next village!

And so they carried her, father and son, the fishing net swung upon a pole like a hammock. In the dim twilight they started; in full darkness they arrived, and well knowing that the villagers would not receive her, placed the hammock on the ground and fled, leaving her to announce her arrival by her own cries.

Torn between fears, she cried aloud. The chief ordered an investigation, and being himself touched by the gospel—had not his son been healed at Yaloke? —ordered two of his own villagers to carry her to the next village. So, travelling practically day and night, with little food and scant rest, sent forth with a new relay of porters as soon as her arrival in a village was made known, she finally arrived at the hospital. What a joy it must have been to be received, bathed, fed, given a room and bed!

Yaloke

Only 48 hours to live! But there was something different about these last 48 hours of her life. Even to her imprisoned spirit there crept the gentle message of love! Why **did** these people care for her?

The morning after her arrival she was able to comprehend the gospel message. So that Savior of her village home, that Savior died for her, an epileptic. a woman, an outcast! To understand was to receive; to receive was to love; and her darkened soul was born again, for—"every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God!" By a miracle her clouded mind had been enlightened **just** to receive Him!

Soon she lapsed into a semi-stupor, quickly followed by unconsciousness and—**death! Death,** did we say? No, **life,** life everlasting. Shall we not praise God for the dawn of a brighter day for Oubangui Chari? Shall we not pray for the mission in all its departments, not forgetting the hospital and dispensary?

OUT OF DARKNESS INTO THE LIGHT

By JUAN B. PISANI, Pastor Brethren Missions Tancacha and Hernando, Argentina

By means of these lines, I desire to present to my readers a personal and intimate experience, which, 20 years ago, was wrought in me by the grace of God, Naturally, to relate it now will be somewhat different from what it would have been if told at that time.

It is helpful to cast a retrospective glance, when the object of such a look is to make us think on the merciful divine providence, and to bring us to the comprehension and realization of His purposes in our lives. Therefore, it is with great satisfaction and joy that, after 20 years, I tell how I came to know the Lord.

Some 22 years ago, for the first time, I heard something of the gospel. Now I think and say, when I observe persons being converted: "What varied and distinct experiences and different ways worked together in the divine providence to bring us to one single point, to know the great love of God to have sent His beloved Son 'to seek and to save that which was lost'." Therefore, when I look backward, I am unable to do anything else but praise the precious name of my blessed Savior who died on the cross, finishing the work of salvation and redemption of our souls.

In the year 1910 my parents, who were farmers, settled in the Province of Cordoba some nine miles from Cabrera. Nothing of importance, at least that I remember, happened in that lapse of time until Christmas of the year 1918. During those months of the winter of that year I had attended a school on a neighboring farm. I had made friends with several children there and we visited each other regularly. As Christmas drew near, the Sunday School in Cabrera organized a social outing (Christmas comes in summer down here). The outing was under the direction of Mr. Cayetano Spring, and the place chosen was the very farm where I had gone to school. When the other children heard about it, they communicated the news to me. As it had to do with a holiday and a good time, I anxiously awaited the appointed date, although at that time I knew nothing of what it was to be like since the gospel was for me something entirely new. I was, at that time, 14 years of age, and what I saw and heard remained engraved on my mind in such a way that now, after more than 20 years, it seems to me that I can hear and see all the numbers of the program, which, in the main, had as its purpose the presentation of the gospel. At the close of the program, Mr. Spring, mentioned above, talked with my father who had accompanied me, recommending to him the reading of the Bible. He told him that if he had no Bible and wanted one, he would gladly sell him one. My father asked me if I would like to read it. As I enjoyed reading, I told him yes. In this way I came to possess my first Bible without knowing at that time the valuable content of the Book.

As I went on reading it, and at the same time attended Sunday School and some other meetings, the truth slowly penetrated my heart. I came to understand that I was a lost sinner, and that the Lord Jesus had come to seek and to save that which was lost. Some two years later I passed from death to life. Thanks to the Lord! At the beginning of the year 1921 I publicly gave my testimony, passing through the waters of baptism. Through these years the grace of God has not been in vain in my life. As He has led me through the varied experiences of the Christian life, one desire has possessed me, which is, has to be, the desire and purpose of every believer in Christ: to announce the virtues of that One who has called us "out of darkness into His marvelous light."

A meeting at Tancacha where Bro. Pisani is now pastor.

I close, taking as mine, the vision and desire of the Christian poet who wrote:

"I will serve Jesus preaching the light,
And joyful with Him I will live.
He gives me protection and free salvation,
In the conflict firm I shall stand."

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The Christian Answer to Communism and Fascism

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Beasts and Ideals

Somebody has said that in evaluating social movements, it is essential to take them out of their theoretical cages, out of the books, and observe how they work in life, because all beasts behave nicely and are lots of fun, so long as they are kept locked inside their barred cages. But just permit those wild creatures to escape into the open, and what happens is no more fun but stark tragedy. So it is, also, with ideals. Kept safely in cages of bound volumes, they are worlds of fun to speculate about, but just release them into mass-movements in social action, and they turn into beasts of prey devouring and destroying mankind.

Two Great Mass-Movements

We shall, therefore, study the two great mass-movements of our time, Communism and Fascism, not so much in theory, but much more in their practical manifestations and actual fulfilment.

First we shall discuss Communism, in its most important phases, as a philosophy, in its general view on the universe, also as a system of politics and a structure of economics.

Communist Philosophy

The philosophy of Communism, that is its view on the ultimate reality of the universe and the underlying nature of society, is grounded in dogmatic materialism. It assumes that the core and essence of the world as a whole is purely material, consisting of nothing but sheer matter; soulless, impersonal physico-chemical particles or elements. Also, man, in himself, or in his relationship with his fellows, is no more than a material entity. As such he is motivated above all by sheer biological instincts and drives, and socially by the determinants of economic interests.

It is obvious, however, to anyone who thinks beneath the surface that materialism is utterly untenable as an explanation and interpretation of reality. For how can material forces, or themselves, without the capacities of mind or spirit, having nothing in them of direction of purpose, how can they produce an order of coherent (universal) unity? How can that which is blind give birth to sight? How can a dark force, sprung from blind chaos, set the sun and stars shining with glorious splendor? How can wandering, stumbling chance become the immovable pillar upon which is grounded the sovereignty of casual law? And coming closer to humanity—how can the aimless drive of evolution rise from instinctive animalism to the self-determined will of a classless society of perfect freedom (which is the final stage of Communism)? Can you imagine animals establishing a free, self-determined, society? Sheer matter knows nothing of freedom. And man and society, motivated only materially or materialistically, that is, selfishly or animalistically, can never attain a society of freedom, an ideal society of righteousness and justice!

Communist Terror Politics

Yet how does Communism attempt to bring about an ideal society of freedom? How does it go about it? It resorts to the hyper-potent magic of a newly-devised political apparatus, a supreme monopoly of power, the most ruthless machinery of repression and suppression welded into the mightiest organization of concentrated force and violence. Yes, violence, not sporadic and individual, but continuous and persistent as a mass expression controlled from above: organized force and violence as the prime mover of historic progress. A class machine of power—the Soviet Super-State — the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. What is that? You establish a regime that can be compared only with the bondage of Egypt, and thus you pave the way for the ultimate classless society of perfect freedom. Is it not precisely like attempting to produce a race of high order geniuses by means of intensive breeding of very low rate imbeciles?

What is the dictatorship of the Proletariat? It is, supposedly, the exclusive rulership of the working class,—which should mean the overlordship over society of the **under-dogs,**—the submerged emerging to the top. But what do we see, in actuality, in the Soviet Union? Is the working class in control? Absolutely not! Instead of a dictatorship of the Proletariat, they have **a dictatorship of the Commissariat**

A HYMN FOR OUR DAY

By D. P. McGeachy

Out of the loathsome ways of war,
Out of the hate's increase
Out of the lusts Thy saints abhor,
Lead us, O Prince of Peace!

Out of the scorn of race for race,
Out of the pride of clan,
Out of all limitings of grace,
Lead us, O Son of Man!

Out of the grasping and the greed,
Out of the selfish strife,
Out to the help our brothers need,
Lead us, O Bread of Life!

Out of the ways the brute may know,
Out of the yoke and rod,
Out to the roads where God would go.
Lead us, O Son of God!

over the Proletariat. A red bureaucracy runs the country. A small portion of the working class, the aristocracy of labor, is dragooned into the ranks of the ruling Communist party which is the power behind the long moribund Soviet facade of the state apparatus. The Central Committee, self-perpetuated, bosses the party. The Political Bureau dictates to the Central Committee. At the head of the Political Bureau, controlling it with an iron hand, stands the "Man of Steel," Joseph Stalin—the super under-top dog!

Thus, a system of terror politics is supposedly the means for ushering in the ultimate perfect classless society. What a paradox! The actual outworking of this paradox is a merry-go-round of perpetual purges, climaxing in the purging of the purgers and the even Herod-like purging of children who are not yielding the requisite quota of spying upon their parents . . .

Communist Economics

Let us now pass to the sphere of Communist economics. This is best expressed in one term—collectivism. All wealth has been collectivized or nationalized; and private property in the means of production and distribution has been abolished. Has the Soviet established a basis for economic equality? Not at all! In the Soviet today we find a mammoth pyramid (like under old-time Capitalism) of successive social categories in respect to wages, and salaries, piecework and bonuses. The average worker gets 150 rubles a month, while the professional specialist gets four thousand rubles a month. So where is the equality? Whatever equality there be, it is an equality in poverty, but certainly not in riches.

And how could it be otherwise, when the ideal of economic democracy is being realized by means of a political autocracy?

Actually, Soviet Collectivism, regimented from the top, is just another tyrannical economic machine, running parallel with, and under control of the political machine, of the Slave State.

Thus, over against the so-called jungle of unrestricted capitalist individualism stands the even more odious prison camp of regimented Collectivism. The question arises whether Collectivism, in its form of bureaucratic regimentation, may not turn out to be a sort of universal tribalism, bringing about the utter subjugation of **man** to the **clan,** on a world-wide scale?

Fascism a Copy of Communism In a Different Color

We now turn to Fascism. There is not much to be said about it in the way of originality. It is essentially a copy of Communism, in a different color. Instead of Communism's **class struggle,** Fascism pushes to the fore the **race struggle.** Different races, different colors. Different nations, different shades of color. But what is the heart of Fascism?

In their ideals, or ideology, in their theoretical aims, the Fascists also aim very high. For there never was a mass-movement that did not professedly aim high. The core of the Fascist idea is that nations should become self-sufficient (those unable to be self-sufficient are sub-nations to be ruled by the over-nations). What Communism would achieve by internationalism, by creating a mankind united or a World Soviet, the Fascists would achieve by Autarchyism (national or racial self-sufficiency), climaxing in a racial world empire . . . They, also, at times proclaim the ideal of peace, in words. But meantime they are possessed by a mania of militarism. The Fascists, in this respect also, are like the Communists, who the more they speak of peace, the more they dream of war. (Has not the last great war produced Bolshevism? and will not the next great war produce the world revolution?)

And the strange mystery of the thing is that, with all their seeming irreconcilable hatred to one another, they have a great core of identity, both in their politics and economics, increasingly so in their economics.

Fascism Is Communism From the Top

Is it possible that, in essence, Fascism is Communism from the top, while Communism is Fascism from the bottom?

The world is beginning to wonder whether Hitler is not the champion of a Brown Bolshevism? And whether Mussolini is not aiming to achieve a black Bolshevism? They are both already on a rampage of confiscation of private property. The capitalists in Germany today find (to their great sorrow) that they are no longer owners, but merely agents working in technical positions for the Absolute State. It is so also in Italy. And so it is also beginning to be,

How to Give

CHEERFULLY:
"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

PROPORTIONATELY:
"As God hath prospered."

SYSTEMATICALLY:
"On the first day of the week."

REGULARLY:
"Lay by in store."

SCRIPTURALLY:
"Bring ye all the tithe."

LOVINGLY:
"Not grudgingly."

BLESSEDLY:
"It is more blessed to give."

2 Cor. 9:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; Mal. 3:10; 2 Sam. 24:24; Acts 20:35.

—Gospel Messenger

even in Japan. It is military necessity which is bolshevizing Fascism. On the other hand, Stalin is beginning to produce a Fascist Bolshevism!

Now let us state the further deduction. **If Fascism is Communism from the top, and Communism is Fascism from the bottom then Communism is but International Fascism, and Fascism is but National Communism . . .**

Satanic Incarnations

It is amazing to see how much they have in common. They both are fanatical believers in organized force and violence as the lever of progress. The Fascist party is only a copy of the Communist party. In both cases what we observe is a militarization of politics. In practice, the distatorship of the Fascist party is only a disguised dictatorship of the leader, the Duce, the Fuehrer, which means the dictatorship of the all-highest-top-dog—a perfect parallel to the Communist rule in the form of the Caucasian dagger made flesh, in the person of Joseph Stalin, the Red Fuehrer.

As to their ideologies, they have plenty in common. They both hate God. They are both Satanic incarnations, only in different colors: red, black and brown. Fascist philosophy is brazenly pagan. Communist philosophy is brazenly atheistic, God-denying and God-hating. They both hold in common the principle of the near-deification of the leader, of the superman, which must needs mean man against God—Man independent of and opposed to God. . .

Thus, we see the three systems of our day arrayed against one another: Capitalism, Communism and Fascism—Capitalism covertly pagan, Fascism covertly pagan, Communism militantly atheistic—But all three based on the recognition of the paramount value of force, of success—the worship of go-getterism, of survivalism. Darwinism **uber alles** . . . "The survival of the fittest," which is very often the survival of the slickest, of the most unscrupulously ruthless. Basically, as systems, they worship power—and glorify envy, jealously and rivalry.

"Drive your competitor out of existence! Undersell him and starve him!" roars the ambitious Capitalist.

"Shoot, imprison and exile!" yelp the Communists and Fascists.

But what does Christianity say?

The Christian Answer

Christianity speaks the words of Jesus, saying: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you."

For true Christianity is diametrically opposed to both Communism and Fascism. It is opposed to Fascism's doctrine of racism rooted in blood and soil. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever (of any race or nation) believeth on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." It is also opposed to Communism, not so much to its avowed aims, but to its abominable method of force and violence. For Christianity finds the panacea to all human ills in only one thing—in **love**, the miracle of Christ's love resurrected in the hearts of men. God's miracle of love for a fallen humanity, bringing Him down from heaven to incarnate in flesh and bear the sins of all—to be crucified and be resurrected. The answer of Christianity is the power of love, operative through our faith in the Son of God Who "loved us and gave Himself for us."

The blood of Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary is the universal solvent of all our problems. He was "the Way, the Truth and the Life." Yea, Christ's blood is the genuine alchemy for the transmuting of man, the captive of Satan, into the loving and loved child of God.

For only as children of God, and not as a species of animality, can we truly love one another and expel all the hatred from our hearts.

I was a man of hate, and by the grace of Christ I am become a man of love. I was a man of curses, and through the grace of Christ I am become a man of prayer.

Just imagine if, instead of Karl Marx's Communist "Manifesto" preaching class hatred, and Adolph Hitler's "Mein Kampf" inciting race hatred, St. Paul's **I Cor. 13** would be read every day in all the public schools of Russia, Italy and Germany! How different things would be!

What is the gist of the Christian answer?

It is: **"In the beginning God."** All our strivings must have God motivating them, to bring about a true realization of any worth while ideal. "For unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it." And that means that if there is ever to be achieved on earth an ideal society of the brother-

"In the Light of the Promises"

(Psalms 2:8)

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He entered his closet and shut the door.
God entered a city and saved a score!

He went to his knees and "stood" on the Word.
God went among rulers! Great kingdoms were stirred!

He lifted his voice, just pleading the blood.
God lifted a standard on high from the flood!

He spoke to the Father, refusing to fret.
God spoke, and the needs of a thousand were met!

He entered his closet. He quietly spoke.
But lo! who can tell what his prayers did provoke!

A brief, little season—a wee, little hour—
And God, with His wisdom and mercy and power,

Was able to move in such marvellous ways,
That ages eternal shall ring with His praise!

hood of men, it will not be brought about otherwise than under the Fatherhood of God! Only as children of One Father can we become united in a true brotherhood.

God's Law of Love

And if under God, it must be under God's law of love, and not under the lawlessness of hatred, which is the rule of Satan who is the power of evil!

God's law of love, applied with utmost earnestness, gave victory to original Christianity. The Christians of the first centuries overcame all opposition and won the world to their cause, "not by might nor by power but by the spirit of Christ." The Christians were thrown into the mouths of lions; they were sewn into the skins of snakes and were cast into the stormy sea to be drowned. Yet they conquered Rome and Athens, the mighty kingdoms and empires of the time. How? Certainly not with forceful weapons which, beside all else, they were too poor to have among their very meager possessions. Indeed, they had no weapons other than their prayers. They converted their persecutors by loving them. They went to their doom with hymns and songs, without a murmur of hate but with a sincere prayer of forgiveness for their executioners. And love, feeble at first, finally conquered the very worst enemies of Christianity. And paganism surrendered, not to force, but to Christ's divine law of love.

Christian Politics

Christian politics must be based on the law of love and self-sacrifice. Said Paul: "Bear ye one another's burdens and thus fulfil the Law of Christ (Gal. 6:2). Again Paul said: "Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them" (Heb. 13:3). This means that Christians are to consider themselves in bonds when they see others held in bonds, in slavery, in any form of oppression. Such is the core of real Christian politics.

Christian Economics

What about Christian economics?

It can neither endorse the jungle of unrestrained capitalist individualism (in both its chaotic competitive and despotic monopilistic forms), nor can it approve of the prison camps of Soviet regimented Collectivism, nor can it at all countenance the concentration camps of the Fascist racial community of blood and soil (the blood of the battlefields and the soil of the cemeteries . . .). We as Christians may, however, recognize a definite measure of good in competitive individualism, as well as in Collectivism-**Totalitarianism.** But these principles have to be redefined, as such individualism and Collectivism represent the operation of the cosmic forces of repulsion and attraction, of atomism and massism. In the physical cosmos they are held in a perfect balance directly by the all-controling hand of the Creator. In society, which is a social **cosmos,** these apparently irreconcilable opposites must be brought into a unity, under God, by the sweet influence of Christian love.

In fact, individualism and Collectivism contain each an invaluable attribute of life. Personality is the flower of individualism, and sociality is the healthy

THINK IT OVER

Every man has a better right to hear the gospel once than any man has to hear it twice.

kernel of Collectivism. God deals with each individual soul separately, ("the soul that sinneth it shall die"); but also in its group relationship, "for we are members one of another" (Eph. 4:25). Foremost, Christianity has its axis and center, it moves, lives and has its being, in a Supreme Personality—the divine-human Person of Jesus Christ, the God-Man. On the other hand, "We, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another" (Rom. 12:5); and again Paul says, "Ye are called in one body" (Col. 3:15). Hence individuality and communality, combined through the miracle of love, only will give reality to a Christian economics and will make possible the achievement of a Christian social order.

But can the Christian social order ever be attained? It would require infinitely more than all the great social changes heretofore observed in history. All those so-called "revolutions" were fundamentally only exterior rearrangements or anly external transformations, effecting human relationships on the outside, in the matter of ownership of things which are external, etc.; producing in most cases only a mechanical shift of power from one class to another; but not involving an utter change in character motivation, in the inner soul of man, in the inner drives and impulses of the heart. All things have been changing round about men, and even a sort of plastic surgery has been applied to him by the sciences, changing and refining his looks and manners. But has the heart of man changed to any basis degree? Not at all! Science cannot change the human heart, for at best science is unmoral; and at its worst it is immoral, and even anti-moral, and often it becomes a truly Satanic tool in alienating man, through pride, from God and equipping him with monstrous engines of destruction, which are about to turn the earth into an annex to hell in the imminent slaughter of nations, the suicidal mania of the race about to vent itself in a bloody spectacle for "Satan in his glory"!

Science Will Not Avail

No, science will not avail; not the science we know of, which is boasting of its independence from God and even turning into a self-worship—an egolotry or sociolatry, at any rate—an idolatry of reason. But alas! the "age of reason," ushered in by the enlightenment of the guillotine and the red terror of the French Revolution and perfected by the Cheka enlightenment of the Soviet, and by the Gestapo propa-

ganda and enlightenment of the Third Reich; yea, the "age of reason" is rapidly turning into an age of madness!

A New-Birth Society

No science as we know it, will not avail. When Nicodemus, the highly intellectual member of the Supreme Court of Jerusalem (the Sanhedrin) came to Jesus, he was told nothing about the beatitudes of his refined intellect nor how many more books he is supposed to read; "But Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (Jno. 3:3). A man must be **born again.** This is the real revolution—the new birth revolution! If man has to be born again, society also has to be born again, through faith in the Son of God. Only new-birth men will make up a new-birth society; that is, the real kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God Necessitates a King

But the real crucial question is: "How can there be a kingdom without a King?" The kingdom of God presupposes at the head of it the actual presence of Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and the King of kings.

Prophetic Preparation

We have to prepare for the coming of the King, and there is no better preparation than evangelization, especially Jewish evangelization . . . And we have also the signs of the times, which in a multitude of ways, point to the nearing of the end of this age. But the preparation is manifold; and no doubt it also demands of us greater consecration in service toward our fellow men, by advocating more ardently the principles of the Kingdom and giving them already some limited try-out.

Did not the prophets of Israel, in their day, know for a surety that the society of their people and their country is doomed, and that the Messiah is coming? They certainly foreknew the fate of their nation, and that the Messiah is to come. Yet they fought most fearlessly and untiringly for righteousness and justice and against unrighteousness and injustice. And so must we! Christ is coming! And this is all the more of a reason why we should be doing what He would want us to do, as He did when "He went about doing good."

The pattern is before us in the words of the Lord Jesus, Who said:

"I am the good Shepherd: the good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep . . . Therefore doth My Father love me, because I lay down My life that I might take it again. No man taketh it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself" (Jno. 10:11,17,18).

The first Christians took the words of the Lord Jesus as a rule to live by, and as a sacred cause to die for. They remembered His words which He spoke, saying: "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jno. 15:12,13). And they also remembered His password to the kingdom, namely that "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (Jno. 13:35). Pliny the Younger, being governor of a distant province, wrote to the Roman Emperor, complaining about the spread of the Christians despite all persecution; and the strangest feature about them he could point out was that "they so love one another." That really was the secret of the contagion which conquered the world.

Victory of Christianity Over Communism and Fascism

Communism and Fascism, the atheism and neo-paganism of our era, can be conquered by Christianity, if it again will use against them not their weapons of hatred and revenge, but the blessed instrumentality of divine love stemming from Christ's miracle of love, all-redeeming, all-resurrecting!

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love" (2 Tim. 1:17).

Communism and Fascism are possessed by a love for power. True Christianity stands for the power of love. And **"love never faileth"** (I Cor. 13:8).

INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT

SAYLOR, Edward Lowell, was born on Sept. 18, 1900 at McPherson, Ky. He spent his childhood and early years at Ramona, Kan., where he received his elementary and high school training. He then attended McPherson College, Kan., where he graduated with an A.B. degree, and subsequently graduated from the Medical school at Kansas University in 1925. He spent his internship at Western Pennsylvania Hospital at Pittsburg, Pa. He was asked by Dr. Wahl, dean of the Kansas University Medical School and head of the department of Pathology, to become an assistant in that department at Bell Memorial Hospital of Kansas University in Kansas City.

Following his work in Kansas City Dr. Saylor served as pathologist at Missouri Methodist Hospital in St. Joseph, Mo.; Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich.; Kilmer Pathological Laboratories in Binghampton, N. Y.; the State Department of Health, Albany, N. Y.; and since 1931 has been Director of Laboratories and Pathologist in charge of City Hospital in Akron, Ohio.

At the time of his death Dr. Saylor was a member of the American Pathological Society, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, the American Medical Association and state and local societies. On June 6, 1940, as a result of the radio ministry of the undersigned over station WJW in Akron, Dr. Saylor united with the First Brethren Church of the Ellet District of Akron, Ohio. While our relationship was brief in time it was sweet and rich in fellowship and love. Severe indeed is the pain caused by the untimely decease of our beloved brother in Christ, but heaven has been made more real and precious with the passing of this loved one into the presence of our Savior.

Dr. Saylor was married to Leta Mae Jewell, daughter of Mrs. W. A. Jewell of St. Joseph, Mo., on Nov. 16, 1930. They made their home first in Albany, N. Y. and then in Akron, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife of 313 Castle Blvd., Akron; his mother, Mrs. J. H. Saylor of Marion, Kan., one brother, Dr. L. L. Saylor of Topeka, Kan.; and one sister, Mrs. Glen Releford of Iola, Kan. A brother, Harold Wesley Saylor, died in 1908 at the age of four years, and his father, Dr. J. H. Saylor, also preceded him in death at Marion, Kan. in 1938.

A brief service was conducted in Akron by the undersigned, at which service a large number of the physicians and surgeons from the city were present, attesting to the high respect in which Dr. Saylor was held in his profession in the city. The body was then taken to St. Joseph, Mo. for interment, following suitable service in his wife's home city.

R. E. GINGRICH.

GLEANINGS FROM MISSIONARIES' LETTERS

Mrs. Ricardo Larson Wagner writes us from Almafuerte, Argentina, and her letter indicates that, even as in all other mission lands in these unhappy days missionaries are not finding their tasks growing easier. The whole world is entering into the "gross darkness (Isa. 60:2) that is to preceed the return of our Lord. In the night, we must continue our testimony until He come. And, it shall not be in vain.—L.S.B.

Mrs. Wagner

I would like to write you glowing accounts of great progress, but I can't. I sometimes wonder if the trouble is with us, and I plead with the Lord for more wisdom and yieldedness to Him. I am inclined to believe, however, that the condition we have here is pretty general. When Murillo was here, he told us that the apostate condition of churches in general makes him tremble. The indifference of the great majority of people to things spiritual is appalling. Even those who understand that we are offering them the truth, reject it because of business or social obligations, or anything else in which they happen to be interested. So Argentina, right along with the rest of the world, is getting ripe for final judgment.

Nevertheless, we have reason to rejoice and praise the Lord. There are still more doors open than we can possibly occupy. The family of believers in Corralito is asking for meetings there. The two girls who have had mental attacks are both home again. The one is completely restored, and the other is so much improved that she suffers no ill effects from being in even large gatherings. The three members of the family who have not been baptized have been touched by the trials through which they have passed and have, on informal occasions, expressed their faith in the Lord as Savior.

We had the Bible Coach with us a week here in Almafuerte. There were fairly good crowds, in spite of the special features on in the Catholic Church at the same time (they were getting ready to celebrate the day of the patron saint of the town). Two young men accepted Christ in the closing service. The Bible Coach workers held meetings three nights in each of the other two towns, and also reached out to three other points while there. The attendance was reported as fair—not all that could be desired. At the close of the campaign, we observed the Lord's supper and communion in Berrotaran. We were 24 at the table, representing our four preaching points, and also Rio Cuarto; for Brother Dowdy and the two Coach workers were present. While we were sorry that a number of our faithful members were obliged to be absent, we did have a blessed time in this meeting."

1940 DAILY VACATION BIBLE CLASS AT RITTMAN, OHIO

Rev. L. L. Grubb, Pastor

Upper Left—The Primary Class; Upper Right—Beginners; Center—The Faculty; Lower; Left — Intermediate; Lower Right—Juniors.

THE CHRISTIAN AND THE OATH

Report of special committee on "The Oath," adopted by the conference of Brethren Churches of Southern California convened in regular session, July 20-28, 1940 at Long Beach, Calif.

It is common in the Old Testament to find the use of the oath associated with the assertion of truth in the presence of God and involving an appeal to the penal justice of God if the truth has not been spoken or the promise kept. The most common Hebrew word for "swearing" and for "oath" is "shebah" meaning "seven." Not only is this recognized as the sacred perfect number, but it is possible the earliest ritual accompanying swearing may be involved in the word. The sworn covenant between Abraham and Abimelech, concerning the well at Beer-sheba, (well of seven), recorded in Gen. 21:22-31, appears to confirm this interpretation.

During the patriarchal days the oath was specially emphasized by placing the hand under the thigh (Gen. 24:2) to signify that if the oath were violated, the children issued, or those that might issue, from the thigh, would avenge the act of disloyalty.

The laws of Moses concerning the oath had three purposes:

1. To stress the sacredness of the oath.
2. To warn against false swearing.
3. To preclude swearing by false gods.

At times the person taking the oath responded by "Amen" (Num. 5:22), but generally he raised his right hand to heaven and thereby called Him Whose throne was there to witness to the truth and penalize the falsehood. See Gen. 14:22 and Deut. 32:40. The literal Hebrew of Ex. 6:8, reflected in the R.V. footnote, indicates "to lift the hand" had become synonymous with "swearing."

Peter in denying his Lord passes through the three stages of asseveration. (Mt. 26:69-74).

1. He simply denies his Lord.
2. He denies his Lord with an oath; i.e. he calls upon God to witness he is telling the truth.
3. He invokes a curse upon himself, to be visited upon him by God if he is not telling the truth.

The oath and curse of Peter were in direct contradiction to the words of the Lord, recorded in Mt. 5:34-37. "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: nor by earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay; nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." This passage of Scripture is confirmed by Jas. 5:12, "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by earth, neither by any other oath; but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation."

We believe that the taking of an oath in any form by a Christian in this age of grace and New Testament dispensation is contrary to these Scriptures and should be avoided.

The civil authorities do not require an oath, but permit an affirmation. Even in the taking of this there shuld be no raising of the hand for that is part of an oath (pointing to heaven, calling upon God to witness as in an oath, or invoking a penalty if we violate our word).

Heb. 6:13-17 indicates that the taking of an oath does not always involve the invoking of a penalty, but the appealing to a higher authority and power to witness to the veracity of a statement. Our Lord prohibited all types of oaths, even the simple ones in which a penalty may not necessarily be involved.

Therefore: a Christian should never become a member of any organization, entrance into which demands more than the simple affirmation of the truth.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON "THE OATH."

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HERE AND THERE

By Robert Culver

Old Stuff to some, but news to others: Clarence L. Sickel, returned missionary from Argentina, became pastor of the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach several weeks ago.

Four pastors changing location: Homer Kent will move to Winona Lake, Ind., to become professor in Grace Seminary; Bernard Schneider will move from Covington, Va., to the Washington, D. C., Church which Bro. Kent is leaving; Arthur Malles will move from Buena Vista, Va., to Covington; and Edward Bowman, who graduated from Grace Theological Seminary last spring, will take the pastorate at Buena Vista.

Results for the Lord and B.S.L.V.: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunning have been in deputation work among our churches for B.S.L.V. this summer. Reports come of many decisions of young people for definite life service for Christ. 21 young people recently made that decision during Bro. Dunning's meeting in the First Brethren Church of Allentown, Pa.

Another successful Daily Vacation Bible School: this time the one conducted by Pastor Joseph Gingrich in the Allentown, Pa., church. 100 decisions for

Christ reported, many of them first time confessions.

Another Sunday School bus: purchased and now in use by the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.

Dr. W. L. Pettingill occupied the pulpit of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Cailf., on August 4 and August 11.

The Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles, Calif. recently purchased new lots in the city on which they plan to erect a new Brethren Church building.

Two "Annual Conferences" in less than four months: These will be held by the East Central District of Brethren Churches this year. The first was held at Canton, O., in June. The second will be held Sept. 17-20 at the West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, O. This conference week will be a full week for the Ashland Brethren. Dr. Arthur I. Brown will be speaking in the church from Sept. 16-20. On the 16th the church will share his ministry with the monthly meeting of the Northern Ohio Premillenial Association of which the pastor, C. W. Mayes, is president.

A circular letter to Prayer Helpers of Pearson's Sailor Work reveals that God continues to bless the work. This is a work of personal soul winning and tract distribution in 16 different languages to sailors on ships in Los Angeles Harbor; Fusan, Korea; and Rangoon, Burma. Rev. Claude H. Pearson, member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, is head of this mission, one of the greatest of its kind. Contribulations sent to this work at 261 West Tenth Street, San Pedro, Calif., will be well-sent and used in a worthy work.

Six months to the day since the Grace Brethren Church of Vinco, Pa., held their first meeting they held their first service in their new building, on Aug. 25. Attendance: 121 attended the first Sunday School in the building and more both preaching services of the day. The basement of the new structure will soon be completed. Dr. L. S. Bauman will be the speaker at a dedicatory Bible Conference during three days in mid-September.

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MY PLEA

"Hath any child of Thine, O Lord,
A faith as small as mine?
Hath any child a will as strong,
Opposing Thine, divine?

"Hath anyone such stubborn feet,
That fain would run their way?
And lips that utter not the words
That Thou wouldst have them say?

"With all of my shortcomings,
Thou art still loving me!
Oh teach me, dear Lord, teach me,
To show my love for Thee."

—By Harriet Hevern.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

The Wagner Family

WHY OUR AUTO WOULD NOT RUN

By Mrs. Ricardo Wagner

One bright, summer morning the Wagner family started out to make their weekly visits to the towns of Berrotaran and Elena. The Chevrolet had been giving some trouble, but usually could be made to run with a little coaxing. However, as we look back on that trip, we realize that it was the Lord who made it possible for us to meet all of our obligations on time.

We arrived in Berrotaran in time to make a number of visits before having our Bible School and preaching service as usual. The next day we were scheduled to have a meeting in the hill country about six miles from the town of Elena. The auto not only took us there, but also made the trip much further back into the hills and over a long winding road to visit a family which is interested in learning about the Lord. Back in Elena, other homes were visited and finally we found ourselves in the mission hall, ready to have a light lunch and then to conduct the evening services. Thus far all had gone well.

The meeting was over, our various pieces of baggage had been packed into the back of the car to make a bed for Elena, Mildred, and Victor during the homeward trip, and we finally pulled away from the mission hall at about 11 p. m. with a storm coming up from the south. It was then that real trouble began. The motor started sputtering and then stopped altogether. Friendly travellers helped us get started and another stretch of road was covered. Again and again this happened, but finally it was so late that

no more autos were on the road so we had to struggle on by ourselves. We thought the gas pump was causing our trouble as it had failed us on another occasion, so tried to get gas to the motor by other means, but all to no avail. Soon the battery was so run down that it would not turn the starter and the car had to be cranked each time it stopped, which was very, very often.

It was now 3:30 A. M. but we were not half way home yet. Mr. Wagner was so exhausted by this time that he could not give the crank another turn. We were in a hollow with hills all around and the lightning playing rythmically overhead. The children began moving restlessly, wanting to stretch themselves a bit to rest from their cramped position, so I took Victor on my lap to leave more room for the girls. Then we rolled up the windows to keep the rain out and settled down to sleep, if possible, until morning.

The new day dawned wet and gray and it was quite a while before there were any autos on the road. A new effort to start the car convinced us that it could not be done, so Mr. Wagner set out for Almafuerte to get help. But what about breakfast? I was so thankful that a little butter and a few slices of bread (a little dry to be sure) had been left over from the night before. Like the loaves and the fishes, the Lord blessed this meagre meal so that the children ate and were satisfied and there was enough left for mother too. Then, after what seemed like a long wait, help arrived and we were towed to Almafuerte, arriving home at noon.

As you may guess, the auto was placed in the hands of a mechanic immediately. It was cleaned, tightened, and had new pieces put in, and then we thought surely it would run. But, alas, it seemed to be suffering from the very same ailment as before. Other mechanics looked at it but could offer no effective remedy. But why wouldn't it run? Everything looked all right and still it could not be made to go more than a few blocks at a time. Finally it became clear that the gas tank was dirty, and once that was cleaned the troubles stopped. Then we remembered of having seen two tiny boys playing at the back of the car one day when we were visiting in a certain home. The little boys had been called away when they were discovered, but the next day we found that the cap of the gas tank was missing. What a lot of fun they must have had throwing fistsful of dirt into the gas, but what a lot of trouble it caused.

When I saw the muddy gasoline and pebbles that came out of the tank, I though: "Isn't that just like our Christian lives? If we keep sin in our lives, no matter how pleasant nor how innocent they may seem, we will never make much progress in spiritual things." The dirt that wouldn't let our auto run is just like sin in our lives. Sin, boys and girls, will make our lives a failure.

Quick is the succession of human events. The cares of today are scarcely the cares of tomorrow, and when we lie down at night we may safely say to most of our troubles, "Ye have done your worst and we shall meet no more."—Cowper.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DEPARTMENT

On their respective birthdays, the names, favorite Scripture verses, and prayer requests of pastors, missionaries, and others in the brotherhood who are prominent in Christian work, will appear under this head. Please see that each member in your society is assigned one of the following names for daily prayer. Assign a different name to each member weekly. If you know of others whose names should have appeared this month, please notify your News Editor at once.

Sept. 3—Mrs. Everett Niswonger. Ps. 19. Requests prayer for the salvation of the young men who will be called upon to take military training.

Sept. 3—Mrs. J. W. Hathaway, missionary to Africa now on furlough, and wife of acting pastor at Fillmore. Rom. 8:32. Requests prayer that their labors among the Fillmore people may be fruitful.

Sept. 5—Rev. Miles Taber, pastor at Leon, Ia. Rom. 1:16. Requests prayer that conditions in Europe shall not hinder the work in Africa, that the churches at home might go forward under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and that many souls may be won to the Lord in these last days.

Sept. 5—Mrs. Ralph Rambo, wife of chairman of Grace Seminary Gospel Team. Gal. 5:22-26. Requests prayer for the salvation of the Jews, for God's richest blessing upon the flock at Hagerstown, Md., to whom they ministered this summer, for several who have confessed the Lord and have not returned to the services, and that the Lord will give a sister in Baltimore a clear knowledge of salvation.

Sept. 8—Miss Ruth Snyder, missionary candidate to Africa, now studying French in Quebec. No requests submitted.

Sept. 9—Mrs. Alton M. Witter, wife of pastor of River Park Brethren Mission at South Bend, Ind. and of County Line church at Lapaz, Ind. Rom. 8:28. Requests prayer that every confessor of Christ will be a possessor of Christ and live for Him daily.

Sept. 10—Mrs. Norman Uphouse, wife of pastor at Winchester, Va. Rom. 8:32. Requests prayer that many of us will be made to realize the nearness of the Lord's return and will be constantly doing those things that will bring honor and glory to His name.

Sept. 10—Mrs. Clarence Sickel, missionary to South America now on furlough, and wife of acting pastor of 2nd Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. No requests submitted.

Sept. 12—Mrs. George M. Richardson, wife of pastor at Glendale, Calif. Gal. 2:20. Requests prayer for a definite unspoken request; also that the members of their church will be earnest in leading souls to Christ, that their church will be known far and near

as a soul saving station, and that Christian love may always be manifested.

Sept. 13—Rev. W. J. Lewis, pastor at Limestone, Tenn. I Pet. 1:3-5. Requests prayer that the perfect will of God may be done in his life.

Sept. 14—Rev. Randall L. Rossman, pastor at Altoona, Pa. I Jn. 2:17. Requests prayer for better unity among their people, for both physical and spiritual strength and the guidance of the pastor, for the salvation of souls in Altoona, and for definite guidance of God's Spirit in this present crisis.

Sept. 19—Rev. Donald F. Carter, pastor at LaVerne, Calif. Rom. 8:28. Requests prayer that the Lord kindle the hearts of our leaders to the opportunities.

Sept. 20—Art Malles, pastor at Covington, Va. No requests submitted.

Sept. 22—Alton M. Witter, pastor of River Park Brethren Mission at South Bend, Ind., also at Lapaz, Ind. Eph. 6:10. Requests prayer that they may introduce our wonderful Christ in South Bend, and that transformation in lives through the knowledge in heart and mind of this new found Savior and Friend may be evident.

Special request: For the meeting Bro. Ashman will conduct at New Troy, Mich., Sept. 1-15.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR SEPT. 22, 1940

Amos, The Herdsman-Seer

(Amos 7:10-17)

Suggestions for the Leader

Amos was a plain herdsman with little education, yet God used him to bear a message to sinful people. Neither ignorance nor the number of academic degrees can be used as an argument in favor of usefulness for God. He used unlearned men like Peter and John and also educated men like Moses and Paul.

Amos was sincere and courageous in declaring the judgment of God that would follow unfaithfulness. He demanded social justice and equality. He admonished and urged faithfulness to the Lord.

1 Amos a Fearless Preacher. Amos 5:21-27.

Amos condemned sin and evil at the cost of wordly popularity. No fearless preacher is popular with the world. Liberal preachers and teachers have not been true to God. They have hesitated in demanding a real break from sin. False teachers try to please the crowd rather than God. We ought to obey God rather than man in these things.

2 The Message to Those at Ease. Amos 6:1-6.

A list of the sins of the people:

1. They put their trust in the godless kingdom of Israel and in alliances which they hoped to make rather than in God. They forgot God and refused His word.
2. They did not heed the warnings of the prophet.
3. They lived at ease and in luxury.
4. They drank strong drink.
5. They did not care about the spiritual famine in the land.

3 The Strange Judgments of God. Amos 4:6-12.

Amos called the people to repentance. Hardships were sent to bring the people to repentance. God is still on his throne and is able to bless or punish people. Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people.

4 The Final Glory. Amos 9:11-15.

Amos saw a future day to come that would be filled with blessings from God. It was the golden age promised by the other prophets. While we present a message of warning to sinners, we can present God's love and blessing to the redeemed. God's great love story of the ages will end well for His own.

Questions to be Answered

1. How was Amos faithful to his calling?
2. What was Amos' teaching concerning separation? Amos 3:3.
3. How does Amos' teaching remind us of the N. T.? Amos 5:15 and I Thess. 5:15.
4. What was the promise of final glory for God's people? Amos 9:13-15.
5. What was Amos' remedy for unfaithfulness? Amos 5:6-8.
6. How does sin become a reproach to any people? How does righteousness exalt a nation?

"Bouca News Flashes"

By MRS. JOS. H. FOSTER, French Equatorial Africa

"Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work. The Lord-God of heaven He will prosper us."

Israel in the above verses were thinking of their home town, Jerusalem and the walls thereof. Though few in number, when they had made the decision; they set to, to accomplish the task. They did not depend upon their own strength, but upon "The God of heaven."

We are not nearly as much interested in the buildings that are made of brick and mortar; as we are in the buildings that will be "Eternal in the heavens." Building with brick and mortar is comparatively easy compared to preparing the "Eternal building." In the building of the earthly there is no unseen opposition; but, oh, when it comes to the "Building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," there is such opposition at times that one must daily cry to the Lord to "Prosper" the work.

Several weeks ago we had a very interesting church meeting. A goodly number of the church membership

were present; even some who had to be eliminated from the church roll for their inconsistant living. Some deliberately choose the way of sin, even after they have been baptized and taken into the church. If only they would make their decision before, how much better it would be. We were happy that there were not more than three who had to be dismissed. One was the wife of a big chief, who was making and drinking beer. One was a man, who had taken a second wife; and the other one was bargaining for a second wife. None of them showed nor expressed any desire to repent and return to the Lord. However prayer can change their hearts.

We greatly rejoice because one was restored to the full fellowship of the church, who had been convicted of stealing and had served his time. Many say, that he had been accused falsely; because the box that he was supposed to have stolen was found in another man's house. But in the meantime he had rejected his wife, very much against her will: however later she took another husband. When he was released from prison, he insisted on taking a good looking young "lady," who dressed in gay clothes, earrings, high heeled shoes, etc. But when he proposed it to the church, they said, "No, if you take that woman you cannot return to the church fellowship. Go get your own wife." He thought about it for months, all the while the young lady kept hanging around. But when he saw that the church would not relent, he asked them to pray for him, while he went to try to persuade his wife to return. After much persuasion he was successful in winning her back, and thus both of them were returned to full fellowship in the church. The young "lady" left for Bangui.

Another one of our members, who was among the first eleven to be baptized at Bantangafo had a similar experience. In his case the wife was unfaithful; so he was more than willing to put her away, and she was more than willing to go.

One day after she had sinned, she and her affinity met in the village. They called a number of people together, then they took an oath. Of course it was an African oath. They put a ten centime piece in a bowl of water, then she took a drink and said, "If my heart does not stay with you always, I will die." Then he took a drink and said, "If my heart does not stay with you all the time, I will die." Thus after shaking hands with each other the oath was sealed, and if broken by either one, the one to break it would die. The husband witnessed all of this, and naturally his heart was sick.

Several weeks later the man left Bouca and the woman followed him. The husband found them both and tried to persuade his wife to return, but she would not. Then he had the man arrested, and the wife went to the home of her parents. The husband waited a reasonable time for her to return, but she remained with her parents. By this time he decided to go and demand the money that he had paid for her, and let her go wherever she desired. He told us he was expecting to bring her back. But when he arrived at her home, the money was returned to him and he gladly accepted it, and left the wife with her people.

He returned to Bouca in jubilant spirits. But when Saturday came and he wanted to go out preaching as he had been doing, the church said, "No, a divorced man cannot go out and preach, for we know that you will soon be looking for another wife." When he learned that he could not do the Lord's work under existing circumstances, he went and without further difficulty brought back his wife. The truth of the affair was that he did not want to forgive her and give back all her clothes that he had taken from her, when he learned of her sin. He testified to this fact later on.

Perhaps the churches procedure does not seem quite right to those at home. But any leniency in the African church brings about all kinds of complications. Many times when they see that it means something to belong to the body of Christ, and their difficulties are unravelled; they live happy ever after. At least as happiness goes in Africa.

Another interesting item was the choosing of two deacons. We do not ordain them, simply choose them to function as such. Two of the former deacons are now out at chapel points giving forth the "Good News." We trust all of them will be called into a like service, for there are three villages that are "crying" for some one to come and stay with them, "To expound to them the way of God more perfectly."

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for the five Christians who are serving at chapel points. One of them is a Sleeping sickness patient, but not in a serious stage. The wife of one has leprosy in its worst form.
2. Pray that speedily more will be trained in the Word, and will answer the call to go and serve.
3. Pray that the people may be free to attend the Church Services Sunday mornings.
4. Pray that God will grant us wisdom daily to meet the problems that come before us.
5. Pray that God will direct in preparing to build up and occupy the new concession.

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We Should Have Expected It.

During the last fifteen or twenty years many in the Brethren Church have been observing with deep interest the drift of the times religiously. We have seen denomination after denomination let slip the beliefs and practices of centuries, and be swept into the muddy tide of modern thought. Regretable as these tendencies have been, most of our Brethren ministers were not taken by surprise, for we had the explanation of divine prophecy which declares plainly that the trend of the present age is not up but down. Therefore we expected to see "perilous times" in the last days. It did not unduly surprise us to see many professing Christians and great denominations "depart from the faith." We knew that such things must needs come to pass, according to the word of our Lord Himself. He had warned us in advance.

But while we were watching the unmistakable drift of Christendom, and pointing in our sermons and teachings to the prophetic Word which declared these very things, most of us seem to have been curiously asleep to the possibility of our own church being caught by the same drift. We somehow got the notion that nothing like this could happen to us. Yet we should have known better. For the prophetic Word nowhere even suggests that the end-time apostasy will be confined to the Methodist or Baptist or Presbyterian churches. On the contrary, it was to be world-wide and affect the whole professing church sooner or later. Nor will it help us in any wise to thank God piously that we are not as other denominations! Far better to say, "God be merciful to us sinners", if we expect divine help in the time of need. But there will be no help until we see our need.

Why Modernism Wins Battles

Another thing we have seemingly forgotten is the fact that the invasion of modern apostasy is always subtle, never open, but easily overlooked. If it came otherwise, openly, it would never get a foothold. Good men would be on their guard against an open assault. But the first drift is imperceptible. And it has often been true that when a few men, perhaps with a keener gift of discernment, begin to warn the church of the danger, they are shouted down by sincere and well-intentioned leaders. Let us have no "heresy hunting," they cry, let us preserve the peace and unity of the church! And thus the battle is eventually lost. For the victories of modern unbelief have never been won by unbelievers fighting **alone**. Modern unbelief has always succeeded only because it had the aid of churchmen who either lacked spiritual discernment or else who valued external church unity above the things of faith.

Over and over, as modernism has oozed into the larger denominations, it has been seen clearly at first only by a minority, **never by the majority** until it was too late to resist successfully. With all the examples of history before our eyes, why is it that we do not learn that the first entrance of apostasy is always surreptitious, hard to see and recognize? Perhaps this is why one of the gifts bestowed upon the church was "discerning of spirits" (I Cor. 12:10), in order that the church might have a few watchmen on the wall to warn of the enemy's approach.

Praying and Fighting

Another thing we have sometimes overloked is that there is a time to **pray**, and also a time to **fight**. The Christian life is indeed a life of prayer, but it is also a battle. No man will know how to meet and resist the enemy unless he has spent much time in prayer; but even prayer cannot be substituted for action. If we have neglected prayer at the time of prayer, then so much the worse for us. For when we meet the foe it will be time for action. "Wherefore criest thou unto Me," said the Lord to Moses, "Speak to the children of Israel, that they go forward" (Ex. 14:15). Even so today, when the enemy comes in like a flood, there are good men who propose that we should lay down our arms and pray. Which, of course, is exactly what the enemy would like to have us do. It would be far more sensible, if we have neglected prayer, to put on the whole armor of God and launch out into the battle **praying while we fight.** But to surrender the battle to the enemy in the name of prayer is nothing but the devil's own folly. For if prayer has any mean-

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ing at all, or any value to the church, it should make us strong and ready for the conflict. Any other kind of prayer is not genuine prayer at all. I have no doubt that Paul prayed unceasingly for the Galatian Judaizers, but he also fought them unceasingly with the Sword of the Spirit. There is nothing in the Bible more severe than the book of the Galatians.

The program of the modernists is as clear as daylight here: They speak much of the value of prayer, but denounce unsparingly all those who battle for the Faith. Now it is not to be forgotten that even the pagans believe in "prayer," but they do not believe in the **God** who answers prayer. Let us beware, therefore, lest we fall into the error of the unbeliever. Before we can teach men to pray, we must bring them into the presence of the True God. But without the Christian Faith no man can be brought into His presence. Hence, if we are to institute any comparison, it should be perfectly clear that the things of Faith are most important and must come first. To put prayer above the Faith is to turn things up-side down, and introduce chaos and confusion into the church. The conclusion of the whole matter is:—Let us keep on praying, but let us not give up "the good fight" while we pray.

Do You Have a Creed?

In various articles and addresses, certain ministers who call themselves "Brethren" have almost exhausted their vocabularies in denouncing the use of creeds, the latest example being the utterance of one at the recent Ashland Conference where he is quoted in the newspaper as follows: **"The more mature religious people become the less they rest on creeds and the more they seek personal contact with God."** This statement might be taken as the muddled utterance of a confused man, and thus to be dealt with kindly, were it not for the fact that the same man is in the habit of saying such things. Recently he wrote: **"The person that hugs a dogma to his breast and says, 'This is my conviction and no one can fellowship with me unless he too shares this same conviction,' misses the heart of the Christian faith."** This is a shocking statement.

"Christ died for our sins"—This is part of my creed, and upon this one brief statement of fact many of us are resting our hopes for time and eternity. Furthermore, it is a dogma which I expect to hug to my breast forever, and I can have no fellowship with any man who rejects it. It is the man who rejects it or regards it with indifference, not the man who accepts it, who has missed the heart of the Christian faith. One cannot help but wonder whether men who make such statements as quoted above have ever read the New Testament seriously and carefully.

Regardless of what they may believe, men who speak thus are speaking the language of modernism and Unitarianism. A Unitarian preacher, advertising his church in the daily newspapers some time ago, said in heavy bold-faced type, **"A creed is a religious fossil. It represents the dead faith of the past . . . . The Unitarian Church has no creed."**

The Unitarian church has gone to startling lengths in order to make good this boast; so far, indeed, that old time Unitarian leaders like Channing would shudder if they could be here. Not long ago, a modern Unitarian preacher declared that one need not believe even in the existence of God to be a member of his denomination. He is right, if the Unitarian church has no creed. For if you affirm your belief in God, **you have a creed,** with one article in it.

But even the Unitarian Church, in spite of its frantic denials, has a creed. It says, We **believe** creeds are bad. And **that** is a creed, shorter perhaps than the Westminster Confession, but a creed nevertheless. Look out for the man who is always crying out against creeds. He is not really against creeds, as such, but is probably trying to substitute **his own little creed** for the great historic creeds of the Bible and the Church.

What you believe religiously is your creed. If you believe the Bible, you have the most perfect, the most complete, and the most dogmatic creed in the world. The first commandment of Christianity is **"believe."** And you cannot believe without believing something. No man can believe the Bible, preach the Bible, or teach the Bible, without believing and preaching and teaching a creed. Hold fast your creed, if you are a Christian. Be dogmatic about it. It is no crime to be dogmatic. Don't be afraid to say, **I Believe.** The creed-haters are not afraid to say it.

"If I Were Dictator."

Sometime ago two Jewish Rabbis of Cleveland spoke to their congregations on what they would do if they were dictators. One of them, Rabbi Brickner, after outlining his program of social and economic remedies, added, "There are a few small things I would regulate, too. I would eliminate competing churches, and would compel ministers to preach about problems

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that affect the people's welfare, instead of quibbling over texts and indulging in hair-splitting theological sermonics."

Rabbi Brickner poses as "liberal thinker," but if he had the power it would be just too bad for those of us who still believe in Jesus Christ as the only Hope of a lost world. For the Deity of Christ and His atonement for sin and His resurrection from the dead would all be regarded by Brickner as "hair-splitting theological sermonics," wholly unessential for people's welfare.

Fortunately for the Christian people of this country, Mr. Brickner is not "dictator." But his utterances constitute an ominous prophecy of the future. It is one of the strange paradoxes of human history that "liberalism" at last becomes so sure of its "liberal principles" that it proposes to force them upon the world and silence all dissenters. This is precisely the movement which, according to Biblical prophecy, will finally consumate itself in the Anti-christ of the end who for a brief time will dictate the politics, economics and religion of the world. "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb" (Rev. 13:8).

In all the Universe there is but one Jew to whose hands can be safely entrusted the power of dictatorship. That Person is Jesus Christ the Son of God. Some day, and it may be soon, Christ will become the Dictator of the world. Rabbi Brickner and all the other so-called "liberals" should read the second Psalm, and "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. **Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him."**

The "Malady of Self-Delusion."

"It is difficult for men in high office to avoid the malady of self-delusion. They are always surrounded by worshippers. They are constantly, and for the most part sincerely, assured of their greatness. They live in an artificial atmosphere of adulation and exaltation which sooner or later impairs their judgment. They are in grave danger of becoming careless and arrogant."

I have forgotten who is the author of the above sentences, but they are an accurate analysis of one of the deadliest snares into which any successful leader of men can fall. The admirers of a "great preacher" can sometimes actually destroy him with compliments and constant agreement. The people who think he is a "great man" will always tell him about his greatness. But the sincere friends who see his faults seldom have the courage to tell him. And so after a while, living in an "artificial atmosphere of adulation," he becomes convinced that he has no faults, that he is always right in his judgments, and that to disagree with him is the unpardonable sin. Finally, thoughtful men decide to let him alone, and after that he ceases to grow, being gradually smothered in the sickly air of "admiration."

Patchers, Wreckers and Constructionists.

In the last analysis there are but three attitudes toward the desperate plight of the world today.

First, there are the Patchers, men who are still in love with the present world-system, and who are working frantically to patch it up with various expedients. But the patches do not work well, and the ship is sinking in spite of all they can do.

Second, there are the Wreckers, who are convinced that the old ship is no good. The quicker it is scuttled, they argue, the better off we shall be. Let it sink and build a new one.

Third, there are the Constructionists. They do not love the old system and are perfectly willing to see it pass away. But they know no new world can be built permanently without material which is enduring. Therefore, they have been at work preaching the gospel of Christ for the regeneration of men, and in the meantime they wait for the coming of Christ who will construct a new social order out of the "living stones" of newborn men. You cannot build anything lasting out of "wood, hay and stubble." You cannot build an eternal kingdom out of ideals and principles. Such things are worthwhile only as they become incarnated in twice-born men.

REPORT OF GIFTS TO THE SEMINARY

The report which follows includes contributions during the period from May 15 to August 15, and is the final report for the fiscal year ending on the latter date. In a later issue of the Herald a complete financial report for the year will be given, including a statement of assets, income and expenditures.

At the recent annual meeting of the Seminary Board of Trustees, there seemed to be a general feeling that the method of reporting contributions should be changed. Up to the present only numbers have been given for the purpose of identifying gifts. All reports in the coming year will include both the **numbers and the names of donors,** except in the case of those who may request their names to be withheld. This is the method used by the Foreign Missionary Society and the Home Missions Council and other departments of the church's work. People seem to prefer it because it makes reports more interesting, enables them to identify their gifts more easily, and makes for confidence in their administration. Also it enables pastors and churches to know exactly what is being done. The Seminary appreciates deeply the confidence of

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It's not the thing we like to do: but liking the thing we have to do, that makes life blessed.

the churches, as expressed in their generous contributions, and is anxious to safeguard in every possible way this confidence.

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2038	5.00	2051	5.00	2065	5.00
2039	20.00	2052	1.00	2066	5.00
2040	5.00	2053	5.00	2067	10.00
2041	15.00	2054	21.40	2068	5.00
2042	5.00	2055	10.00	2069	4.00
2043	12.32	2056	5.00	2070	39.00
2044	8.25	2057	5.00	2071	10.00
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LATE NEWS FROM THE SEMINARY

The many friends of Grace Seminary, who gathered here at Winona Lake during the recent Conference, surely gave the school a hearty start on the new year. On Friday evening, following a great Seminary Rally at Bethany Camp, the people filled the conference building to hear Dr. Louis S. Bauman's address on "The Rainbow Around The Throne." At the close of the message, members of the faculty and board of trustees came to the platform and in an impressive ceremony signed the "Covenant of Faith." Then Dr. Bauman spoke briefly of the Seminary work and needs, and in a few minutes the audience gave an offering of 4500 dollars in cash and pledges. It was a wonderful testimony to the faithfulness of God.

Friends of the Seminary will be interested to know that student registrations on the first day indicated a larger entering class than we have had during the last ten years of Seminary teaching. Last year the Seminary graduated ten. This year the entering class of new students will be at least double that figure. The total student body will probably be around thirty-five. Exact figures will be given later.

This morning (first day of classes) at the annual Convocation Chapel service the students and faculty had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Harold Mason who delivered a very thoughtful and impressive address urging the dedication of the little that we have to Christ. Among the guests present were Pastor Robert Crees of Waynesboro, Pa., and Pastor John Aeby of Middlebranch, Ohio.

Let yourself and not your words speak for you.

Things turn up for the man who digs.

Don't give anyone a piece of your mind—you need it all yourself.

"Such a Time as This"

Esther 4:14

These war days are throwing missionaries back upon God in a new way. Mails are dislocated and delayed, and in so many ways there is upheaval.

Preparations are being made for a prolonged struggle, for grim realities, and we face a period when workers will need to know increasingly "the true and living God," learn to trust Him implicity, and be prepared to "launch out into the deep" at His behest.

The challenge confronting the Christian church as a whole is a tremendous one. All the forces of evil appear to be let loose against the Lord and His Christ. There is therefore a clarion call to every believer to face the issue, to recognize the foe; to hear afresh the voice of the Master, to gain fresh vision, inspiration and courage from His Leadership; to render Him wholehearted, loyal and self-sacrificing devotion; to steadily pursue the appointed task and co-operate with Him in His saving task among men. He still desires to "preach deliverance to the captives, the recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Lk. 4.). The workers at the front line in India are loyally standing up, against great odds, joyfully declaring what they know and demonstrating by lives of devotion to Christ, that He is a present, powerful Savior. To those at home the call is for increasing intercession, that we may constantly prove that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16). As someone recently rendered the passage, "Prayer is a factor of tremendous power when set in motion."

Truly the age is fast approaching its close—"the night cometh when no man can work." Every effort consecrated to Him will count now and in eternity. India needs nothing so much as the message of the liberating power of Jesus Christ and the strengthening of the Indian church. Much has been accomplished, but "there is still very much land to be possessed." May these trying and increasingly difficult days result in fresh trophies for the Savior.

"Brethren, pray for us!"

—Darkness and Light, Bi-Monthly Organ of the Ceylon and India General Mission.

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New Testament Baptism—Its Mode and Message

By Russell D. Barnard

Christian Baptism is given a very prominent place in the New Testament writings. In the history of the early church as recorded in the Book of Acts there are no less than **11** distinct records of the practice. Wherever the completed story is told of a person coming into the fellowship of believers, baptism is a part of that story. Notice especially Acts 2:38, 41; 8:12-16; 8:36; 9:18; 10:47, 48; 16:15; 16:33; 18:8; 19:3-5; and 22:16. From these and other Scriptures there are a few very evident conclusions. Baptism is—

For Believers

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16: 16).

"See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?—If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest" (Acts 8:36, 37).

Note: Belief precedes baptism, and one must believe with sincere and whole-hearted belief before he is a candidate for Christian baptism. It is—

For Believers Only

"If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest" (Acts 8:37).

Note: If you do not believe you are not a candidate for Christian baptism. Baptisms are recorded of believers and believers only in the Book of Acts. Infants cannot believe, therefore, baptism is **not** for infants. Infants are saved not because of their innocence, or by the application of a few drops of water, but because of the finished work of Christ. See 1 Cor. 15:22. Children are saved and safe in Christ until they consciously choose sin. Christian baptism is—

For All Believers

"Then they that gladly received His Word were baptized" (Acts 2:41).

"When they believed—they were baptized, both men and women" (Acts 8:12).

Note: Three thousand were baptized in the first baptizing according to the record in the Book of Acts. Both men and women, any and all, who believed received this sacred rite. But little, if any, confidence can be put in the profession of faith on the part of any person who refuses Christian baptism. It is to be administered

In Water

"Here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" (Acts 8:36).

"Down into the water—come up out of the water . . . . " (Acts 8:38-39).

Note: Water symbolizes cleansing, becoming, "an outward sign of the inner fitness to join the family of the redeemed in the house of God on earth" — James Smith. Baptism is to be—

In Much Water

"And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there . . . . " (John 3:23).

Note: "Much" water would not be needed in many modes of baptism extant in the world today. It took the Jordan River and not a few ounces of water from the Jordan River for this baptism, because it was—

By Immersion

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them" (Mt. 28:19).

"They went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him . . . " (Acts 8:38).

Note: The word "baptize" means to "dip in or under the water"—Liddell and Scott, page 146; "to dip or submerge"—Thayer, page 94. When the account of Naaman dipping himself in the River Jordan was translated into the Greek from the Hebrew, the Hebrew word for "dip" was translated by the Greek word "Baptidzo," from which we get our English word "baptize." Baptism pictures a "death," "burial," and "resurrection"—yours and mine, when we were identified with Christ. See Rom. 6:1-6 and Col. 2:12. Only an immersion can picture these great truths. Baptism is—

By Trine Immersion.

"Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt. 28:19).

Note: I have a piece of wood to finish. I say to my assistant, "Finish this piece of wood by dipping it in the can of stain, and of shellac, and of varnish." How many times would he dip it? "Three," you say. Certainly, and that is what our text teaches with respect to the number of dips in Christian baptism. Also, the Greek word "baptidzo" means "to dip repeatedly" (see Thayer, page 94), and is the frequentive form of the verb. The regular form of the verb in the Greek is "bapto" which means only "to dip." The character of the verb "baptidzo" is such that one might dip times without number, if the frequentive usage was not limited to "three" in the triple nature of the formula, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

God is a Trinity in a Unity. Christian baptism illustrates this great truth and is likewise a trinity in a unity—three dips, but in one unit of baptism.

There is "one baptism" (Eph. 4:5), really "baptizing" from the viewpoint that I need not be baptized anew every time I sin. There is another ordinance that pictures that continual or daily cleansing of the believer. You can read about it in John 13:1-17. Baptism is—

By Forward Immersion.

"If we have been planted together **in the likeness of His death,** (underscoring added) we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection" (Rom. 6:5).

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he **bowed his head** and gave up the ghost" (John 19:30).

Note: "Buried" in this Scripture (Rom. 6:1-6) indicates only immersion. When my grandmother planted (buried) seeds she put them under the ground. But the burial position of the seed might be in a variety of ways. So immersion might be in a variety of ways, if it were not made clear by the statement, "in the likeness of His death." Jesus only died once, and in one way. St. John is very careful to tell us just how that was. He "bowed" His head. Bowing in immersion naturally indicates only one mode—forward immersion. Forward immersion indicates direction in the Christian life. We are to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (Pet. 3:18). Baptism is the—

Symbol of My Justification.

"And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16).

"Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

"Unto Him that loved us and washed us (loosed us) from our sins in His own blood" (Rev. 1:5).

Note: Only the blood of Jesus Christ can wash away sins, but the baptism in water is the Spirit-inspired symbol of that washing in the blood of Christ. Baptism, therefore, becomes the symbol of my justification; that is, my being made "just-as-if-I'd" never sinned. Shall we not praise God for the salvation from His Son, and shall we not willingly and obediently as His children witness to an unbelieving world by this God-given symbol? But you say, "I have been baptized, need I be—

Baptized Again?"

"When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 19:5).

Note: These people had all been baptized before, and immersed, too, as the word indicates. What was wrong? They had been without the full teaching with respect to baptism. They had followed as far as they knew. They had been baptized—we are not sure just how, but certainly not according to the trine immersion of Mt. 28:19. Then Paul taught them more fully and immediately they were baptized again according to the full New Testament teaching. That you, if you have not thus been baptized, should be baptized again, is nothing more than that for which there is Bible precedent. Full obedience means full joy. If the Bible is the rule for faith and practice in my Christian life, I'll want to follow fully and completely.

So, my friend, these are the Scriptures that teach us of Christian baptism. They're in your Bible as in mine. Read them! Believe them! Obey them! In the words of Acts 22:16, "And now, why tarriest thou?

ARISE, AND BE BAPTIZED."

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Be not anxious about tomorrow. Do today's duty, fight today's temptation, and do not weaken nor distract yourself by looking forward to things which you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them.—Charles Kingsley.

THE UNVEILING of JESUS CHRIST

THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

AN EXPOSITION OF REV. 8

By R. I. Humberd

(Continued from issue of Aug. 24)

"And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound" (v. 6).

If the mighty sons of God are interested in the events of this book; if the seven highest angels are called into action; if all heaven stands mute and spellbound; if our Lord promises blessings to those who will read and keep this book, then certainly it stands us in hand to read and study its pages and draw comfort and admonition from its message.

"The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up" (v. 7).

Fearful Storms

The storms were held up until the 144,000 were sealed. But that done, the heavens gather blackness; the wind twists and breaks the trees, while hail and fierce lightnings destroy and char one-third of the trees and all the grass.

How this will effect the food supply! Wheat and barley are already at a premium, but now one-third of all the fruit is gone; large portions of earth's surfaces are charred; towns and cities are in ashes; farms, fields and meadows are stripped of shade; crops are ruined; grass and hay are burnt, while milk and beef become almost a thing of the past.

This is the third and last time that God is bringing Israel to the homeland. Palestine belongs to the Jew —the deed is written in heaven. Under Moses and Joshua a few million returned; under Ezra and Nehemiah a few thousand returned; but now He is bringing them home from every nation under heaven, where they have been strangers for so many long and weary centuries.

When He brought them out of Egypt, "the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire ran along upon the ground—and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field" (Ex. 9). God visited some of the same judgments upon the nation that then held His people as He is so soon to visit upon the nations of the entire world as He thus brings His people to their homeland.

A Burning Mountain

"And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea; and the third part of the sea became blood. And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed" (v. 8, 9).

Some judgments seem to be world-wide and some are local upon the revived Roman empire. Here a great volcano may burst with such force as to cast a burning molten mountain into the sea. "The" sea may have special reference to the sea about which all

prophecy centers, namely the Mediterranean. Some of the Egyptian plagues did not fall upon Goshen.

Or it may indeed mean that one-third of all whales, fish and sea life and shipping equipment will be destroyed. As we walk along the ocean and see the sea gulls darting about, we little realize their worth; but one time I visited a portion of the shore of Lake Erie where there were no gulls, and the stench of dead and decaying fish was bad indeed. But here one-third of all sea life is destroyed and washed ashore to rot and decay and fill the land with such a stench that only those who experience it can know.

The Burning Star

"And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters. And the name of the star is called Wormwood. And the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter" (v. 10, 11).

Here a great comet blazes through the heavens, bringing a stifling bitter gas to be absorbed by one-third of the water supply. If this judgment is local to the kingdom of the antichrist, this meteor or comet may fall upon the Alps mountains where so many springs and rivers receive their supply of water.

This flashing flaming mass will turn the waters into Wormwood. The rivers are still flowing; the springs are still bubbling, but the water has turned yellow and bitter. Thirst is a terrible thing. Men on the battle field even drink from pools of water that are covered with blood of their fellowmen. So here, the terrible thirst will drive men to drink of the bitter nauseating waters even though they well know it will produce convulsions, paralysis and death.

The Sun and Moon Smitten

"And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as a third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise" (v. 12).

In Egypt there fell a darkness so dense it could be felt. God is now putting on His judgments with mercy; there is a rainbow about that throne. He is giving men every opportunity to repent and turn from sin.

Here only one-third of the sun and moon are smitten. Christ said, "The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light" (Mt. 24:29). Truly, if He who made that sun has kept it shining since that far-off day of creation, He is able to stretch forth His hand again and reduce its power at will.

Our sun is a marvelous ball of fire and light. It is so tempered and so stationed that a slight change will affect the seasons of earth. When one-third of the light is cut off, it will hinder the rainfall, change the currents of the air, slow up the ripening of the fruit and grain, fill the world with a coolness, a chilliness and a sickening gloom.

Announcing The Woes

"And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the angels, which are yet to sound" (v. 13).

In our present age things are stable. The sun shines and the wind blows; the seasons come and go and angels are only beings to be thought about. But during the time of judgment, angels will be everywhere; bringing judgment, giving warning, and helping in the administration of the closing scenes of earth.

Condition of the Times

We might think the first four trumpets might fill up all the possibilities of frightfulness. The food supply has been greatly affected; fruit trees have been struck with lightning; hail has battered the earth flat; all grass and hay have been destroyed; milk and beef are almost a thing of the past; the source of drinking water has been corrupted; the ripening of what grain there is has been hindered by the darkening sun; the earth is cool, dusk and chilly. But alas, the worst is yet to come—Woe, woe, woe.

God is putting on judgments with mercy and is giving mankind an opportunity to repent. A warning now goes out to all men everywhere that three more fearful and horrifying judgments are to follow. Surely mankind everywhere will repent and escape these sorrows; but alas, the heart of fallen man is "deceitful above all things" and his imaginations are only evil continually!

Book Reviews

SEEING IS BELIEVING

By C. W. Baker, Jr. The Standard Publishing Co. 166 Pages, $1.00

This volume of chalk and object talks will be found not only interesting but exceptionally helpful to adults as well as young people. The author has 70 lessons illustrated as well as explaining how to give them. One can use each lesson either with an object or by using chalk and blackboard. This is a unique feature of this object lesson book. The outlines are brief and full of suggestions for one to use his own ideas in enlarging upon the lesson. This book can be purchased from The Brethren Missionary Herald Co.

SONGS ABOUT JESUS

By Chas. F. Weigle Zondervan Publishing House
25c or $15.00 per hundred.

The compiler of these beautiful gospel songs about Jesus has sought to exalt the Christ as Redeemer, Savior and King. All 70 songs in this song book are singable. Twenty-five are entirely new gospel songs that are arranged for solo, duet, quartette or group singing. The book contains a good number of new choruses. Another feature of this song book is the arrangement of many songs written in the same key that are placed on opposite pages, thus one can change from one song to another without a break. A good song book, paper cover, for Christian Endeavor groups or Sunday School and Prayer Meeting services.—L. P.

RESOLUTIONS

Thirtieth Annual Conference of the Southern California District of Brethren Churches (July 20-27, 1940)

WHEREAS, God in His infinite grace and mercy has seen fit to preserve us as a district conference, and as several churches therein, for this another year of service in the fields already grown white unto harvest, and

WHEREAS, we wish as a conference to go on record as acknowledging certain blessings with thanksgiving, and to set forth to the world at large certain principles and convictions which are pertinent at such a time;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That we are deeply grateful to God for His manifold blessing on our churches during this past year.

2. That we reaffirm the importance of our stand upon a true Bible doctrine, declaring as of old our creed to be only the Bible, but believing it to teach, in part: (a) the verbal inspiration of the original manuscripts of the Scriptures as the infallible Word of God; (b) the pre-existence, Deity, incarnation by virgin birth, substitutionary death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; (c) salvation as the gift of God, only procured by man by simple faith in the shed blood of Christ on Calvary; (d) His present work as High Priest for the believer; (e) the imminent, personal, visible, bodily return of our Lord; (f) a godly life, obedient unto the Holy Spirit, and filled with good works, the sure fruit of saving faith (Rom. 6:1, 2; 11-18; 8:1-14; I Tim. 5:8; Jas. 1:25-27; 2:14-16; I Jn. 2:3-6).

3. That we humbly acknowledge God as the Giver of all blessings, being particularly thankful to Him for the reign of peace in our own land, for the continued right of unhindered worship to God, and for the abundant grace of God manifested to us as a nation. And be it further resolved that we as a conference shall continue in prayer to Almighty God that our nation shall continue on under God as a democracy, in which these blessings are guaranteed to us. We do heartily oppose any policy whereby the time-honored principles of freedom and justice of our beloved country, for which our forefathers sacrificed, shall be undermined; but rather we praise the Almighty for our godly heritage, and call upon the nation to return to the faith of her founders and a sincere honoring of God in civic and private life.

4. We hereby declare and wish to go on record again as unutterably opposed to war as a method to be used by Christians for the settlement of their difficulties with any human beings upon the earth. It is plainly written in the Word of God that 'the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds' (11 Cor. 10:4).

We have no criticism of the governmental authorities of a nation in a world that is far from being as yet regenerated, if they shall deem the use of the sword a necessity in the defense of a free people. The criticism of a nation of this world for bearing the sword would be contrary to the teaching of St. Paul, who declared that the unregenerate "beareth not the sword in vain, but is a minister of God, an avenger for wrath to him that doeth evil" (Rom. 13:4 A.R.V.). But, as we conceive, those who have been born again, while in the world, are not of it. They do not belong to this world system. It is written: "For our citizenship is in heaven: whence also we wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20 A.R.V.).

We are compelled to go on record as holding to the conviction that it would be impossible for us, as citizens of the Kingdom of God, unless we would act in direct disobedience to the Lord Jesus Christ and violate our own consciences, to carry arms or to engage in any conflict where we would be compelled to take human life.

But, we also wish to go on record that in case these United States should at any time be engaged in war, we would gladly offer our services as non-combatants, and fearlessly serve in any manner that would help to mitigate the horror and suffering that inevitably must accompany mortal combat.

5. That we again go on record as utterly opposed to the anti-Semetic movements in the world today; declaring ourselves to be friends of the Jew, "praying for the peace of Jerusalem," and desiring with St. Paul that they may as individuals receive the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior. We further urge the continuance in earnest prayer for the efforts of true gospel missionaries in all parts of a war-torn world; offering sympathetic prayer for individual Christians of all nations now in the throes of carnal strife.

6. That we commend The Brethren Home Missions Council, Grace Theological Seminary, and The Foreign Mission Society of The Brethren Church for their splendid work in their respective fields, and that we do pledge to each of them our hearty support and continued prayers.

7. That we commend the moderator for his splendid address in which he pointed the way forward for another year of service for our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. We especially commend his suggestion of a program for the establishment of a Brethren Church in each city of sufficient size in Southern California, and urge our churches to be diligent in the carrying out of this purpose. We further commend his suggestion for a program for the evangelization and growth in Christian character of our youth.

8. That we commend the work of the District Ministerial Examining Board, and pledge to them our hearty and grateful support.

9. That we express our appreciation to the Executive Committee for their splendid work of organization and execution of this conference program.

10. That we express our gratitude to each person who had a part in the musical program of this conference.

11. That we express our hearty appreciation to our host church for their entertainment of the conference, and for the use of their facilities; and that we especially thank each person who had a part in the lodging provisions for the out-of-town delegates.

12. That we voice our appreciation to the pastors of our own local churches who have brought messages of blessing and inspiration, and to the following visiting speakers: A. H. Ackley, Wallace LeRoy Emerson, Roy L. Laurin, R. G. LeTourneau, Kenneth M. Monroe, V. C. Oltrogge, Louis T. Talbot, and Ralph E. Underwood.

13. That we appreciate the cooperation of the local press in bringing this conference to the attention of the public.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Elias D. White, Chairman
W. A. Ogden
George M. Richardson

Neither let mistakes nor wrong directions, of which every man in his studies and elsewhere falls into many, discourage you. There is precious instruction to be got by finding we are wrong. Let a man try faithfully, manfully to be right, he will grow more and more right.—Thomas Carlyle.

What Shall I Do With Jesus?

MY ANSWER

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PROGRAM

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF BRETHREN CHURCHES
Sept. 17-20, 1940

THE NORTHERN OHIO PREMILLENNIAL FELLOWSHIP
Sept. 16, 1940

WEST 10th STREET BRETHREN CHURCH, ASHLAND, OHIO

Special Conference Speaker, Dr. Arthur I. Brown

Information concerning the East Central District Conference of Brethren Churches

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Information concerning the Northern Ohio Pre-Millennial Fellowship

This fellowship is made up of ministers and others from the various denominations who are especially interested in sending out the precious truths concerning the blessed hope, the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Monthly meetings are conducted in various churches with a great annual conference which has recently united with the Ohio Bible Conference Association.

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NORTHERN OHIO PREMILLENNIAL FELLOWSHIP SESSIONS

Monday, September 16

Afternoon

3:00 A Meeting especially for Ministers
Address—"A Minister and a Witness"
Dr. Arthur I. Brown

Evening

7:30 Mass Meeting with many pastors and many churches represented
Address — "Earth's Coming Judgment, Will Christians Escape?"
Dr. Arthur I. Brown

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Tuesday, September 17

Afternoon

2:00 Conference Registration (East Central Dist.)
3:00 Address—"Genesis and Modern Science"
Dr. Arthur I. Brown

Evening

7:30 Song Service — Robert Culver
7:45 Devotional Period
Music from the Rittman Church
Address—"The Next Act in God's World Drama"
Dr. Arthur I. Brown

Wednesday, September 18

Morning

9:00 Prayer Meeting—Theme: "Confession"
9:30 Business Session of the East Central District
10:30 Moderator's Address — "The Weapon of Our Warfare"
L. L. Grubb

Afternoon

2:00 Simultaneous Sessions:
Woman's Missionary Council
Sisterhood
Ministerium

3:00 Address — "Infallible Proofs of an Infallible Book"
Dr. Arthur I. Brown

Evening

7:30 Song Service — Robert Culver
7:45 Devotional Period
Music from the Ashland Church
Address—"God and You, Wonders of the Human Body"
Dr. Arthur I. Brown

Thursday, September 19

Morning

9:00 Prayer Meeting—Theme: "Praise"
9:30 Business Session
10:30 Vice Moderator's Address — "Christ, the One Foundation"
John H. Squires

Afternoon

2:00 Simultaneous Sessions:
Woman's Missionary Council
Sisterhood
Ministerium
3:00 Address—"With God and the Devil Through the Ages"
Dr. Arthur I. Brown

Evening

7:30 Song Service — Robert Culver
7:45 Devotional Period
Music from the Canton Church
Address—"From Operating Room to Pulpit, a Life Story"
Dr. Arthur I. Brown

Friday, September 20

Morning

9:00 Prayer Meeting—Theme: "Petition"
9:30 Business Session
10:30 Address—"The Christocentric Universe"
R. E. Gingrich

Afternoon

2:00 Simultaneous Sessions:
Woman's Missionary Council
Sisterhood
Ministerium
3:00 Address—"The Present World Crisis, Will Germany Become a World Power?"
Dr. Arthur I. Brown

Evening

7:30 Song Service — Robert Culver
7:45 Devotional Period
Music from the Ankenytown Church
Special for young people, and all are invited
Address—"Men, Monkeys and Missing Links, or the Truth About Evolution"
Dr. Arthur I. Brown

A NOTE TO VISITORS

Free lodging is provided in the homes of the people of Ashland for those who come from a distance, particularly for those from other Brethren churches, and for others as far as possible. Lunches and meals may be secured at reasonable rates.

REV. C. W. MAYES

Pastor

West 10th St. Brethren Church

Ashland, Ohio

There is hope for the fellow who knows that he does not know much, especially if he is the only one who knows it.

Misery dumps a lot of stones on the road to success.

Keeping up on your toes will prevent your getting down at the heel.

"To spend and be spent in what is called the Lord's work when the life is prayerless is one of the devil's pet delusions."

The Editor Nails Another Falsehood

By Dr. Louis S. Bauman

Upon the missionary editor's arrival in the East, from an absolutely authoritative source he learns that the report is going the rounds in the neighborhood of Ashland College and in the other places in the East, to the effect that he should have said, in effect: "I am going to smash Ashland College if it is the last thing I ever do in this world."

Upon inquiring where we might find the man or woman who heard us make that statement, we were told that the words had been traced to a certain party, but that those who heard him were under obligation not to reveal his name.

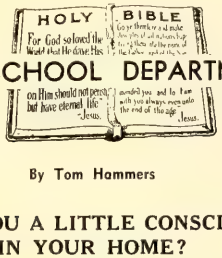
We simply wish to state here that nothing could be more false. Such a thing never even entered the mind of the writer of these editorials, and we doubt that any man or woman can be found who will face us and say that he heard us say this, or anything like it.

While we have been unable to give our endorsement to Ashland College, under existing circumstances, yet we have nothing but good will for the institution. There has been entirely too much of genuine sacrifice on the part of the people of God within the Brethren Church during the years that have passed and gone, for us to do anything else but to pray that Ashland College may yet fulfil her mission under God, and do the work that those expected her to do who for nearly sixty years gave her their prayers, their money, and often their very life's blood.

MARRIED

"These hath God married and no man can part,
Dust on the Bible, and drouth in the heart."

—Winnipeg B. I. Prayer Letter.



BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

By Tom Hammers

HAVE YOU A LITTLE CONSCIENCE IN YOUR HOME?

The little fellow who tries to persuade you to take him to Bible school with all the other little boys and girls is your conscience.

And instead of breaking out in a cold sweat, how much easier it is to say, "All right, son; coming," and go to it with enthusiasm!

And, speaking of children, please observe all the little folks that trudge regularly and cheerfully to church—regardless of weather conditions and distance, too.

While some of us grown-ups—!

Your conscience—is it restless?

THE BIBLE SCHOOL BEATITUDES

Henry A. Dowling

1. Blessed is the school that is organized into divisions, departments, grades and classes; for the time has come when educational methods must be applied to religious instruction.

2. Blessed is the school that has a Cradle Roll; for the time has come when the youngest child in the home must have proper recognition.

3. Blessed is the school that has a Beginner's Department; for the very little children must be given the Bible in story form, and pictured truth.

4. Blessed is the school that has a Primary Department; for the six, seven and eight year old children should have the adapted lessons.

5. Blessed is the school that has a separate Junior Department; for both boys and girls have caught the "gang" spirit, and must have special supervision.

6. Blessed is the school that has an Intermediate Department, for this is the place to stop the leaks, and to organize them for service.

7. Blessed is the school that has a Senior Department; for both young men and maidens are begining to make life's choices, and choosing life's vocations.

8. Blessed is the school that has a well organized Young People's Division; for this is the time when educational, social and spiritual activities must be recognized.

9. Blessed is the school that has its Adult Division thoroughly organized in keeping with international standards; for service is the key word in this division.

10. Blessed is the school that has a well equipped Home Department; for the "shut in's" and "shut outs" are to be included in the Bible School enrollment.

11. Blessed is the school that has a Parents' Department; for the time is fully ripe for definite instruction in sex hygiene, and the law of parenthood.

12. Blessed is the school that has an Educational Department; for officers and teachers must be instructed in principles and methods as well as in the Word.

13. Blessed is the school that has a Missionary Department and superintendency; for the missionary propaganda is looming large in the activity of the church.

14. Blessed is the school that has a Temperance Department; for the time is ripe when all Christians should wage war against liquors, tobacco, and narcotics.

15. Blessed is the school that heartily cooperates with other schools; in making a house visitation; for the outsiders should become insiders.

16. Blessed is the school that sends its officers and teachers to the conventions and institutes; for in so doing they obtain a larger and better perspective.

17. Blessed is the school that gives to its student body an opportunity to do expressional work; for we remember ten per cent of what we hear, fifty per cent of what we see, seventy per cent of what we say, and ninety per cent of what we do.

18. Blessed is the school that has as its great objective the salvation of its entire membership, the building of Christian character and the enlistment in Christian service; for these are vital and fundamental.

Last Sunday a man stood on the sidewalk outside of the Church at the close of the Sunday School, and what he saw made his heart ache. He saw men and women, boys and girls, leave the church in a body as if there were no more services for the morning, and he wondered if the majority of the members listed on the membership of the church had joined the church, or the Sunday School?

He wondered how many of these people had tried to bring others to the church, seeing they had no interest in it themselves.

He wondered what they did the rest of the morning. Did they go home to pray, to study the Word, or to waste the few precious hours belonging to the service of our blessed Savior in the one day in seven.

He wondered what the impression on the stranger who saw the whole Sunday School en masse leaving, no interest in the preached Word, no interest in their spiritual welfare beyond one hour in Sunday School.

And that man on the sidewalk went into the pulpit with a heavy heart feeling that the church, for which Jesus Christ shed His precious blood, had but one hour for Him, in the whole Sabbath morning.

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ROANOKE, VA.

Greetings to all the C. E. societies from the Senior-Intermediate C. E. of the Ghent Brethren Church in Roanoke, Va.

The society has been endeavoring to meet the goals set by the National organization and has kept all but a few. We have held devotional meetings on every Sunday of the year. During several of these meetings Rev. H. W. Koontz, our pastor, gave a series of talks on "Stewardship." At another time Rev. Hoyt addressed the young people. Miss Tyson, our missionary form Africa, took charge of one meeting, and at another time Rev. R. Paul Miller held a "dedication service" for us, in which several young people gave their lives for full time service. The other services during the year were conducted by young people.

Some activities of our C.E. during the year were as follows: we held two prayer meetings for a shut-in; we went Christmas caroling and sang for the people at the city home; we sent baskets to the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

One social was held during the year, and another is being planned in the near future.

The C.E. appreciated very much the book which was awarded to them for the goals that were met last year.

Our society sent several delegates to Bethany Camp this year.

Yours in His service,

Senior-Intermediate C. E., Ghent Brethren Church.

NOTICE ALL CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS!

Since so many of our C. E. Societies were not using regularly all the C. E. lessons that have been appearing in these columns, our Brethren National Christian Endeavor Board has voted to discontinue these lessons in these columns, with this issue, and recommends that all C. E. Societies order from our C. E. Union **The Christian Service Quarterly**. This is a quarterly with topics and helps that are new and original for Senior, Intermediate and Junior societies. These topics are Biblical and practical. The aim is to give young and old spiritual lessons for Christian Endeavor meetings.

For Seniors there are given suggestions for the main "leader" and for a number of sub-leaders who take up the theme in keeping with the Scripture bearing on the lesson appointed for the meeting.

The Intermediates are supplied with helpful suggestions on themes corresponding with those of the Senior section.

The Junior section gives "Thoughts for the Captain" and helpful comments and illustrations for several "speakers."

The quarterly has 64 pages, size 6¾x9 inches, and is full of interesting, instructive, simple and helpful material that can be used in every society. Single copies 12c; to C. E. societies where two or more copies go to one address 10c.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S TOPIC

FOR SEPT. 29, 1940

Joash, The Protected of God

(2 Kings 11:1-12)

Suggestions for the Leader

Joash was a man who started well and did many good works for the Lord. He did not end well because he forgot God and followed the princes. How different from Elijah who started well and ended well!

Manasseh was different too. He lived a wicked life for many years but turned to honor God at the last.

The life of Joash should teach us the importance of remaining true to early Christian training. We would have fewer leave the Sunday School and Christian instruction if we could stress the importance of loyalty.

The crisis comes to every person when a choice must be made to serve the devil or to serve God.

1 **The Secret of His Preservation.** 2 Kgs. 11:2; 2 Sam. 7:16.

Joash was protected when the wicked Athaliah tried to destroy all those who had a claim to the throne. He was hidden in the house of the Lord. Here is a safe hiding place from the wicked. Our lives are hid with Christ in God. Joash was kept alive that David's covenant might not be broken.

2 **The Reason for His Righteousness.** 2 Kgs. 12:2.

He followed the instruction of the priest because he was under his supervision. We cannot believe that he ever had a change of heart for God.

Children may go to church or Bible School because they must. However the real blessing for those comes when they willingly surrender to the Lord. Many a young "Joash" has attended church week after week to go through with the activities without giving God a chance at their lives. Christianity must be more than an outward form. It must work in one's heart if it is to endure.

3 **Joash's Chest.** 2 Chron. 24:4-10.

Here is a bright spot in the life of Joash. It looked

as though he did decide for the Lord and put forth an honest attempt to raise money for His work.

Remember a man may be busy about church work and fail to do the real work of the church. It is possible for men to take great pride in the house of God and keep it in condition for worship and yet not know God.

We do know that the people responded favorably to the suggestion to repair the house of God. He always has some who will carry on the work.

4 Evil Influences. 2 Chron. 24:15-22.

The king turned to evil counsellors. He plundered the house of God to buy peace from Syria. He gave command to stone Zechariah, Jehoida's son. Influences for evil will ruin us. The only safe decision is to let Christ have control.

5 Retribution. 2 Chron. 24:24,25.

1. Joash was brought to defeat and death. 2. God gave him over to his enemies. 3. He was killed by his own servants. The world betrays its own in time of need. 4. We must not yield to the voice of people who would take us into sin. 5. Sin is not a safe road to security.

Questions

1. What was the good influence of Jehoida, the priest? 2 Kgs. 11:17; 12:2.
2. Why was Joash saved from the purge of Athaliah? 2 Kgs. 11:1-2; 2 Sam.7:16.
3. Why did Joash fail God at the last? 2 Chron. 24:17-18.
4. What do we mean by a change of heart for God? 2 Cor. 5:17.
5. How do evil companions corrupt good manners?
6. How far can good companions help unsaved people to do what is right?

Junior-Intermediate C. E. Topic for Sept. 22

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Acts 2:41-47)

Acts 2 gives the story of the first Christian church. The outstanding facts which the Bible gives us about this church are:

1. They gladly received the Word (Acts 2:41). Many who on the day of Pentecost heard Peter's sermon concerning Jesus Chirst, the Savior of the world, believed the Word and gladly received it. These formed the first Christian church. Have you "gladly received the Word" and trusted in Christ as your Savior? See Jn. 1:12.

2. The believers were baptised (Acts 2:41). Having gladly received the Word, they were baptized as Jesus had commanded (Mt. 28:19). Baptism gives us a picture of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. It shows to the world that we are trusting in the death of Jesus to save us; that we are dead to sin; and have risen to walk in new life with Him (Rom. 6:3-4). 3000 People gladly received the Word and were baptized on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41). Those who later received Christ in Samaria were baptized (Acts 8:12); so was the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:38), Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:18), Lydia of Thyatira (Acts 16:15), the Philippian jailer (Acts 16:33), the believers in Corinth (Acts 18:8) and the Ephesian disciples Acts 19:5). If you have been saved you too should be baptized and show the world that you believe in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, and that you are now dead to sin and are walking in a new life in Him.

3. They continued steadfast (Acts 2:42). How we do need steadfast Christians today—those who are true to God, His Word and His house no matter what the cost may be. The three Hebrew captives were steadfast in serving the Lord God only (Dan. 3:18), even though it meant they would be cast into a burning fiery furnace. Peter and John were steadfast in serving God and in preaching the gospel (Acts 4:19-20) even though it meant they would be cast into prison. Paul was steadfast to the finishing of his course and earthly work (Acts 20:24). "Be ye steadfast, unmoveable" (I Cor. 15-58).

4. They had great power (Acts 2:43). Jesus had promised that they would have power after the Holy Ghost came upon them (Acts 1:8). How the church today needs to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for God's power in our lives.

5. They shared with the poor (Acts 2:44-45). God wants us to share what we have with other believers who are needy (Rom. 12:13; I Jn. 3:17). See also Acts 20:35; Prov. 19:17).

6. They continued daily with one accord in the temple (Acts 2:46). How strong the church is whose members continue regularly with one accord in the place of worship! It was Jesus' **custom** to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath, and it should be our custom to be in God's house each Lord's day. See Heb. 10:25.

7. They were filled with gladness (Acts 2:46-47). God wants His people to be happy (Is. 12:3); Ps. 132:16; Ps. 16:11; Jn. 16:24). If you receive God's Word, are baptized, continue steadfast, are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, share with the poor, and and continue regularly in God's house, your heart will be filled with joy and you will continually praise God.

Junior-Intermediate C. E. Topic for Sept. 29

HOW OUR SOCIETY CAN BE THE BEST POSSIBLE

1. By learning more about the Bible. If we want to improve our C. E. we should all try to learn more about the Bible. God wants us to study His Word (Jn. 5:39a; II Tim. 2:15; Deut. 17:19). God's Word is a **mirror** to show us what we are and what we may become (Jas. 1:25); a **laver** where we may wash away sin (Eph. 5:26); a **lamp** and a **light** to guide us in the right way (Ps. 119:105); the **food** necessary to our spiritual growth (I Pet. 2:2-3; Ps. 19:10); **fine gold** to enrich us with heavenly treasure (Ps. 19:10); **fire, hammer** and **sword** to use in the work and warfare of life (Jer. 23:29; Heb. 4:12; Eph. 6:17); and seed to be

planted in God's harvest field (I Pet. 1:23; Lk. 8:4-15).

2. By willing service for God. There is a place of service you alone can fill. Are you faithfully performing the work God has committed to you? If you do so willingly you will be rewarded and your life will be greatly enriched (Ex. 23:25; Ps. 126:6. Let us serve God more faithfully.

3. By ready willing service for others. Jesus wants His followers to live lives of helpful service for others (Mk. 10:43-44). Jesus Himself set the example of humble service. Dorcas spent her life in loving service for others. Her life meant so much to others that God raised her from the dead that she might continue her good works (Acts 9:36-41). Is your life so filled with loving service for others that you would be greatly missed if you left this world? See Gal. 6:2, 10).

4. By being more earnest in our efforts to win the lost to Christ. How greatly our C. E. would be improved if each one of us would be more earnest in our efforts to win the lost to Christ. An old lady in Korea who has been saved only a few years determined to win 1,000 souls to Christ before her death. Already she has won over 500 of her neighbors and friends to Christ. How many have you won? How many have you tried to win? Like Peter (Jn. 1:41-42) and Philip (Jn. 1:45) we should bring others to Jesus. See Jas. 5:20; Prov. 11:30; Dan. 12:3.

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

DALLAS CENTER, IA.

It has been quite some time since the Dallas Center Brethren Church has been heard from, but we do have a few items of news that may be of interest to our Brethren in other churches.

The Iowa Brethren Bible Conference which was held in Dallas Center was blessed of the Lord, and proved to be a blessing to many who attended. The opening session was on Friday evening, Nov. 24, 1939, and the conference lasted through Sunday evening. The main speaker during the conference was Prof. Herman Hoyt of Grace Theological Seminary. Other speakers during the conference included Rev. Kettell, pastor of the Methodist Church in Williamsburg, Ia.; Rev. Miles Taber, pastor of the Brethren Church in Leon, Ia.; and Rev. Harold Parks, pastor of the Carleton Brethren Church at Garwin, Ia. The Grace Bible church of Waterloo was well represented.

Brother Cook, who has ministered faithfully while in Dallas Center, held two weeks of revival meetings immediately following the Bible conference.

There have been eight taken into the church by baptism since Sept. 1939. During this time there has been a number of reconsecrations.

We have been studying from the book of Revelation at our Sunday morning services. To make the studies interesting, and to make them easier to understand, Brother Cook has prepared and hung at the front of the church a great chart 16 feet long and eight feet wide, covering the entire book of Revelation.

The past few Sunday nights we have been studying on the Holy Spirit. Prior to this the Sunday evening studies were taken from the book of Genesis.

Yours in Christ
Madge Wineland, Church Cor.

BUENA VISTA, VA.

The First Brethren Church of Buena Vista, Va., has just concluded a "victory revival" under the splendid leadership and labor of Rev. R. Paul Miller. The meetings were conducted during the two weeks of July 30 through Aug. 11.

The Spirit of God used Bro. Miller's untiring and unselfish efforts in a wonderful way in this church. Without counting the members who came forward on the first Sunday morning, there were 101 public decisions for Christ in the two weeks. Many of these are young husbands and wives who came to Christ from lives of sin. Some are former members of the church who became discouraged and dropped out during the years of inactivity here. We baptized 29 yesterday, mostly all adults, one man 69 years old. Have more to baptize in two weeks. Received 37 new members yesterday also.

The revival spread among the members in such a way that family altars have been set up, families have been united in Christ and many have given up tobacco and liquor for Christ.

Months before the meeting the faithful men of the church were busy beautifying the building. The entire interior received a new coat of paint, new lights were hung, some new pews and hymnals were purchased and new drapes were purchased and hung by the ladies. The members of the church have done a commendable piece of work on their building.

This church wishes publicly to thank Bro. Miller for the countless spiritual and material blessings his Spirit-filled ministry has brought to us.

Rev. Edward D. Bowman, at present pastor of the First Brethren Church at Beaver City, Nebr., has been called as pastor of this church beginning Sept. 9, 1940. The present pastor will begin his labors at Covington, Va., at that same time. We earnestly covet the prayers of the brotherhood for the work of our Lord here at Buena Vista.

Pastor, Arthur N. Malles.

LA VERNE, CALIF.

Greetings to our beloved brotherhood from La Verne, Cal.

Despite summer vacations on which seven of our number have been gone the entire school vacation, and others part of the summer, our services have continued with fair attendance and good interest. Our much loved young pastor, Bro. Carter, has given us the Word with power, in love and admonition. We thank the Lord for sending him to us.

We did not close our doors on Sunday evenings to unite with the other four denominations in summer union services, but had good attendance each Sunday evening. Our prayer meetings on Wednesday evening and Tuesday morning have continued with interest.

Bro. Shearer, a Baptist minister, substituted for Bro. Carter while he was at our national Bible and church conference at Winona. Bro. Shearer, who is an interesting and able Bible speaker, and who does not shun to declare God's Word, also preached for us during our pastor's absence at summer camp, at which about 20 of our members were in attendance.

We were glad to have Bro. McClain in our Bible conference in June, which was well attended by our own people and those of other denominations.

Two weeks ago we had the Pomona Division of Los Angeles County C.E. meet with us in a "singspiration" after our regular church service. There were over 100 in attendance. Bro. Carter is pastor-counseler, and two others of our C.E. are officers of our division.

Two more have been baptized lately.

We are glad to have one of our young men ordained to the full ministry at our national conference, and we pray God's blessing upon him in his work.

During our district conference when our pastors exchanged pulpits, we had Bro. McDonald of Compton and Bro. Ogden of Los Angeles, both of whom gave us inspiring messages; and we enjoyed their fellowship and that of their wives and some of the children. Fellowship of God's children means much to us as believers in Him.

Yours in that blessed fellowship,

Mrs. Lydia H. Frantz.

MODESTO, CALIF.

A word of praise is due from Modesto Brethren, and we are happy to give testimony that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is unfailing, and always of sufficient supply for every need. What-

ever has been accomplished for His glory in Modesto is on account of His faithfulness to His own Word—"He abideth faithful."

In the first week of May, we were blessed by the faithful ministry of Bro. Paul R. Bauman. On Sun., May 5, we held public installation of the first officers of the church (Bro. Bauman officiated). At the same time an ordaination service was given, in which Bro. Alva Bowman and his wife, Str. Elizabeth Bowman, were set apart as first deacon and deaconess of the church. These were very sacred and blessed moments, in which God seemed especially near. Bro. Bauman's clear Bible messages were greatly appreciated by all the members and friends of our Modesto church.

On May 14 Dr. J. C. Beal, beloved to many of The Missionary Herald family, came to minister the Word to us. The meetings continued nightly except Monday, until May 26. Truly the Lord gave us a time of great refreshing. There were eight consecrations and one confession. Dr. Beal gave his last message to us at communion service, on the evening of May 29. God gave us a real feast of fellowship.

On Sun., June 9 our Bro. Elias Zimmerman, Supt. of the Los Angeles Jewish Mission, held a one service Jewish Missions Conference, and on Friday and Saturday evenings of the same week, Bro. Ralph E. Underwood, converted atheist, preached for us the Word which he at one time tried to destroy. These Brethren present living proof that the gospel that the apostle Paul preached is still "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes" the Jew as well as the Gentile.

July 7-10, it was our privilege to have a small part in the Central California Brethren Bible Conference, sponsored jointly by Tracy and Modesto, churches. The conference meetings were held in the Tracy Brethren Church and Dr. Alva J. McClain presented the Word with unusual clarity and power. It was our very great pleasure to present Dr. McClain in Modesto for one service. Truly our Brother's ministry is pronounced blessed by those who love the WORD.

Verily God has been gracious to the Modesto Brethern. We are still few in number but we love the WORD, and God honors His WORD. During the period reviewed 11 have confessed faith in Christ, and nine have been baptized by trine immersion.

We thank God for those who have helped us by faithful ministry of the WORD and we thank God for those who share the labors in Modesto by the ministry of prayer. Our labors are only for His glory. May we be "good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

May Jesus Christ be praised.

Yours in His marvelous grace,

Earl B. Studebaker.

SPOKANE, WASH.

Even though it has been many months since Spokane has been heard from is not an indication of death nor inactivity. Neither does it mean that the good Lord has been withholding from us His manifold blessings. Truly, God's people in this church have many reasons to lift their voices in adoration and praise to their blessed Redeemer and Savior Jesus Christ.

During the years several changes have taken place, resulting in a deeper spiritual walk with God in the lives of the faithful, tried, and true. The general outlook for growth is better today than it has been over a period of many years. Of course, while these things have developed, Satan has not been on a "sit down strike"; rather, he has been working overtime trying to overthrow the message and work of The Brethren Church in Spokane. Wherever the Word is preached you will find the devil at work.

The various auxiliaries of the church are doing splendid work The Holy Spirit is keenly felt at the Wednesday night prayer meeting. In the past 27 months we have been able to reduce the church's mortgage and interest nearly $1,000. Six have been received into church fellowship this year by conversion and baptism, for which we give God all the glory.

During the month of May Rev. Simon E. Forsberg, Dean of the Multnomah School of the Bible, Portland, Ore., conducted a very helpful Bible Conference for us. Any church looking for an outstanding fundamental Bible teacher will do well to secure the services of Dean Forsberg.

We wish to praise God for a very splendid Daily Vacation Bible School. With a registration of 70, the school was conducted for two weeks with the boys and girls asking to have it continued another week, at the close of which time a picnic, and on Sunday night a special Vacation School program was given. Attractive diplomas were presented for efficient work completed. Various awards were given for perfect attendance and good behavior which were excellent. Through the vacation school several new members were added to the Sunday School.

Spiritually real progress has been made. Strangers are seen at almost every service. They speak very highly of the service, the Christian fellowship, and blessings received.

Considering all things in the light of Holy Writ, and knowing that Spokane is not church minded, we wonder that the door of God's mercy has not been closed, and the door of His wrath opened.

Brethren in Christ, we need your prayers that the blessing of God the Father may continue to rest upon the First Brethren Church at Spokane, Wash.

By His Grace

Albert Lantz, pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.

Greetings from the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach, Cal. The year 1940 so far is proving to be a blessed one for the work here. Bro. Clarence L. Sickel was called to the pastorate here in April. The work at that time had gone without a pastor for more than three months. We believe the Lord sent Bro. Sickel to this field. There has been some very definite things done since his coming. The Bible School attendance in January averaged 238; so far in August it has averaged 312. July and August are usually low months here because of vacation time.

Bills had accumulated, and on June 25 the people "got together" and raised nearly $450.00 with which to pay back obligations that had accumulated over many months. Just before that time, more than $200.00 had been raised for building repairs. Our Easter offering was $536.20 for the Klievers.

The W.M.C. of this church has done some very fine work recently for the needy ones at home, for a certain school for girls, and for our missionaries on the field. Their display of needlework during our recent District Conference brought many very fine comments. Their average attendance is above 20 at regular meetings, with much interest shown.

The Men's Brotherhood was reorganized July 2. At our August meeting 55 attended, with interest and enthusiasm being very marked; but best of all, one man accepted Christ as his personal Savior. The Brotherhood is sponsoring a definite club work for boys. They are sponsoring the 50-passenger bus that has recently been added to the transportation department of the church work. Their theme Scripture verse is Col.3:17.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School, ending July 3, was a successful one with an average daily attendance of 146 and an enrollment of nearly 200, represented by more than 15 denominations.

Our 3rd quarterly communion was well attended and a very blessed time of fellowship was evident among those attending.

A very definite program for the Young People is being worked out which is keeping the young people busy, thereby eliminating at least in part the desire of some to search for outside entertainment. The spiritual aspect is being presented to them in a way that gets their attention and support.

The Wednesday night prayer meeting is being attended by 50 or more each meeting. There are two other prayer meetings during the week—Tuesday and Friday 10:00 a. m. Brother Sickel is giving very excellent messages direct from the Word of God, and the attendance and interest in the regular worship program of the church is growing.

The Pastor and Deacon Board are working out a plan to have home Bible classes for adults, using several teachers, and a uniform lesson study course. They hope to extend these classes into nearby suburban sections.

Our prospects for the coming fall and winter months are very encouraging. We covet the prayers of God's people that we may occupy "till He comes."

Ralph Miller, Publicity.

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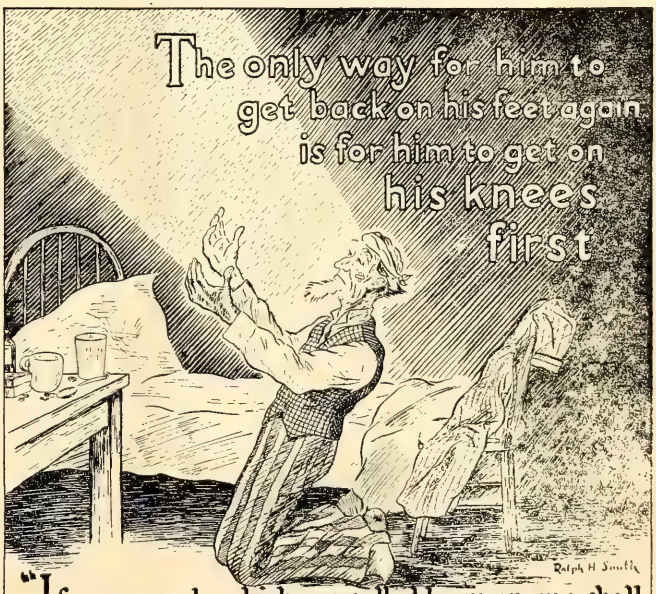

"If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sins, and heal their land." II Chron. 7:14

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Our New Publication Organization

By Russell D. Barnard, Pastor First Brethren Church, Dayton Ohio
and President of the new Publication Board

Announcing . . . . .

The new organization of The Brethren Missionary Herald Company!

The committee of three, Prof. Herman Hoyt, Rev. Leo Polman, and Bro. R. E. Donaldson, appointed by The National Brethren Bible Conference in 1939, did a noble piece of work. They were chosen to serve in an emergency, the emergency came, they served; and our thanks is to them for a job well done. THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD, as you now have it, is the crowning result of their labors.

In announcing this new plan of operation, we are not unmindful of the two Brethren with whom we were associated in the production of Brethren literature at a former time, and who have given most valuable service in the new plan of operation. I refer to Dr. J. C. Beal and Rev. Chas. W. Mayes. It was under their guidance that most of our present supply of literature was produced, and through their kindly interest and generosity that it became available to our new company. We desire, therefore, to extend our sincere thanks to them.

This committee recommended to the conference which appointed them a permanent form of organization, where six members of a Board of Directors would be elected by the shareholders of the corporation and four would be appointed by the four major co-operating boards, namely, The Foreign Missionary Society Board, The Brethren Home Missions Council Board, the Grace Theological Seminary Board, and The Woman's Missionary Council Board. This plan of organization was approved, and the board was constituted as follows: Brethren Ray Gingrich, George Richardson, L. L. Grubb, Bernard Schneider, Tom Hammers (secretary), and R. D. Crees representing the shareholders, Bro. Ralph Rambo representing the B.H.M.C., Bro. Homer A. Kent representing the F.M.B., Sister Ivah Patterson representing the W.M.C., and the undersigned representing the Grace Seminary Board.

The shareholders are to be those who annually give $5.00 or more to The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. You will notice that the shareholders will always have the voice of control since they elect six out of the 10 Directors. The plan of ownership and control is almost identical with the Foreign Mission, Home Mission, and Grace Seminary Corporations. We believe that the principle is sound, that those who actively support have the voice of control.

Bro. Leo Polman, who has been so largely responsible for the success of the company thus far, has been chosen as the managerial head of the company, probably under the title of "Secretary of Publications." He will be giving his full time to this responsibility and to the evangelistic and Bible conference work associated with it. It is his purpose and ours, that his work for this year at least shall be largely promotional. He will seek to visit every section of the brotherhood during the year, and he and we ask for the privilege of his meeting with every church and Sunday School Board in every congregation. **Write him for a date.**

Our purpose is to supply you, all of you, with the best Brethren literature you have ever had the privilege of using. In places where we do not publish a desired item, we shall attempt to supply you with the very best material available in that particular field.

Co-operation is needed. This company is a venture of faith. We humbly ask your help, as we implore the Holy Spirit's guidance. You can help us several ways.

(a) Pray for us.

(b) Permit Bro. Polman to meet with your leaders.

(c) Try to have a 100% congregation in Brethren Missionary Herald subscriptions.

(d) Use all the types of Brethren Sunday School literature we publish, if you believe it is worthwhile.

(e) Where we do not publish what you desire, or where you prefer another literature to our own, please buy your supplies through us. It will cost you no more, and we will receive a commission.

(f) Buy all your church and Sunday School supplies—Bibles etc. through The Brethren Missionary Herald Co.

We can get you anything you want, and at the same price it will cost you elsewhere, and the company will receive a commission.

We welcome your suggestions. This is your company; we want it to operate just as you may desire it. Send your suggestions to any member of the board, or to Bro. Polman.

Finally, Brethren, pray for us. We feel so unequal to the task, but we worship a God Who is able. We are inspired by the possibilities, challenges, and prospects.

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THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL PROVIDES PARSONAGE FOR CLAYHOLE, KENTUCKY

For months many of us have been praying that in some way the Lord would provide a parsonage for the new field there. At present Bro. and Sister Landrum are compelled to live four miles away from the new church. This is not only unhandy for them but it is not wise to leave such property without someone near at hand to care for it. Then also, it is practically impossible to obtain other houses that would be fitting for a pastor of a church. The last time the secretary was there in August, there had been a rain; as a result the house was practically soaked inside from the leaking roof.

The secretary was privileged at conference to speak to the national women and lay the plans for the new house before them. We understand that after the meeting that day they undertook the project unanimously. The Home Missions Council will finance the project and the women will pay it off in five years.

We think that this women's organization is a most remarkable institution already. To be able to undertake such things when but one year old is something at which to marvel.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING DIME COLLECTORS

These splendid aids in making up the thank offering for Home Missions should be at work in every church today. Thanksgiving now is but eight weeks away. There is no time to lose if we are to give an offering that will be sufficient to carry on the work that our Father God has given us for this coming year. We urge all pastors to send promptly for as many as you will need. Last year we had great results with these little collectors. Here is the slogan:

"All my dimes for Home Missions from now till Thanksgiving."

Get started today.

BACK TO YOUR KNEES, UNCLE SAM

The cover cartoon was taken from the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel. Cartoonist Ralph H. Smith has truly pictured the only way out of the troubles that Uncle Sam has gotten himself into because of his sin of forgetting God. This sad country can cover the seas with battleships; we can darken the skies of this continent with air fleets of the fiercest kinds; we can build our motorized land forces till they can sweep anything before them, and still America will sink down to hell. America does not need more education, legislation, evolution, nor reformation. America needs regeneration! America must get back to God, back to her knees in confession and repentance, for her sins have reached to high heaven. She doesn't need the heavy hand of a dictator nor of a super-man. She needs the hand of God resting upon her because she has put away her sins and knelt at Calvary in faith in the Son of God.

As the editor has so fitly stated,

"The world's people today—**all** of them—have need to fall upon their knees and implore the mercy and forgiveness and guidance of the Almighty.

"Without that, they must needs succumb to despair; for they can, of their poor mortal selves, do nothing—even in collective human action. They must seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

"What is the first thing for which we ought to pray? Forgiveness! and after that, humility."

God give us more editorial writers who will tell America the truth in this dark hour.

RALLY DAY
Home Missions Program

It is NEW

It is SIMPLE

It is EFFECTIVE

USE IT THIS FALL

(See Page 7)

By R. Paul Miller, Editor

One Thing Mr. Hitler Cannot Do

Dictators and tyrants of all kinds have periods during which their power seems invincible. They sweep on from victory to victory. Sooner or later, however, they invariably attempt the thing that is beyond their reach. Then they crash as spectacularly as they arose.

Pharaoh had the then known world for his empire. He had enslaved Israel. Jehovah said through Moses, "Let my people go." In his boastful pride he shouted at Moses and Aaron, "Who is Jehovah that I should hearken unto Him?" When the waters of the Red Sea closed over him and his army, Pharoah found out who Jehovah was. He got along fine till he bucked up against God.

Nebuchadnezzar was a great soldier. He subdued all nations. He got pretty big in his own eyes. He stood in his palace one day and shouted, "Is this not the great Babylon that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?" (Dan. 4:30). Seven years later, Nebuchadnezzar, after spending those years in the fields as an animal debased and driven from men, stood again in his palace and gave glory to the God who had permitted his rise to power. Then he knew that "the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men."

Now we read an Associated Press despatch today quoting Hitler's newspaper, "Das Schwaye Korps," to the effect that as soon as Hitler wins the war he will clear the European continent entirely of Jews. Now Palestine happens to be claimed as a part of Europe as well as of Asia. This particular part of Europe God promised to the descendants of Abraham 3500 years ago. "The Lord made a covenant with Abraham, saying, 'Unto thy seed have I given this land from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates" (Gen. 15:18). Though they have been driven from the land because of their sin, yet they are to return, which they are now doing for the first time in nearly 2,000 years. And when they return they shall not leave it again even though Antichrist brings all the nations of the world against them. "And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God" (Amos 9:14, 15). Hitler may conquer and transplant the nations of Europe, but the day he attempts to remove Israel from the land God has given them, he will come face to face with One Who can fold up Hitler as a jacknife. Hitler's hatred of Israel is the stone that will crush him at last.

Mussolini In Palestine In 1941

While writing the above editorial a news flash comes in, stating that J. W. T. Mason, United Press War Correspondent, reports that Mussolini plans to invade Palestine in 1941. We don't wonder at Mussolini's plan to take Palestine. It is undoubtedly the most strategic section of all Europe and Asia. It is likewise the richest and handiest "gold mine" in the world. Chemical engineers of Great Britain and France have estimated the buried wealth in the Dead Sea at $240,000,000,000. Mussolini is not the only one who knows this. All other dictators know it. Nor is he the only one who needs finances badly. They all need it. They all want it. And they all plan to get it for themselves to finance their military ambitions. If Mussolini gets it first he will have to defend it against every other dictator in the world to keep it. Antichrist will "divide the land for gain" (Dan. 11:39). The great wars that precede the battle of the Armageddon will be fought over the possession of Palestine. Are our eyes about to see the first move? If so, it won't be long till the true church of Christ will hear her "upcall," for her work on earth will be over.

"The Kings of the East" Prepare Their Way

Konoye, new Premier of Japan, has just issued a new and already formulated program for that nation's future. It is titled, "The new order for greater East Asia." The first part of this program is to seize French Indo-China. Then follows the Dutch East Indies. Then follows Singapore and Hong Kong, those rich British prizes. In this way Japan hopes to pay for her tremendous losses in the Chinese campaigns and at the same time extend her sway over all Asia.

Vlademir Soloviov, the great Russian seer foresaw present Japanese expansion 50 years ago. He wrote, "About the middle of the 20th century the nations of Europe will be weakened by internal wars. At that time China, convinced that she can no longer withstand Japan, will make an alliance with her former foe. 12,000,000 armed and equipped Orientals will march to the gate of the Caspian Sea. There they will divide into three ramrods of 4,000,000 each and trample Europe under foot."

All that Soloviov forecast may not come to pass, but that he was a most keen and intuitive student of the trends of the affairs of the nations of Europe and Asia is remarkably evident.

A few short months ago the Japanese minister of war in an interview to the press declared that the white race had dominated the world long enough, and had proven their unfitness for supremacy. Now, he declared, was the opportunity of the brown race and they were going to take advantage of it.

The "sixth angel" of the Book of Revelation seems to have a peculiar relationship to the Asiatic nations in the wind-up of the age. In Rev. 16:12 we read that the angel pours out his vial and the River Euphrates is dried up to make way for the kings of the East. In Rev. 9:13-16, the sixth angel is again seen and there he looses the "four angels which are bound in the River Euphrates." The results are that 200,000,000 horsemen from the "east" evidently on their way to Palestine, cross over the Euphrates River on dry land —likely the first time in all history that that river will be dry. Two hundred million horsemen are a lot of men; a greater host than any military organization today; greater than Soloviov saw. Evidently they represent the third part of the world's men of military age. They shall all be destroyed after their great rise to power. But today we see them forming their organization without doubt. This is a thrilling day for the Christian who knows his Bible. Never was there a time when the "Old Book" was being confirmed in its prophecies as today. The unebliever still scoffs, but the Christian rejoices, knowing that his Lord's return is very near.

Why Haven't We Heard This Before?

In a recent evangelistic campaign where God was glorifying Himself in the salvation of many men, we were talking to a long-time member of the church. Quite a number of men were giving up their habits of liquor and tobacco when they accepted Christ. There were numbers of men who had been members

The True Principle of Non-Resistance in War and Peace

By Professor Herman A. Hoyt

For 19 centuries believers have been living in the world, even though they were separated from the world and not of the world. And during these 19 centuries they have faced every conceivable test known to human flesh, and generally speaking have been gloriously victorious, for greater was He that was in them than he that was in the world (I Jn. 4:4). And not the least of the problems which they faced was the oft-recurring problem of non-resistance, which, by the way, faces every believer anew today. For so long as believers must live in a world of sin where selfish hearts are employing every conceivable method to achieve their selfish ends, for that long will believers be facing this tremendous problem.

Prof. Herman Hoyt

Now the occasion for a fresh discussion of this problem, as anyone can well see, is the moral and spiritual darkness which is overwhelming the entire world, creating international strife and internal disorder, and contributing to individual degeneration. This means that the present generation of believers will be called upon afresh to determine the course of action they will pursue in the case of war and litigation. And this further means that nothing short of a clear understanding of the true principle of non-resistance as taught in the Bible will enable the believer to pursue the proper course of action.

1. It is therefore necessary at this point in our discussion that a **careful statement of the principle** be given. But it should be remarked that the principle of non-resistance is only **one aspect** of the larger principle of non-conformity to or separation from the world, which is clearly stated in Rom. 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Since going to war and going to law belong definitely to this world (Jn. 18:36; 1 Cor. 6:1-5), it therefore follows that the principle of non-conformity includes the principle of non-resistance in matters of war and law.

It should also be noted that the principle of non-conformity is not **wholly negative** as one might be led to think. For though Rom. 12:2 clearly states that there should be separation from the world on the one hand, that is not all; for on the other hand it states that there should be transformation, and that by the renewing of the mind with the Word of God, that God's will might be experienced, tested and approved. And as both the negative and the positive elements of this principle apply to everything included within this principle, so both elements apply to the matter of non-resistance. Thus we conclude that the true principle of non-resistance not only forbids recourse to law and war for the redress of wrong, but also provides that believers shall become like Christ in seeking the good of all men (Rom. 13:8; Gal. 6:10.)

2. We are now ready for discussion of certain very **precise limitations** relating to this principle.

In the first place, the principle of non-resistance is strictly limited to the **sphere of believers.** Since the epistle to the Romans is addressed to believers, the larger principle of non-conformity cannot be laid upon unbelievers (Cf. Rom. 12:1). And the context of the passage of Scripture in which specific reference is made to war (Jn. 18:36) and law (1 Cor. 6:1-11; cf. 1:2) is careful to explain that only believers are in mind.

In the second place, the principle of non-resistance is strictly limited to the **sphere of individuals.** No commands like this are delivered to the church as a whole, for that would reduce the possibility. But this does not mean that the church as an organization of individuals shall not legislate and discharge certain responsibilities pertaining to this very question. But any such action on the part of a body of believers will only mean that believers are individually responsible. If a church wilfully commits an act of aggression at law or war, the individuals who are guilty will God hold responsible.

In the third place, the principle of non-resistance is strictly limited to the **sphere of Christ's kingdom.** This means that governments of this world are not only permitted but also are ordained of God to use the force of sword or law against evil doers, whether it be nations or individuals. And this is only right, for this is one method by which God has provided for rectifying wrong in this world (Jn. 18:36; Rom. 13:1-5). Then too, it must be remembered that the interests of the world are bound up with the world and the present order. Hence it is necessary that, at least in some small way, wrong be rectified here and now. However, even in the sphere of the world, unjust acts of aggression in war or at law are not permitted of God, and are punishable both here and hereafter (Rom. 13:2; Rev. 20:15).

3. Having come this far, it is now time to present **a number of reasons** for the principle of non-resistance.

In the first place, the **express purpose** for non-conformity to the world, which likewise covers non-re-

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of that church for years, yet who had still continued their former habits. Then some of these church members began to clean up. It was in the midst of this process that this particular member spoke to us. He said, "How is it that nothing has ever been said to us about these habits being wrong before? It is the first time we have been made to see this!" We could hardly believe it, but the testimony of several confirmed it.

What kind of preaching is it that fails to teach Christian men that their bodies are temples of the Holy Ghost and they defile them only at the cost of their fellowship with God? God pity the preacher who fails to teach his men that they must be clean from these things for fear they will resent it. To allow such a condition without protest is to fail God and to be a party to the spiritual deadness that follows. "Be ye holy, for I, the Lord your God am holy."

sistance, is to "prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2). By this Paul means that through personal obedience to the command for separation from the world the believer will enter into personal experience and approval of the will of God as being altogether good, decidedly pleasing, and lacking in nothing which it ought to possess.

In the second place, the **divine prerogative** for vengeance forbids that believers shall usurp it (Rom. 12:19). Of course, the specific reason for going to law or to war will invariably be stated as redress for wrong. And there is a sense in which wrongs can be punished in this world, although not fully punished, for every wrong is against God and therefore assumes infinite dimensions. But for the believer, even temporal justice must be set aside, for he has a new standard. Having entered into a sublime relationship with the Lord Jesus, and having committed everything to Him, it is inconsistent with that profession to seek to avenge when God says: "Vengeance is mine; I will repay."

In the third place, the **divine methods** for obtaining justice are different from those of the world (Jn. 18:36). While the kingdoms of this world must be defended from enemies, be delivered from aggressors, and be perpetuated by methods employing physical force, this is not true of Christ's kingdom, for it is not of this world. Being a kingdom which was decreed of God, and therefore has the blessing and stamp of eternity upon it, nothing can destroy it. And especially is it unnecessary to defend it with physical force, since physical force cannot touch it.

In the fourth place, the **spiritual nature** of Christ's subjects dictates a new policy toward offenders (Lk. 9:52-56). The sons of thunder, stirred with indignation at the disgraceful reception of thir Lord, would have readily called down fire to consume a certain village of Samaritans, but the Lord Jesus rebuked them with the reminder of their spiritual origin. He declared that His very spirit was being demonstrated in that He was now on the way to the cross to save men, not to destroy them. Therefore it may be concluded that the very nature of God which is imparted to the believer by the operation of the Holy Spirit dictates the policy of non-resistance.

4. Finally, let us note that **transgression of the principle** of non-resistance in the realm of law called forth six inescapable charges against the Corinthian church (1 Cor. 6:1-11).

The first charge of **insolence** was leveled at them because they dared to drag their brethren into the low courts of the land, and that before the unjust world (1). Nor was the second charge of **ignorance** any less stinging in its reproach, for they were charged with ignorance of the position the saints were to occupy some day as the judges of the world and of angels (2-4). And to level at the Corinthians, who loved to boast of wisdom and power, the third charge of **inability** to settle their own disputes must have been extremely humiliating to them. But it was true, and true because they were in a very low spiritual state (5-6). The fourth charge of **immorality** was made because there was "utterly a fault" among them in that inordinate greed drove them to rob their brethren at law (7-8). Such conduct was evidence that they were under an **illusion** as to the personnel of the kingdom, thinking that those who practice unrighteousness are now members of the kingdom and would some day inherit it (9-10). And this charge prepared the way for the final charge of **indifference** toward the great facts in their salvation: indifference toward baptism which is the great symbol of regeneration, and toward sanctification and justification (11).

It should therefore be said in closing that the principle of non-resistance is inextricably bound up with Christianity, and constitutes one aspect of the great principle of non-conformity to the world. True Christians will obey the command to love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, knowing that if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him (I Jn. 2:15). So professed believers who transgress the principle of non-resistance either by practice or approval will do well to examine themselves to see whether they be in the faith.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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1st Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.	25.00
Second Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.	142.85
Sewell Landrum, Lost Creek, Ky. (Ky. Bldg.)	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. E. Baker, Roann, Ind.	5.00
1st Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.	10.00
1st Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.	60.00
1st Brethren Church, Allentown, Pa.	22.75
1st Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.	10.50
Miss Florence Bickel, French Equitorial Africa	5.00
1st Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif.	51.75
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Brumbaugh, Portis, Kans.	5.00
National Brethren Women's Missionary Council	4.00
Willia A. Wood, Ely, Neb.	15.00
Clara Fairbanks, Long Beach, Calif.	5.00
1st Brethren Church, Covington, Va.	14.00
Grover Snyder, Conemaugh, Pa.	25.00
Rose Snyder, Conemaugh, Pa.	50.00
George Sipe, Berne, Ind. (Ky. Bldg.)	5.00
1st Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.	7.00
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Pike Brethren Church, Mundy's Corner, Pa	54.75
Mrs. Ada Prichard, Falls City, Nebr. (Ky. Parsonage)	10.00
1st Brethren Church, Winchester, Va. (Ky. Bldg.)	25.00
R. E. Donaldson, Washington, D. C.	6.00

Respectfully submitted,

R. PAUL MILLER, Secretary.

Can't Pray Over It. A mother said she wanted her son to go to a dancing school because he was so awkward: she wanted him to be more graceful; wanted him to get grace in his heels, you see, instead of his heart. After six weeks he had made such poor progress she took him out in disgust, and chided him. Said he, "I'm sorry, mother I'm so stupid about it; but I can't seem to do any better. You see, its one of the things I can't pray over."

NOTICE

PASTORS AND DISTRICT CONFERENCE SECRETARIES

The material for conference annual is now being gathered for publication. Let us have at once changes of address and list of all your district conference officers and organizations, and all elders in the district. Send at once to—

THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD CO.
3326 S. Calhoun St.
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

RALLY DAY PROGRAM FOR HOME MISSIONS

This program has been prepared by Mrs. Herman W. Koontz and Mrs. Chas. W. Mayes at the request of the Secretary of the Home Missions Council. It is designed to fill a real need for superintendents and pastors who have for a long time desired help in emphasizing home missions on this day. This is the first program of its kind yet prepared. Others will be supplied each year for Rally Day from now on. This program is easy to put on, it is easily learned, and will be very effective. Do not fail to use this program, for it will stir up your entire church to our home missions need as nothing else will do.—R.P.M.

"HOME MISSIONS ON THE MARCH"

Characters: Young man, pastor, young people from home missions churches, a primary class from the Sunday School, a young person who impersonates the local church.

Platform decorations: A large map of the U. S. with mission points marked with stars, placed across the back of the platform. A Christian flag on a long standard floating at each end of the platform. A bench at one side.

Young man and the pastor enter from opposite directions and meet in the center of the platform.

Pastor (shaking hands): Good morning, Jack. We're glad to see you here at Sunday School this morning. We've been missing you.

Young man: Thank you, pastor. Of course I couldn't miss on Rally Day. I HAVE been growing a bit careless lately about church attendance. I guess I'll have to admit that I'm a little discouraged.

Pastor: Discouraged? I am sorry to hear you say that. Perhaps if you tell me about it I can help you.

Young Man: Well, it is only that so little seems to be accomplished. So many people are indifferent to the church; even church members themselves are indifferent. Even where the gospel is preached, as it is here, the results are few and slow.

Pastor: I believe you are looking at this problem in the wrong light, my boy. Perhaps you do not know what has been done and is being done in our churches today. I believe that if you will sit here with me a little while and watch as the accomplishments of the year pass before us, that you will change your mind. Here comes someone who can help us.

(Young person representing the local church enters.)

Local Church: I represent your local church. The Lord has been very gracious to us this past year. He has added to this church _____saved souls; _____young people have volunteered for life service. Our people have given_____for home missions; _____for foreign missions; _____for Jewish missions; (other offerings, and items of interest may be added).

Our hope for the church lies in the children who form its growing Sunday School. Here come the little ones to sing for you.

(The children come to the platform and sing, "This Little Light of Mine.")

Local Church: We are doing our bit to reach out into needy fields, and we joyfully welcome representatives from many new churches into our ranks today. First, let me introduce one from our mission church at Los Angeles. Have you a testimony for us Los Angeles III?

Los Angeles III: I was a sinner who longed to find the way of salvation, but without hope of finding it. One day, as I passed down the street I saw that a place which had been a beer garden had become a church. Interested, I went in, and soon afterward I accepted Christ as my Savior. Now we are reaching out to others who need Him too.

(When Los Angeles has finished Local Church takes a red crayon with a wide point and draws a line on the map from the church where the program is given to the mission point. This is done after each testimony.)

Local Church: We rejoice with you in His salvation. We have someone with us from San Diego, Calif., too.

San Diego: I was a young person who was interested in worldly things. But down in my heart I knew that my life was empty. Then I was invited to join the Christian Endeavor in San Diega. There my new friends soon led me to Christ. Now my life has purpose and joy, and I glory in the progress our church is making.

Local Church: Thank you, San Diego. I see a representative from Waterloo coming forward.

Waterloo: A small band of us have stepped out on the Lord's promises and have formed a church where, like the pilgrims of old, we can worship as our consciences dictate. Already the Lord has blessed us with a church building and a growing testimony.

Local Church: Our prayers and support are with you, Waterloo. Let us hear from Peru, Ind., also.

Peru: I was saved because you and other local churches sent a messenger of the gospel to our community. Now I live to bring others to the Christ Who did so much for me.

Local Church: Thank you, Peru. What have you to tell us, Cleveland?

Cleveland: I searched through our city for a church which honors the whole truth of the Bible. At last I found a school building where the Lord Jesus Christ was preached and where people lived according to His Word. I joined their ranks and have seen their circle of witness widen as they entered their new building.

Local Church: We welcome you to our circle of churches. And now we have a representative from our work at Clayhole.

Clayhole: Many miles I have travelled that I might hear the gospel in your mission church at Clayhole. Now a bus picks me up at the highway and takes me to a new church. How grateful we are for all these blessings, and for the new parsonage which will soon stand beside the church. How glad we are that now we have heard and accepted the gospel and received salvation.

Pastor, (turning to young man): These are only a few of the home mission churches that are testifying of Christ over our land. 20 points are either receiving help or waiting for it. Do you not see how the prayers and offerings of the local churches together reach out and gather new churches who in turn join in helping still other churches into being? You do not see indifference in these churches, but a joyful service rendered to the Lord. Thus the work grows and God is glorified.

Young Man: Yes, I do see that the work is far broader and deeper than I realized. It is my own indifference that has blinded me to the glorious work of the church. I know now how untrue I have been to my Lord because I have not placed myself under His guidance. (He stands) Just now I want to rededicate my life to Him, to be used wherever He leads.

Pastor: Your declaration makes my heart glad. If you are so led, there is work for you to do right now. Willow Grove needs the gospel, and I am sure that if you would take the leadership we could get the old schoolhouse there for services.

Young Man: Fine... I'll get the Christian Endeavorers to help me,and by God's grace and in His strength we will give a real testimony here..

(Young man and pastor each take a flag and with standards crossed make an arch through which all on the platform pass as they sing Onward Christian Soldiers.)

(Each church may add more exercises from the local church or more testimonies from mission churches as they desire.)

Actions of the "National Conference" at Ashland, O

Involving The Foreign Missio

In order that a very clear understanding may be had as to the various actions taken at the "National Conference of The Brethren Church" (Ashland College Group) assembled at Ashland, O.; and the National Conference of Brethren Churches (Grace Theological Seminary Group), assembled at Winona Lake, Ind., we are giving here a detailed report of said actions.

We note that in The Brethren Evangelist, dated Aug. 31, 1940, Willis E. Ronk, president of the Brethren Publishing Co., printed their "Resolution Regarding the Foreign Missionary Board." Doubtless, Bro. Ronk presumed that this would be a final action, and rushed it into **The Brethren Evangelist,** which was evidently printed and in the mails before the two conferences closed on Sept. 1, 1940, and thought that the "Resolution" he printed would be the final action of their conference. However, it did not prove so to be.

The first "Resolution," which was passed by the conference in Ashland and which was printed in the Evangelist on Aug. 31, 1940, was anything but satisfactory to the conference assembled at Winona Lake when they received the same. That everything may be put before us here, we print in full this "Resolution" which was first passed by the conference at Ashland:

"WHEREAS, Section two (2), Article six (6), B of Manual of Procedure provides for the creation or discontinuance of cooperating agencies by the General Conference and amongst those heretofore created is The Foreign Missionary Board, and

"WHEREAS, this board is no longer cooperating with the General Conference, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Foreign Board be discontinued as a cooperating agency of The General Conference.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The Missionary Board of The Brethren Church be charged with the responsibility of and the carrying on of the Foreign Missionary work of the General Conference and that said Missionary Board of The Brethren Church be continuing our work in South America.

Section 2—Article 6—Manual of Procedure The conference has the power to create additional cooperating organizations or to discontinue any now in existence or hereafter created at any time by a two-thirds vote.

P. S. The above resolution was unanimously passed by The General Conference of The Brethren Church assembled at Ashland, O., on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1940.

O.K. W. S. BELL."

The above "Resolution" was not satisfactory to t Winona Lake Conference, inasmuch as it dealt o with the Foreign **Board** and likewise merely declar that the "Foreign Board be discontinued as a coope ating agency of The General Conference."

Those of us at Winona Lake wished to have a res lution passed distinctly stating that we not only we to be released from any and all alleged **control** "The National Conference of The Brethren Churc as it was assembled at Ashland, O., but that sa conference was to release all claim to any of t **assets** of our Society.

Brother W. S. Bell was the agent through wh we contacted the conference at Ashland, while t undersigned, Secretary-Treasurer of the Foreign M sionary Society, was the agent through whom t Ashland College Group contacted the Winona La conference.

Upon the receipt of the first, and, to us, unsatisfa tory resolution passed at Ashland, the following me sage was telegraphed to Ashland:

"August 29, 1940
W. S. Bell
% Brethren Conference
Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio:

Appreciate action of your conference and believe in your good intentions, but the wording of resolutions as received not wholly clear in relation to my understanding of telephone conversation and former discussions. Does your conference unconditionally release the Foreign Missionary Society as now constituted of any and all claims which your conference has or may have against assets and control of said Society? Since time is short, please confirm by amended conference resolution embodying above suggested action. If your conference will do this, we are sure that name of conference can be settled satisfactorily as per our conversations. Otherwise, impossible for us to surrender our right to be called The National Conference of The Brethren Church. Any continued threat of possible litigation against Society is certain to affect seriously support and situation of missionaries working under present critical world conditions. Reply by Western Union.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN."

In reply to this telegram, we received the followi wire from Brother Bell:

"August 29, 1940
Louis S. Bauman
Winona Lake, Indiana

Message received. Resolution of conference means no control or claim by conference on Society. Don't want to interfere or injure work. Business in morning. Will present resolution as suggested and will wire you.

W. S. BELL"

Group Picture Showing the Hundreds Attending the 51st General Conference of The Brethren Church — and The Brethren National Bible Conference— Winona Lake, Ind. Aug. 26-Sept. 1 1940

nd the "National Conference" at Winona Lake, Ind.

ociety of The Brethren Church

And then, the next day, after the business session Ashland on Friday morning, we received the following wire from Dr. Bell, informing us of the addi-onal action of the conference at Ashland, which was tirely satisfactory to us at Winona Lake:

"August 30, 1940
L. S. Bauman
Winona Lake, Indiana

'Be it resolved that in dismissing the Foreign Missionary Board as a cooperating Board of General Conference, that we dismiss any and all obligation, financial or otherwise, to said board—that we unconditionally release the Foreign Missionary Board as now constituted of any and all claims the General Conference has or may have against assets and control of said Board and Society.' Unanimously passed this morning by General Conference.

W. S. BELL."

It should be said here that our brethren at Ash-nd probably felt that the burden of taking over the reign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church, en if by any legal action such a thing would have en possible, would have been too great for them one. It costs from $40,000 to $50,000 a year to care r the work of The Foreign Missionary Society. It s only reasonable that they should be willing to lease all claim to it if the Grace Seminary Group Churches were willing to undertake its support for e future and carry on the splendid work that it has en doing these many years.

It should be said, however, that the Ashland College roup of Brethren Churches, and we ourselves, felt at we should come to an agreement as to the use of e name "The General Conference of Brethren hurches," inasmuch as that name is involved in so any of the legal documents of the "Ashland College roup," in connection with their various conference ganizations. The use of this name for the two con-rences from year to year would indeed have been nfusing, not only to ourselves but to the general blic. To avoid this confusion, somebody must be lling to forego that particular title for their confer-ce. Inasmuch as any organization can change its me, without in any wise relinquishing the material ghts which belong to the organization under its rmer name, the brethren assembled at Winona ke felt they were willing to change the name, in turn for the willingness of the brethren at Ash-nd to release any and all claim to the assets and ntrol of the Foreign Missionary Society. Therefore, keeping with our promise to them that we would ake a change of name if they would release any d all claim that they had, or may have had, to our ciety, our conference at Winona Lake passed the llowing resolution, which speaks for itself.:

"August 31, 1940

"Inasmuch as confusion has been created in the minds of the public concerning the title, 'The General Conference of Brethren Churches,' because of certain unfortunate events and conditions which have arisen, for which we feel we are not responsible; and to remove this confusion:

"We hereby recommend that this 51st General Conference of Brethren Churches amend the Manual of Procedure by substituting the title, 'The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches,' for the title, 'The General Conference of Brethren Churches' wherever found in said Manual of Procedure.

"In this action we do not in any manner or degree yield our claim to being the regularly and legally organized 51st General Conference of Brethren Churches, nor do we make any change in the status thereof.

"We further hold that The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is the continuation of the same organization as that previously known as 'The General Conference of Brethren Churches,' under the new name 'The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches,' as that referred to in the Articles of that Ohio Corporation known as The Brethren Church, which was incorporated in the year 1883."

Let it be distinctly understood, as it should be understood by anyone carefully studying the above "Resolution," that the action taken does not in any way disavow the legality of "The General Conference of Brethren Churches" that was called to assemble at Winona Lake on Tuesday morning, Aug. 27th, 1940. Neither did the passage of this "Resolution" indicate the organization of a new denomination, in any sense. We, the churches usually known as the Grace Seminary Group of Brethren Churches, are still of **"The Brethren Church."** Moreover, we hold to our claim that our conference was a regularly organized conference of The Brethren Church, organized as a successor to the last regular organized conference of The Brethren Church which was held at Winona Lake in Aug. 1938.

Moreover, in the passage of this "Resolution" we in no wise yielded any rights that were ours prior to the change of name—any rights that we held and do hold under the name of the General Conference of The Brethren Church. We believe that the actions above taken will contribute very much to a better understanding between the two groups, and that each group can now continue to do its work for the Lord Jesus Christ without undue threats of litigation, so far as its national organizations are concerned.

It is to be hoped that if the Ashland College Group shall chose to do their foreign mission work in South America, that we can arrive at an understanding with each other that will enable us to go down into Argentina and fight Satan and his hosts, winning men and

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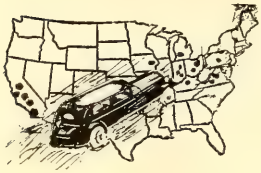
"What The Home Missions Council Is Doing"



ACROSS THE NATION

with our secretary

We Missed the Bus!

The Southeastern churches held their conference at Winchester, Va. during the fourth week of July. The secretary was scheduled to speak several times at this meeting. Just before we were to leave for this engagement, we had to take Mary Catherine to the hospital for an appendicitis operation at about midnight. The little lady wanted her "papa" to hold her hand during the ordeal, so the contemplated fellowship in this conference was called off. Suffice it to say that the operation was a decided success, due largely of course to the presence of "papa." You see it took the "pain" out of her side, and put it in "pops" pocketbook. So much for that.

Souls Saved at Canton

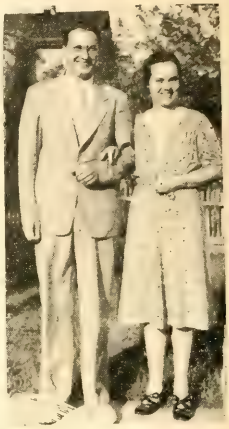
On our way to an evangelistic campaign at Buena Vista, Va. a week later we stopped on Sunday night and preached for the Canton people. We had a good time, and five souls, two men, two women and a boy, accepted Christ that night. There are some of God's finest of the wheat in this congregation. The largest number of decisions we have had in any one meeting during these many years of evangelism, was had in this field. We have held three meetings there. This was a bright spot on the way.

Fourteen Preachers at Mundy's Corner

From Canton we drove to Mundy's Corner for a meeting with the Pennsylvania preachers. The preachers of this district are beginning to get their feet on the ground again after the confusion brought about by conditions prevailing in that district during the last couple of years. There was a fine spirit of optimism prevailing since they learned of the secure position in which all our work stands. There is a new day ahead for the Brethren Churches in Pennsylvania.

Happy Days at Buena Vista

After many invitations, we were able for the first time to arrange an evangelistic campaign for this field. It is a field that had been sadly neglected for most of its life. Until a short time ago when new and aggressive preachers began to labor there things looked pretty bad for Buena Vista. Bro. Frank Coleman, Jr. started things going a few years ago, but he did not remain to see the awakening. After he left, Bro. Bernard Schneider managed to leave his wonderful work at Covington once a week so as to drive to Buena Vista to preach and conduct the Sunday School. It was a most self-sacrificing work for him. But all real achievements for Christ are the results of someone's personal sacrifice. A year and a half ago Bro. Schneider held a revival there and that was the turning point in the life of this church. The results of that meeting were large in numbers and in effect on the lives of the congregation. The community awoke to the fact that The Brethren Church had the real gospel.



Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Malles

Not many months after the revival by Bro. Schneider, the congregation was most fortunate in obtaining Bro. Arthur Malles, a recent graduate of Grace Seminary, as pastor. Since then he has continued to lead this people to a greater work for Christ. Many changes were brought about for good.

Then came this revival in which God mightily glorified Himself. The interest in these meetings was good from the start. The attendance increased steadily until the house was filled to capacity. On the first Sunday morning the spirit of the congregation was broken and the real revival started. God surely did business with this people that day. From then on the prayer rooms were filled with men, women and young people praying for themselves and their friends who were unsaved. There was a prayer meeting for each group.

It was when the people's hearts got burdened in intercessary prayer for others that things began to happen, and how they did happen from then on! The way men of the congregation, who had used tobacco all their lives, threw away their pipes, plug cut, and cigarettes, was great. Their testimonies stirred the hearts of all. Said one man, "I've tried all my life to quit and failed; now God has given me the victory, praise His Name." Then followed the salvation of men who had been overcome of drink for years. One dear man met the preacher on the next Saturday night down town. His face was beaming. He had an ice cream cone in one hand and his little girl by the other. Said he, "This is the first Saturday night in my life I haven't gone down the street with a bottle of beer in my hand. Wife and I have bought a lot and have gotten plans to build a new house right away. The greatest day of my life was when Jesus Christ came into my heart." Happy home!

At one service, among many others, three men, all near the "three score and ten" mark made decisions. That was a sight to see. The unusual number of men who came to Christ in this meeting was remarkable. Family altars were started in scores of homes to the great joy of all. By popular request we took 15 minutes one evening to explain what a family altar was and how to conduct it. Family altars will not only save the homes, but the churches as well. Never fear for the future of a church that has a lot of family altars in it.

Arthur Malles, the pastor, has already proven himself to be a strong preacher, a hard worker, and a lover of souls. It is with regret that the people are letting him go to Covington where he succeeds Bro. Schneider. However, Edward Bowman, who was graduated from Grace Seminary in May, is to take up this work the first of September. The people are looking forward to his coming with real confidence and are ready to work with him loyally.

Our home while in Buena Vista was with Bro. and Sister Malles. They are delightful folks to live and fellowship with. Mrs. Malles is a real hostess indeed. We hope to return to Buena Vista again before our Lord returns and win more for Christ. The time is so short any more.

Through Floods in the South

Leaving Buena Vista, we headed for Berne, via Clayhole, Ky. We needed to see just what yet had to be done to finish that building and to get a better idea of the needs for a parsonage. So we had to pass through southern Virginia to do so. The floods at that time were raging through the south. We drove body deep through rushing water in many places. We took some motion pictures which we hope will be good. Cars and trucks were stalled in deep water all around. We had to change our course finally, but we praise God that we got through safely, which many did not succeed in doing.

We found the Clayhole church completed except for concrete steps, walks, the electric wiring and the celotex. Bro. Earl Key of our Covington church is in the electrical business and is going to wire it at cost during conference week. We have need of a good carpenter, experienced in putting on celotex, and we also need half a dozen men to help him for about three days to put it on. Then the Clayhole church will be finished! The secretary hopes to receive the offer of the volunteers we need at once.

A Parsonage Needed Badly

Brother and Sister Sewell Landrum have done a marvelous work in Clayhole during the past 18 months. They have now an attendance of 150 to 185 in Sunday School **and church!** Everybody stays for church. They have accomplished it all with nothing but a school room to meet in. Now they have a church building to meet in. We are sure this building will soon prove too small.

But, while these unselfish workers think first of the Lord's work, we are now thinking of them. There are no proper houses for them to live in down there. They are now compelled to live four miles from the church. This is not good. The building needs close care for many reasons. The house they now live in has a bad roof. Most Indiana farm sheds have better roofs. The night before we arrived there two weeks ago, the rain had leaked through and soaked two beds through, left a half inch of water on the dining room floor and ruined much of the furniture they have.

So we are praying for a parsonage for them this fall. We are praying God will lay this need as a project on the hearts of our National W.M.C. women. We believe they will supply this need. (Ed. note: The response of the W.M.C. in this matter is found on another page in this issue)

Home Missions in Films

By the time this column is being read, the secretary will be starting on his tour of the churches showing actual motion pictures of our home mission fields. If we do not reach any certain church, it will be because no reply was had to the letter we sent out. Do not miss these pictures. They make home missions real.

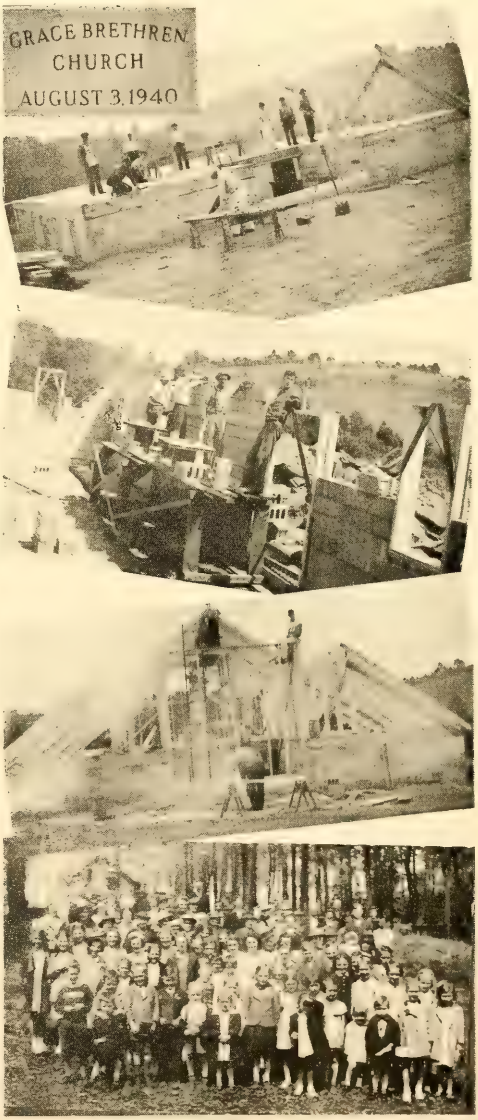
New Church Rising at Vinco

Not long ago, the secretary was privileged to pass through Vinco and see the new church building that is now in course of construction there.

Under the aggressive leadership of Brother Ord Gehman these people are going ahead in a fine way. A friend of the congregation deeded their ground to them right on the highway and now they are in course of constructing their building.

The men of the church are doing practically all of the building work free of charge. Men of the community who are friendly to the church are also giving valuable assistance. Two weeks ago they had their first meeting in the basement. Their attendance has greatly increased and souls are being saved right along.

We are glad to show some pictures of the building as it stands today. By the time the readers get this, the upper part will likely be completed. They are not completely finishing the structure but are putting in the basement with the roof a few feet above the first floor, so as to allow for Sunday School rooms. The main services will be held in the basement until the upper auditorium is completed.



A photographic report of the work at Vinco, Pa.

AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

THE GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH, FLORA, INDIANA

Background

The Grace Brethren Church of Flora, Ind. had its inception during a two week's Bible conference held in the month of December of 1939. Bro. Vernon Stuber in conjunction with several other pastors of Brethren churches of Ind. scheduled this conference. The sessions of these Bible messages were held in the Flora Public Library Auditorium, where a group of faithful Brethren met nightly. Faculty members of the Grace Seminary besides district Brethren pastors were the speakers, and a wonderful spiritual feast was enjoyed during the two weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Remple

This conference was the impelling motive for the organization of another Brethren Church in Flora. Beginning with the 1st Sunday of January of 1940 this same group of Brethren, about 80 in number, commenced meeting regularly in the local library building for Lord's Day worship services. Bro. Henry Rempel of Grace Seminary was called to do the preaching. A temporary Bible School organization was effected, and a few weeks later three C. E. societies were formed.

Organization

On Sunday, Feb. 25th, with the help of Bro. R. Paul Miller, the Grace Brethren Church of Flora was organized. Bro. Lester Fife was elected moderator, and under his able leadership the rest of the business was transacted. Regular officers were elected, including Bible School teachers and superintendents. Constitution and building committees were appointed and put to work promptly. At a later business meeting a constitution was presented to the church and with a few changes it was adopted. Thus this group of loyal Brethren organized into a fine church in which the officers are working and the machinery is running smoothly. The church voted from its early beginning to come under the Home Missions Council for guidance and advice.

Call of Pastor

At a specially called business meeting in April, the congregation voted to call Bro. Henry Rempel as full time pastor. Bro. Rempel had been serving as student pastor since January. After his graduation from Grace Seminary in May, brother Rempel moved into the field and commenced his full time duties.

Membership

On the day of the organization of the church a time limit was set for charter members to sign the roll. At the appointed time the charter roll was closed with a membership of 81. Out of these 79 came in by relationship, 1 by baptism and 1 by letter from our Brethren Church of Burlington, Ind. The membership represents a fine cross-cut section of the average church membership in that it includes a number of children, a fine group of young people, and a balanced group of adults, with a few elderly people.

Building Program

After much work and deliberation on part of the building committee, the Henry C. Wolf Construction Co. of Logensport, Ind. was employed to erect the church building for the Grace group. Mr. Wolfe is widely known as an excellent contractor and builder. The church is being built out of glazed tile with trimmings in red brick. The structure will consist of an auditorium with a seating capacity of 160 with full basement under it. The Bible School department is built on in the rear supplying ample room for expansion. The main rooms of the Bible School department can be opened to make additional seating room for another 80 people. All praise be to God for His marvelous working in reference to our building program. Already some $1800.00 has come in in cash, with pledges above that of about $1500.00. This shows real cooperation on the part of our membership, and to God be all the glory. Both church and pastor are grateful to the Home Missions Council and to its secretary for their splendid cooperation in helping us to get started.

Brethren Dyson and Rinehart

According to contract the church is to be ready for occupancy at about the middle of October. The church is planning a great dedication day service. Watch for the date, which will come during the latter part of October, and if possible, drive to Flora to see the new church and to witness its dedication.

High Lights

On the 27th day of May this church held its first communion service. It was a real joy to both pastor and congregation to see the young with the old gather about the Lord's table to observe the holy sacraments. About 60 were present, and each heart was strengthened as we "did these things in rememberance of Him."

During the month of May a splendid Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted by pastor and Bible School teachers. It was very inspiring, to say the least, to see children coming in from all directions, ready and willing to learn more about the Friend and Savior of children. The enrollment reached a peak of 106 children, representing some 12 different churches of the surrounding community.

The Ambassador Bible Class (the young married people's class) is receiving instructions from the pastor on 'How to Win Souls for Christ.' The entire class takes notes on these studies and already some are going out in definite work to win the lost for Christ. The class is showing marked growth, both spiritually and numerically.

On Aug. 22 Bro. and Sister Dunning, who have been traveling in the interest of our National B. S. L. V., were with us and conducted a very profitable and edifying service. We had 107 present of which 59 were young people. Again we praise the Lord for His working among us, for 16 fine young people signed up for membership in the B. S. L. V. May God grant that these 16 will all find their way into a full time ministry for our blessed Christ.

The Outlook

Our future looks as bright as the promises of God, which are 'yea and amen' in Christ. We have a splendid group of genuine Brethren here. They are people who love the Lord and are devout and faithful to Him.

Our attendance has been steadily increasing during the so called, 'summer slump.' Morning and evening attendance run about alike ranging from 70 to 85. There is never a service that we don't have some few visitors present with us from some other church. We seek to 'preach the Word' and people come eagerly and gladly to hear it.

Our group is looking forward with great anticipation to the coming of Dr. J. C. Beal who will lead us in a 2 week's Bible conference. The dates have not been set, but plans are under way to have this conference during the latter part of October. May God grant that His children shall be revived in a special way during that time.

Building the New Flora (Ind.) Brethren Church

Early in 1941 Bro. R. Paul Miller is coming in to serve us in a series of evangelistic meetings. We are praying for a real awakening in the community so that many shall find Christ as their Savior. The need is great in this town and vicinity. Most of the local churches are apostate, and only 2 of the 8 have a weekly prayer meeting. Therefore it behooves us to give out the gospel message, to win the lost before He appears. Brethren won't you pray for us here at Flora that this new church shall sound forth the Word of truth in no uncertain terms?

CONFERENCE ACTION

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women for Christ and for life eternal, instead of fighting each other. Moreover, there is no reason why any Brethren Church desiring to continue to support any one of our splendid missionaries in Africa may not continue to render such support through our board. We will welcome such support, and will continue to issue our membership cards to any member of any Brethren church, without regard to "groups," who may send the regular membership fee of $5.00 or more per year, which fee goes to the support of any mission or missionary that the donor may designate.

May the Spirit of Christ so possess us that, at least in this work involving our foreign missionaries which we sent forth when we were a united body, they may continue to carry on until Jesus comes.

LOUIS S. BAUMAN.

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

After the commencement at Grace Seminary, Mrs. Rambo and I took a flying trip (in our auto) to California. We left Long Beach May 26, and after another trip across the continent, arrived in Hagerstown, Md. the afternoon of May 31. On Saturday, June 1 we located a very pleasant apartment, seven blocks from the church. Sunday June 2, was our first Sunday in the 2nd Brethren Church of Hagerstown. We found a very attractive little bungalow church and an enthusiastic group of people. A beautiful installation service had been arranged and a paper promising loyalty and cooperation signed by Elder Roy S. Long who had been serving the church as pastor. Every member of the local congregation was presented to the new pastor. The ladies of the church presented to both Mrs. Long and Mrs. Rambo a beautiful bouquet of roses. This program was very impressive and was appreciated by the pastor and his wife.

Rev. & Mrs. Rambo

On Sunday evening June 2nd we took over the pulpit and entered into the activities of our first pastorate. We praise God for the privilege of serving Him and preaching the gospel of His marvelous grace.

The church here has a membership of about 80, all being more or less active. The average attendance for the past year prior to June 1 was 39 in the Bible School, 25 in the morning worship service and 23 in the evening. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us with an increased attendance in both Bible School and church service. The average attendance in the Bible School for June was 87 and July 96. In fact our school has outgrown our building. Two classes are meeting across the street in the home of Bro. and Sis. Charles Barnhart, who have graciously opened their home for the Master's use.

July 28 was a great day in the history of this church. Four lots adjoining the church have been purchased on which a new modern up-to-date church building will be erected in the near future. On this Sunday a tent was pitched on these lots and an all day meeting held. Prof. Herman Hoyt of Grace Seminary was with us and gave us three great messages. The attendance at each service was the largest in the history of the church.

While it is true we have been here only two months, the advances that have been made would lead us to believe that this work has a great future. The people have a mind to work and they are faithful to His Word. We know that God will bless a group with these two qualifications. We have had only three decisions for Christ and one rededication during these two months, but we know there have been many decisions made in the hearts of the members. We have observed a strong healthy growth in the spiritual life of many. We predict for this church, if the Lord tarries, in the next few years one of the strongest Brethren Churches in the district. We covet the prayers of the entire brotherhood for this work.

Yours in the Master's service,

Ralph Rambo.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

"Oh Worship the King All Glorious Above" had resounded through the building as the congregation of 300 people had raised their voices in praise. The chords of the great hymn, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less than Jesus Blood and Righteousness" had likewise been heard. J. R. Dunn, president of the District Mission Board of Southern California Brethren Churches, had given his words of congratulation and encouragement. Dr. Kenneth M. Monroe of the Los Angeles Bible Institute had brought everything in readiness with a masterful presentation of a message from God's Word, entitled, "After the Cross — the Crown." The moment for the actual dedication of the new building had come. This building for which many had labored and prayed so long, was now a reality; a service was being held in it; and it was ready to be formally dedicated to the worship of Him Who gave it. It was the voice of Paul R. Bauman that was heard in this all important dedicatory prayer as he offered to God the building to be used in the great business of reaching men for Christ. It was fitting that Paul should be chosen to lead in that prayer. He had started the first Bible class in San Diego; he had made weekly trips to the city for over a year and a half, driving never less than 250 miles for the round trip and often times many more during the stay in the city; he had organized and directed that first tent meeting which resulted in the organization of the church under the direction of the present pastor three months later; he was the representative of the Home Missions Council for Southern California. It was no haphazard selection that brought him to the pulpit at that great moment on Saturday afternoon, June 15, when he presented our new building to the Lord and thus brought our dedication service to a close.

It was a great day in the lives of these San Diego Brethren. Many of the men, and women alike, in the congregation that day had not had more than two or three hours sleep. Many had been working from early until late for weeks in order to get the building in readiness for this occasion. What joy filled our hearts when we were able to see the culmination of a prayer of several years and the labors of many months. In the minds of those people that day was the fact that God was doing for us what we had not been able to do for ourselves. When we had come to the end of our plans, God had intervened and graciously supplied for us. How well we remember the many nights in our prayer meetings when our people had prayed that the Lord would make possible the beginning of a building. This went on for months and months and the possibilities seemed to grow darker and darker as the days came and went. Because of the delay, many had commenced to feel that the prayers were not getting through. Just when all of our planning and resources failed, our Lord stepped in and made possible the breaking of ground on Feb. 22 of this year.

Our men gave regularly of their time and strength and actually put part of their lives into the building. Our Brethren from other churches in the district sent delegations Saturday after Saturday. These men would get up at 3 or 4 in the morning, drive the distance of over 100 miles, work all day, then drive back again to arrive home late at night. The following churches of the district sent delegations of men:

Third Church, Los Angeles of which A. R. Kriegbaum is pastor; First Church, Long Beach of which Dr. L. S. Bauman is pastor (four delegations); Second Church, Los Angeles of which P. R. Bauman is pastor; First Church, Los Angeles of which W. A. Ogden is pastor; Southgate Church of which Elias D. White is pastor; Bellflower Church of which Jesse Hall is pastor; Whittier Church of which C. H. Ashman is pastor.

Interior at San Diego, Calif.

This fine response on the part of these Brethren, not only gave us a lift when it was so greatly needed but formed a bond of fellowship between our church and the other churches of the district which could be formed in no other way. Our women worked faithfully to feed the men on these occasions. As the day for dedication approached, many of the women likewise plunged into the work on the building; varnishing, cleaning, washing windows, fixing curtains, and the like.

The day following our dedication service we launched into a Bible conference with Alva J. McClain as our conference speaker. He drew splendid crowds and our church received a most favorable hearing in the city through his messages. This conference proved a splendid way to start the work on our new building.

This was not all. The Lord graciously directed to our building the 20th Annual Bible Conference of the Southwestern Bible Conference Association without any solicitation on our part, and we were privileged to have Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer in our church for the week July 7-14. His hearing through the association was about the same as that accorded Bro. McClain with the exception of a Monday night service when Dr. Chafer spoke on prophecy and a Sunday afternoon service when it was necessary to bring in chairs to seat all who came. This conference likewise gave our church a hearing in the city, and its blessings will continue to pour in.

Our building is most favorably located at the crossroads of the main routes of transportation for the northeastern part of the city and easily accessable from all parts of the city by street-car or bus. The building itself is in reality two stories with the first floor only partially underground. The Sunday School is planning to divide this ground floor with partitions of a moveable type so that we can have more suitable Sunday School facilities. The ground floor is airy and light and even now several classes are held there without any partitions.

The main auditorium is beautiful with its light walls, mahogany pews, circle-head windows, altar rails with green curtains, totally indirect lighting, baptistry with beautiful picture, mahogany pulpit, and ceiling of acoustical board. We can now seat 290 without bring in additional chairs. By bringing in additional chairs, we can seat over 300. To the one side of the platform is the pastor's study which is now nicely furnished, to the other side is the choir assembly room with a connecting hall in between, off of which is located the dressing rooms for the baptistry.

The building is so constructed that when we build the Sunday School unit at a later date, it will be possible to add it without tearing off a bit of plaster or destroying the present building in any way. A huge

18 inch "I" beam is now concealed in the wall at the rear of the auditorium to make it possible to open into an overflow auditorium. The opening for this overflow auditorium is now a panel of acoustical board and can readily be opened up without disturbing the present auditorium in the least. The heating ducts are of sufficient size so that when the other unit is added, it will be possible to heat everything from a central heating unit. Everything was planned with a view to completing the second unit of the building as soon as growth demands it.

We have a civil engineer in our church who drew the plans. We have a man in the church who is a paint supervisor over at North Island (government air base) who took several weeks leave and directed all of the painting including the sanding and finishing of the church pews, the floors, and glazing all of the windows. We have a tile setter in our church who set the tile around the baptistry and even furnished the tile for a small rest room where we had planned to place linoleum. We have a woman in our church who painted the picture for the baptistry and many have been the compliments concerning it. Only one member of our church, a man who makes his living as a carpenter, received pay, and even he worked overtime night after night and on Saturday. A man in our church who does landscape gardening is planning the landscaping around the church. One of our members works at a lumber yard where we were able to secure many courtesies including help in the securing of a loan. We employed George N. Kriegbaum, a member of the First Church in Long Beach, as our building superintendent, who gave us careful planning and supervision. With these various channels of help along with the time and effort of the men of our congregation and the district, we were enabled to have a much better building than would have been possible otherwise.

We now have a membership of 82 and the Lord has been blessing abundantly since our entrance into the new building. We have appreciated the prayers and assistance of the brotherhood at large in our work, and we will keep them informed of the progress. One of our young men leaves next week for Westmont College preparatory to entering our seminary, which will eventually mean a minister in The Brethren Church from our young San Diego work. We have cause for rejoicing.

Albert L. Flory, Pastor.

No man knows how little he knows until his children get old enough to ask him questions.

A friend is the first person who comes in when the whole world has gone out.

Duty is soon tired. Love goes all the way.

Some folks learn from experiences; others never recover from them.

FOLLOWING CHRIST

By John Oxenham

Lord, I would follow, but—
First, I would see what means that wondrous call
That peals so sweetly through life's rainbow hall,
  That thrills my heart with quivering golden chords,
And fills my soul with joys seraphical.

Lord, I would follow, but—
First, I would leave things straight before I go—
Collect my dues, and pay the debts I owe;
  Lest when I'm gone, and none is here to tend,
Time's ruthless hand my garnering o'erthrow.

Lord, I would follow, but—
First, I would see the end of this high road
That stretches straight before me, fair and broad;
  So clear the way I cannot go astray,
It surely leads me equally to God.

Lord, I would follow—yea,
Follow I will—but first so much there is
That claims me in life's vast emergencies—
  Wrongs to be righted, great things to be done;
Shall I neglect these vital urgencies?

Who answers Christ's insistent call
Must give himself, his life, his all,
** Without one backward look.**
Who sets his hand unto the plow,
And glances back with anxious brow,
** His calling hath mistook.**
Christ claims him wholly for His own;
He must be Christ's and Christ's alone.

—Anthology of Jesus.

THE MESSAGE OF AMOS

G. Campbell Morgan, D. D.

The permanent values of this Book may be set forth as follows:

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   (c) Evident in their inability to detect the hand of Jehovah.
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   (a) Righteousness undervalued.
   (b) Sin lightly esteemed.
   (c) Pride of nationality.
3. Its Hopelessness. The Lost Sensitiveness of Conscience.
   (a) The prophetic period. "Who hath believed**"?
   (b) The reformation. Superficial.
   (c) The religious order. Neglected.
4. Its Issue. The Lost Vision.
   (a) Conquered.
   (b) Captive.
   (c) Castaway.

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2. Its Method.	His Persistence.
3. Its Hopefulness.	His Principles.
4. Its Issues.	His Power.

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We find this advertisement in the New York Observer: "Lost—An old fashioned sermon; somewhat worn but of great value as it contained 'the Pearl of great price,' and was illumined by the Sun of righteousness. When found it can be delivered at the Sabbath service, and a proper reward will be given by many."

BE CAUTIOUS IN CRITICISM

A woodcarver in the Tyrol named the price of one of his articles of beautiful handiwork. Said the customer, "Do you think I have come to the Tyrol to be asked fancy prices for carving like this?" The woodcarver was vastly indignant and brought the matter up in the courts, insisting that his honor had been insulted. The customer won the case, but the woodcarver carried the matter up to the court of appeals, where the decision was reversed. The customer was required to pay a fine of $5.00 and all the cost of the lawsuit, the judge deciding that mere suggestion that the woodcarver had been trying to overcharge was really an insult.

Be cautious in your criticisms. What you may call a trifling matter may be almost a matter of lifelong grief and shame to the person you are berating. You need not buy the article. If you do not like the price, your best criticism is to leave it alone. Allow others to maintain their self-respect.

WANTED—A WORKER

God never goes to the lazy or the idle when He needs men for His service. When God wants a worker, He calls a worker. When He has work to be done, He goes to those who are already at work. When God wants a great servant He calls a busy man. Scripture and history attest this truth.

Moses was busy with his flock at Horeb.
Gideon was busy threshing wheat by the wine-press.
Saul was busy searching for his father's lost beasts.
David was busy caring for his father's sheep.
Elisha was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen.
Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's wine cup.
Amos was busy following the flock.
Peter and Andrew were busy casting a net into the sea.
James and John were busy mending their nets.
Matthew was busy collecting customs.
Saul was busy persecuting the friends of Jesus.
William Carey was busy mending and making shoes.

—Unknown.

CHRIST IN THE HOME

One of the gravest dangers of present day life is the fact that with the passing of the family altar from the majority of homes religion has ceased to have a place in them. At least, it is given no regular recognition in the corporate life of the family. As a recent writer has said: "We seldom think of our religion in the home, and practice it only in church, if at all."

The full fruits of this modern trend have not yet become apparent. We realize something of the loss that it means to the family as a whole, and older members of the household who were reared under the influence of the family altar experience a feeling of personal loss, but it is probable that the most far-reaching effects will be manifested in coming years in the lives of those who are now small boys and girls and who are missing one of the steadying influences possessed by their parents in their own childhood.

In a recent address Dr. Robert E. Speer said: "The foundation of the Christian religion is the home, and there never is one so small that there is not any room for Jesus."—Christian Observer.

A STRIKING CONTRAST

Man calls sin an accident; God calls it an abomination.
Man calls sin a blunder; God calls it blindness.
Man calls sin a chance; God calls it a choice.
Man calls sin a defect; God calls it a disease.
Man calls sin an error; God calls it enmity.
Man calls sin fascination; God calls it fatality.
Man calls sin an infirmity; God calls it iniquity.
Man calls sin a luxury; God calls it leprosy.
Man calls sin a liberty; God calls it lawlessness.
Man calls sin a trifle; God calls it a tragedy.
Man calls sin a mistake; God calls it madness.
Man calls sin a weakness; God calls it willfulness.

—Publisher Unknown

LOVERS OF PLEASURE

That excellent English weekly, **The London** (England) **Christian,** on the cover page of a recent issue carries the following information:

"Five Hundred More Sunday Cinemas (Movies). The 'Sunday cinemas in war-time' plea is so much seductive reasoning. Already it has enabled the rich cinema trade to boast in the **News Chronicles** that during the war Sunday cinemas have increased from 1,300 to 1,800, that is to say, an increase of 500 cinemas! It is a wartime blot on Britain. It is a national dishonor. It is a national sin. What is being done?".

And so it is in Germany, in France, and in Italy. So it is in the United States. The desecration of the Lord's Day is appalling. It is a day of pleasure, merry-making, the day on which more automobile accidents occur than on any other day, many charged to drunken drivers. When the whole world is approaching the supremest crisis of all history, the great unchristian and nominal Christian masses have plunged into the whirlpools of worldly pleasures. The inspired pen of Paul predicted that it would be so in the last days of our age, "Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." But there is a day approaching when laughter will be changed into weeping and gnashing of teeth, when shrieks of despair will take the place of songs and jazz. The "Judge standeth before the door."

—Our Hope

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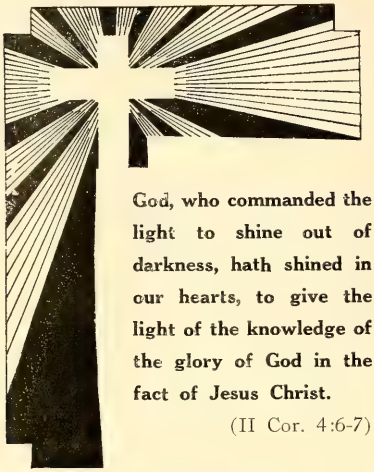

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the fact of Jesus Christ.

(II Cor. 4:6-7)

DELIVERED FROM THE POWER OF DRINK AND TRANSFORMED

By C. E. Castor, Rittman, O.

At the request of Bro. Grubb, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Rittman, of which I am now a member, I am setting down here in a sort of story form some of the things in my life before and after my confession of sin to my pastor and my joining the church after that.

My whole life since boyhood had been spent outside church circles. I had worked at various jobs which kept me busy on Sunday and often at nights. Thus my separation from church had been almost the span of a full lifetime. Added to this I came frequently in touch with rough and ready men in my work. This had its influence in roughening me, and at the time this experience starts I was hard and had few attractive qualities to draw people to me.

I am now 72 years old and can find no work to do, so I started attending Bro. Grubb's church and Sunday school. I went to church regularly, but finally dropped out as I had no connection with the church. It was then that two of my sons, Paul and Charles, felt the call to a Christian life, and they became members of Bro. Grubb's church. The change in their lives was so great that I thought surely God could do the same thing for me if I would just ask for forgiveness and be guided by Him. So one day I went to the pastor's home and told him the story of my life. He gave me the greatest consideration, and a week later I walked to the altar in the church and publicly confessed my sinful life. Later I was immersed.

I was in ill health. The illness was of such a nature that it submerged me in despair. I just sat around and thought of my ills. In the meantime the brothers and sisters were praying for my restoration to health and I was asking God for freedom from ill health. Suddenly about July 15 I seemed to go through a great change almost overnight. My mind freed and became active almost in a day. I roused to the fact that a miracle was taking place in my soul. Two days later another son beside the two mentioned here died, and I had recovered so remarkably that I could take full charge of everything pertaining to his funeral and also a thousand details to be attended to in settling up his affairs later. A month earlier I would have been utterly incapable of doing anything in the matter.

That has been the first great miracle performed by God in my life. Since that I have experienced many others. I have formed the habit, since I always waken early, about 4:00 A. M., of relaxing and talking over with God some decisions I have to make for the day. I ask myself, "What would Christ do about this?" After thinking it over something tells me Christ would do it this way. I make that my decision and I have had a wonderful time just working out these instructions of our Lord.

I am not well yet, but I am Oh so much better, thank God! I feel free as the air. Nothing disturbs me. Where I was formerly burdened with troubles I now have none. These have all been taken away by the Lord Jesus Christ. I call myself just a happy, smiling, laughing, fighting Christian. I fear no one. I am afraid of nothing. I have no troubles. I ask God to help me in certain things daily, and I am finding that most of them that seemed little difficulties disappear like mist before the sun. I have learned to smile always, even laugh heartily. I have learned to bring some happiness to someone every day. I bring some sunshine into dark corners every day. I talk to people on any subject they wish to talk about, but I always work into the conversation something about the saving grace of God.

This is my story, shortened for saving of space. I could write a book about it, but I will end with just this. I said some place back in this story I was 72 years old. That is all changed. I am not 72 years old. I am not old at all. I am 72 years young and getting younger every day. Praise the Lord!

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The above directory is for the information of our new Councils in particular. For your membership cards and sample constitution write to Mrs. Kent; for missionary literature to Mrs. Monroe. Send your president's name and address to Mrs. Kidder for devotional topics. All Council funds are to be forwarded to Mrs. Koontz.

OBJECTIVES SUGGESTED FOR THE YEAR 1939-1940

1. Regular monthly devotional meetings.
2. Missionary prayer circle.
3. Bible reading—entire New Testament, or a chapter a day of your own selection.
4. Missionary project—Support of Bouca Station, with dime calendars turned in not later than Feb. 25.
5. Special offering lifted in January and July (for administrative purposes).
6. Thank offering received at National Conference for Home Missions Council.
7. Public service held and offering lifted for Grace Seminary not later than May 1st.
8. Mission Study Class using "Biographies of Brethren Missionaries"—Study 11.

Use Your Scissors

We wish we could write an editorial which would carry to every woman who was not present the spirit and inspiration of our splendid fellowship at Winona Lake. But should we speak with the tongues of men and of angels we could not convey to you the marvels of God's grace which we there were privileged to behold.

Praise the Lord!

What we have then tried to do is to set before you the practical working material which shall be the background of your work for the coming year.

In this number of The Brethren Missionary Herald there is much valuable material. We are hoping that it will not be necessary to repeat the publication of our information so much this year, as we hope to have more new material; and also the Sisterhood girls are to share our pages.

Therefore, will you not get out that trusty woman's weapon, a pair of scissors, and clip from these pages the names and addresses of our officers, the objectives for the year, and in fact any of the material which should be at your service when needed? A scrap book for the president has been suggested for this purpose, but a portfolio will do. Just **keep your information at hand.**

Report of

NATIONAL W. M. C. CONFERENCE

Aug. 27-Sept. 1, 1940 at Winona Lake, Ind.

The First National Conference of the Women's Missionary Council opened Tuesday morning with the president, Mrs. Homer A. Kent, presiding.

A committee on credentials was appointed with the vice-president, Mrs. W. A. Ogden as chairman. The committee consisted of Mrs. Orville A. Lorenz and Mrs. Henry Rempel.

The auditing committee was also appointed: Mrs. Roy Patterson and Mrs. J. L. Gingrich.

Greetings were given to the Council by the national officers. The first report of the number of delegates was 96.

The following committee on committees was appointed: Mrs. R. E. Gingrich, Mrs. A. V. Kimmell, Mrs. L. S. Bauman, Mrs. J. S. Cook.

The thank-offering for Home Missions Council was received at a "Count Your Blessings" service. This offering amounted to $550.07, and there may be more to come as many Councils have not yet been heard from.

The report of the financial secretary and treasurer were read and accepted. A combined report appears elsewhere in these columns.

Special messages during the week were given by students of Grace Seminary; Miss Elizabeth Tyson on the African work; and Mr. Clarence Sickel on the South American work. Rev. R. Paul Miller gave a very stirring talk on the present work and needs of our home mission in Clayhole, Ky. He urged that the W.M.C. take over the responsibility of a parsonage which will cost about $2550 and make it a five year project. Rev. and Mrs. Sewell Landrum also spoke on their work in that field.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Pres.: Mrs. Homer A. Kent, Winona Lake, Ind.

Vice-Pres.: Mrs. W. A. Ogden, 3941 Virginia St., Lynwood, Calif.

Sec'y: Mrs. C. E. Andlauer, 27 E. Norman St., Dayton, Ohio.

Financial Sec'y: Mrs. Herman Koontz, 105 Otterview Ave., Ghent, Roanoke, Va.

Treas.: Mrs. Orville A. Lorenz, Meyersdale, Pa.

Literature Sec.: Mrs. Lilly A. Monroe, 1234 E. 60th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

The following recommendations were presented and adopted:

I. The W.M.C. to delay the adoption of a constitution and follow the present By-Laws as our guide for another year.

II. A committee of three be appointed by the committee on committees to confer with three members of the Executive Board, to form a constitution during the coming year, seeking expert advice from well qualified persons.

III. That we undertake the erection of the Clayhole parsonage as our Home Missions project for this coming year.

IV. That we use representative banks for the four major offerings during the year.

V. Our W.M.C. adopt as our colors silver and blue; the silver for redemption and the blue for consecration; with the Scripture: Eph.2:8-10.

VI. Our slogan for the year:

WALKING W. WORKING
MORE M. MORE
CLOSELY C. CONSISTENTLY

VII. Program committee shall consist of the vice-president as chairman and two other members chosen by the Executive Board.

VIII. Mrs. A. B. Kidder shall be retained as editor

for the ensuing year. Our main topic for the coming year is "Glorifying God."

Mrs. Roy A. Patterson was elected to represent the W.M.C. on the Brethren Missionary Herald Board of Directors.

The W.M.C. is happy to announce 119 delegates present and a free will offering of $63.23. This is some $25.00 more than a fee of 25 cents would have realized.

May we say that the Lord has certainly showered His blessings upon us, full and overflowing this past year. May we continue to work and pray that we will be found worthy to ask and receive and to glorify Him.

Mrs. Carl Andlauer, Sec'y.

COMBINED FINANCIAL REPORT OF OUR FINANCIAL SEC'Y. AND TREAS.

Receipts

Home Missions	157.27
Grace Seminary	334.15
General Offering	64.65
January Offering	395.54
Foreign Missions	794.48
July Offering	380.91
Superannuated Min.	2.87
California Jewish Work	2.00
Emergency Home Miss.	4.00
Total	2123.74

Balance

January Offering	10.04
July Offering	380.91
Total	390.95

Disbursements

Foreign Missions	794.48
Home Missions	163.27
(Includes: Jewish fund....2.00 Emerg. Offg....4.00)	
Seminary	315.00
Editor's Expense	80.00
Mrs. Kent Expense	23.00
Printing	14.00
Miscellaneous	8.89
Total	1732.79

Additional Grace Seminary Offering not given through the National Work, $189.64.

There was also a considerable amount sent directly to the Foreign Mission Sec'y that could not be credited on our total Foreign Mission Offering.

Mrs. Leo Polman
Mrs. H. W. Koontz

OBJECTIVES FOR 1940-41

I. Four major offerings:
- September—Our National Expense Fund.
- October ..... Need $920
- November
- December—Bozoum Seminary for Native Evangelists.
- January ..... Need $800
- February
- March—Grace Theological Seminary.
- April ..... Need $500
- May
- June—Home Missions
- July ..... Need $500
- August

II. Scrap books made for mission study.

III. Daily prayer cards for home and foreign Missionaries.

IV. That we encourage daily Bible reading with number of chapters reported at each council meeting.

V. That we encourage definite witnessing to the unsaved on the part of every Council.

VI. That we urge our women to aid in getting The Brethren Missionary Herald into every home in the church.

Explanation of Objectives

Let us first explain our offerings. The plan is changed somewhat: instead of scattering the offerings about as heretofore, they have been spread over the year in an orderly arrangement. For the first three months we shall be concentrating on our National Expense Fund, which replaces the January and July Administrative Offerings. It has been found necessary to pay more to The Brethren Missionary Herald if we are to continue having a church paper, so instead of $35.00 per month we have agreed to pay $60.00. This is not in any sense a payment for space; but is rather a matter of getting behind our Publishing Board just as we do the other boards. So $720.00 will be needed for this purpose and we have added only $200.00 for our mimeograph expense, postage, and other needs.

Then in December, January and February we will make an effort to raise our Foreign Mission Fund of $800.00 for support of the school which trains native workers. Last year we supported the Bouca work, but it was deemed wise to vary the objectives; and because of war conditions we felt the work chosen for our support to be of great importance.

We placed the need of Grace Seminary at $500.00 before we knew that was the amount really raised last year by our women. Some funds were sent direct to the seminary and of course we do not get crdit as a W.M.C. for such payments. Please send your offerings through your Council treasury. Do not give them to the visiting speaker to turn in.

The home mission project is fully explained elsewhere; but again we set the amount before our thank offering came in; we must do better than we have named or fall behind this year.

The scrap books for mission study are to be made by each local council: gathering information from any source available—both pictures and reading matter; using your own plan of arrangement, and making use of the material as a mission study; then bringing or sending your book to National Conference, where we will have an exhibit.

The prayer cards may be made as attractive as your ladies see fit—one or more given to each member, and exchanged monthly.

We do urge our women to read the Bible each day; but we realize that many are teachers who do much reading and study of God's Word along the line of their work, so we have not set up a definite portion of Scripture for reading, but ask that you keep a record of chapters read through the year, reporting the total for your Council, so that recognition may be made at National Conference.

The witnessing to the unsaved may be made by word of mouth, by tract distribution, or whatever method best suits the individual case; but surely we who are sending the good news to Africa and South America must not fail to spread it at home.

Getting subscriptions to The Brethren Missionary

Herald this year will possibly enable us to cut down our contribution to this cause, and release our money for other purposes.

Some Things to Remember

1. Each of the Major offerings should be sent in as soon as the period expires and your money is gathered in. The Home Missions money, period for which includes your August meeting, may be sent to National Conference. Our Financial Sec'y. and Treas. must have all money in hand by July 31st which goes into their yearly reports. These officers have a real job on their hands, and only our co-operation will make it possible for them to have a full report.
2. Send all money lifted in your Council to Mrs. H. W. Koontz. It will always go to the proper place.
3. Send the list of your new officers **immediately** to **Mrs. Mrs. A. B. Kidder** after your elections.
4. Send to **Mrs. Kidder** all names of **sisters** of W.M.C who have been promoted to glory during the year.
5. Our **Prayer Chairman** for the year will be **Mrs. Arthur Carey, Freeport, Mich.**

W. M. C. PRAYER REQUESTS

Let Us Pray

1. For a worker among the rural schools surrounding Clayhole, Ky.
2. That God will bless and prosper the ministry of our two new Grace Seminary Professors, Bro. Kent and Bro. Polman.
3. Let us ask the Lord for passage home for our tired missionaries whose furloughs are due.
4. That our local councils may prayerfully undertake the support of the new parsonage at Clayhole, Ky.
5. That the Sisterhood may be able to report an increased number of local organizations.
6. That our local C.E's may provide the National Work with $1000.00 to enable the officers to carry out the proposed program.

MONTHLY DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 1940-41

October—Rally—Conference Reports.
Topic for the Year: Glorifying God
November—Glorifying God by Consistency of Life.
December—Glorifying God by Proper Christmas Spirit.
January—Glorifying God in the New Year.
February—Glorifying God by Spreading the Gospel.
March—Glorifying God in Child Evangelism.
April—Glorifying God in Local Bible Classes.
May—Glorifying God in our Seminary.
June—Glorifying God in the Homeland.
July—Glorifying God by Purity of Motive.
August—Glorifying God in Kentucky.
September—Glorifying God with our Praise.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR OCT. MEETING

Opening Hymn.
Prayer—Using prayer requests as above.
Scripture—Psalm 103.
Reception of New Members and Rededication of the Old Members.
(See program printed below)
Report of National Conference—by one of your delegates if possible.
Presentation of Objectives—by the president.
How to Carry On the Program Locally—by vice president.
Hymn.
Local Business.
Praise and Testimony for the Year's Blessings.
Prayer.

A DEDICATION SERVICE FOR RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Song—Jesus Calls Us.
President to read the Scripture—Rom.12:1,2.
Remarks by the President:

> We come at this time to renew our membership in the W.M.C. for another year. Realizing the gracious privilege that is ours in being able to serve our blessed Lord in this capacity, we humbly bow in His presence. Our prayer is that He may cleanse our lives and use us to His glory.

Have all members read in unison the pledge on the membership card; lay their membership cards on table in front of the cross, and kneel for prayer and dedication.

Instructions: Use a cross (one of crepe paper and cardboard will do); place it upright on the table. The cross should be the dominating feature of the meeting.

After the prayer of dedication by the president, all the members will join in singing the song, Have Thine Own Way, Lord.

The secretary should sit at the table by the cross, placing the gold star on each individual card presented.

This program written by Mrs. R. E. Gingrich, Mrs. A. L. Lynn, Miss Mabel E. Donaldson.

ATTENTION SISTERHOOD GIRLS

Conference past—News at last!

We feel that you are most interested in our goals and plans for the coming year so we will present them first of all.

Goal 1—Twelve devotional meetings using suggested material written by our missionaries.

Goal 2—Bible Reading: the four Gospels and the Acts. Junior Reading: John and Mark. 50% membership completing Bible reading.

Goal 3—Membership project: Any effort to suit local society to interest new girls.

Goal 4—Cabinet meetings in fall and spring. (Cabinet consists of all elected officers—meeting to consider goals and make plans for future work).

Goal 5—Bandages sent to Betty Grace by July 31, and at least one other benevolent work during the year. (Bandages are rolled by girls and sent to mission fields.)

Goal 6—Offering sent to financial secretary by Jan. 31 and Jul. 31 for administrative purposes. (There will be no regular dues but offerings given as the Spirit leads.)

Goal 7—Two thank offerings received during the year and sent to financial secretary. These may be taken any time during the year to be sent in at the same time as the regular offering—Jan. 31 and Jul. 31.

Goal 8—An offering sent to financial secretary by Jul. 31 for fund for the higher education of missionaries' children.

Goal 9—An offering sent to district secretary by May 31.

The following officers were elected:

Pres.: Ethel Morrill, 68 Clemmer Ave., Akron, O.

Vice-Pres.: Leah Robinson, Rt. 7, Everhard Rd., North Canton, O.

Patroness: Mrs. Leo Polham, 4007 Tacoma St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Asst. Patroness: Mrs. W. A. Ogden, 3941 Virginia St., Lynwood, Calif.

General Sec'y: Genevene Walter, 109 Sterling Ave., Rittman, O.

Financial Sec'y: Katherine Sampson, 307 Barr Bldg., 910 17th St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Treas.: Louise Kimmel, Berne, Ind.

Literature Sec'y: Mary Fritz, W. First St., Rittman, O.

Bandage Sec'y: Betty Grace, 3717 N. Percy St., Philadelphia, Pa.

MINUTES OF THE S. M. M. SESSIONS

(Since so many of you were unable to attend Conference and we know you are interested to know what was transacted, we print in full the minutes Please read carefully in next monthly meeting and take note of all suggestions.)

The S.M.M. met in annual conference at Winona Lake, Ind., Tues. Aug. 27, 1940 at 1:30 P.M. The first session was opened with a song service led by Mrs. Harold Dunning. The Scripture lesson was Ps. 95 read responsively. After prayer the meeting was presided over by Louise Kimmel. The financial secretary and the treasurer gave their reports for the year. At the close of the business session Miss Tyson brought a missionary address.

Wed., Aug. 28—1:30 P. M.—The devotional program was a song service and Ps. 100 was used as the Scripture, after which three girls led in prayer. The business session was presided over by Louise Kimmel. A motion was made and seconded that all girls present who have registered shall have the privilege of voting. Motion carried.

The nomination committee presented its report and a motion was made and seconded that the person receiving the second highest votes should be the assistant patroness. Motion carried.

Election of officers was held resulting as follows:

Pres.: Ethel Morrill.

Vice-Pres.: Leah Robinson.

Patroness: Mrs. Leila Polman.

Asst. Patroness: Mrs. W. A. Ogden.

A motion was made and seconded that we give the Washington girls a vote of thanks for the song books and programs. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that we give the Fort Wayne girls a vote of thanks for making the badges. Carried.

At the close of business session Rev. Clarence Sickel brought the message of the afternoon on the South American work. He discussed the following phases of a girl's life: home, school, worship and spiritual. Meeting closed by repeating the S.M.M. benediction.

Thursday at noon an enjoyable time of fellowship was had at the annual S.M.M. Banquet held at Bethany Camp dining hall. The new officers were presented and each spoke a few words. Mrs. Landrum, wife of the mission pastor at Clayhole, Ky., told us many interesting things about the girls of Clayhole.

The final business session met Fri., Aug. 30 at 1:30 P. M. Marguerite Dunning led in an inspirational song service. Ps. 67 was read followed by prayer. Pres. Ethel Morrill read the following recommendations: Genevene Walter for General Sec'y, Katherine Sampson for Financial Sec'y, Louise Kimmel for Treasurer, Mary Fritz for Literature Sec'y and Betty Grace for Bandage Sec'y. Motion was made and carried to accept these recommendations. Mrs. H. A Kent led in a short installation service.

Elva Dyer favored us with a solo: "The Christ of the Cross."

Minutes of previous sessions were read and approved.

Katherine Sampson gave the following announcement: Each girl is to take the name and address of the General Sec'y so that each society would send in the names of their officers, number of members, and other information or questions that you might have. The goals were read and motion carried to accept the mas read.

The following recommendations were read and accepted:

That the Junior goals be the same as the Senior with the exception of goal number 9.

That we omit honor goals and district goals with the suggestion that districts have their own goals.

That money sent in this year be used if it is necessary for the purpose for which it is designated.

That our programs be published in The Brethren Missionary Herald.

That our executive committee is authorized to make any disposition of the fund now on hand that it feels is fair to the organization.

That each district elect a president, secretary, treasurer and patroness and that the patroness and one other officer represent the district on the national board.

That in the event of disposition of funds now on hand we send Loraine and Miriam Sickel and Kathryn Jobson a gift of $100.

That we give the general sec'y a gift at the close of the year to be included in the August 1941 order.

That we give Miss Tyson a gift of $5.00.

Final report of registration committee read and approved and committee dismissed with thanks. Report —58 registrations. Money received $14.55.

The meeting was closed by singing "Into My Meart" and the S.M.M. benediction.

IMPORTANT

All S.M.M's wishing to affiliate with this National organization send in to your general sec'y names and addresses of local officers and number in your society, name of church and city. Please do this immediately that we may get in touch with you concerning any important announcements.

Submitted in Christ,

Genevene Walter, Gen. Sec'y.

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LETTERS TO A COUSIN ..... By A. D. Cashman

Dear Cousin Bert:

You certainly have raised a timely question in your recent letter when you asked about nations going to war and what the Christian's attitude should be about bearing arms. I am often asked these days if I believe that our nation should prepare against invasion and I must answer in the affirmative. It is the only way unregenerate people have of protecting themselves against their enemies. The command of the Bible to nations who know nothing of depending on God's supernatural wall of protection by faith, is to "prepare war, * * * beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears" (Joel 3:9-10). But while the Christian is in the world, he is not of the world. He must not participate in the tactics used by this world system. In fact, there are a number of definite passages so strong that the members of several denominations refuse to bear arms and are known as conscientious objectors. I was greatly pleased the other day when I read that the government will still recognize the rights of these conscientious objectors.

I am sorry to say that there are many members of these religious bodies who have no business objecting to the bearing of arms on Biblical grounds. I say this because they ignore the Word of God on other matters and are no different than worldlings, so why not bear arms? They do not pray nor read their Bibles. They attend church only occasionally when other affairs do not interfere. They are seldom, if ever, at the communion service, and give nothing to the church budget or for missions. They revel in the ungodly pleasures of this world, have their companionships with the unregenerate, and practice sinful habits all out of harmony with God's will. So they do not claim exemption from bearing arms on spiritual grounds, but rather because they are cowards and would seek exemption on any excuse. This has brought considerable criticism upon our stand, and rightly so. Many church officials will not sign exemption papers for church members who have proven that their lives are only an empty profession.

I will do my best to explain to you the Scriptural basis for our stand against carnal warfare. A very strong passage is recorded in 2 Cor. 10:2-4. It reads as follows: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh (for the weapons of our warfare are not after the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of strongholds"). But notice also Eph. 6:12 "For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of heavenly places." When Christians spend their efforts and time in this sort of warfare, they have their hands full, and they have no desire to join the unregenerate world in carnal strife.

Recall also the rebuke the Lord gave Peter when Peter thought he had real grounds to resort to carnal methods of defense for his Lord. Jesus said to him, "Put up again thy sword into his place; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Jn. 18:11). If a Christian wants to use a sword, there is but one permissible, and that is the one spoken of in Eph. 6:17, "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." As the old colored preacher said, "there is only one kind of pistol for the child of God to use and that is the pistol of the 'postles." At another time Jesus said, "The Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them" (Lk. 9:56). In the preceding verse, Jesus implies that His disciples should be of the same spirit.

There are those who will quote Mt. 10:34 as proof that Jesus taught that resistance with armament is permissible, because He said "Think not that I am come to send peace on the earth; I am come not to send peace but a sword." Anyone reading the context would know that Jesus was not thinking of a literal sword but the division that would come in homes where some would be Christian and some would not. And no one should be misled about the two swords in the Lk. 22:35-38 section because Jesus refused to allow Peter to use one of them when there seemed to have been just cause to do so.

No doubt you will be interested in knowing that our denomination has passed several resolutions concerning our position on war and that they have been filed with the President of the United States, Secretary of War and with the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C. Among other things incorporated in those resolutions, the following closing part manifests a Christian attitude that ought to be properly respected everywhere: "We recognize and appreciate the protection of the flag of the United States. To the nation that God has ordained (Rom. 13:1-7) to afford us protection we gladly offer our service, time, money, and life itself if necessary, to bind up its wounds, or to heal its sorrows, by any means or methods our Lord Jesus Christ has approved for the use of those who follow Him." I like that spirit, don't you Bert? There is no reason why we should not give our services in a program of construction even though we have religious scruples against participating in the world's program of destruction.

I hope I have answered your questions and have satisfied your mind on this important matter. If there are other things about which you would like to write me, do not hesitate to do so, because it is a pleasure for me to help you.

As ever, your cousin ART.

"My concern is not whether God is on our side, my great concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.

It was written of Jesus, "He went about doing good." The trouble with most of us is that it can only be written of us, "He went about."

Let each of us turn the searchlight upon our own lives. Let us consider our own mistakes and faults. Let us be critical of ourselves. When we get through that job we will have no time left to be critical of the faults of others.

JEWISH DEPARTMENT

John 10:16; Matthew 18:12-14 and 10:6; Romans 1:16 and Acts 15:26

The Neglected Race for Whom Christ Died

Part II. Lk. 21:34 Rom. 11:25 Psa. 79 Deut. 28

By Arthur Carey

PERSECUTION, THE RECORD— ECCLESIASTICAL AND POLITICAL

After the Norman conquest, Jews flocked to England, attracted by its economic possibilities. The Norman kings extorted large sums from them, who in turn were made to charge high rates of interest, and thus came to be viewed as hated money lenders. No doubt this laid the foundation for the present mounting disfavor of the Jews amongst the English speaking peoples. Even here, charges of ritual murder (see last month) were made. These ecclesiastical charges culminated in systematic massacres at the crowning of Richard 1, 1189, and at his departure for the third crusade. King John Lackland raised funds by imprisoning and torturing Jews. Henry III taxed them to the extent of one third of their property. Thus England today, though reputedly a friend of the Jew, suffers under the curse of God (Gen.12:3) and often has the sword been found in her hand.

In the German provinces, Frederick Barbarossa shut up the Jews and made them his wards, thus saving them from the crazed, crusading rabble. For this, the Jews were made to pay a high price. They became known as "Exchequer Jews." Fredrick II completed the process by making them his chattels —mere objects. In Spain, too, they were the property of the king.

The Fourth Lateran Synod, 1215, established the rule for the application of "salutary force" to all Jews who, converted to Catholicism on pain of death, later renounced it. All heretics, Waldenses, Albigenses, etc., were to feel the power of this weapon. It was vested in the Dominican Order, or friar preachers called "the barking dogs of the Lord" who undertook the persecution of heretics and people of alien creeds, especially Jews. The tribunals worked in secret and had recourse to torture to elicit "the truth." As the church abhorred bloodshed, the poor, condemned people were turned over to secular authorities for sentences. And how the blood flowed! Trials for ritual murder increased.

Next emerged the charge of desecration of the host. Jews were charged with stealing holy wafers and piercing them. This was the same as piercing Christ. In 1298, Jews of Rottingen, Bavaria, were accused of pounding a holy wafer in a mortar. A German nobleman declared he had a call from heaven to avenge the dead. He gathered a band of men together and set to work to kill all the Jews in the town. Then he went through the territory plundering and destroying nearly 140 Jewish settlements.

About 1320 in Southern France, a young herdsman declared the Virgin told him to raise an army. It consisted of herdsmen, tramps, and peasants headed by two unfrocked priests. This Shepherd Crusade massacred Jews by the hundred, took their children from them and baptised them, and wiped out 120 communities. In order to stop them on their career of murder and rapine, Pope John XII ordered them disbanded. About the same time epidemics of poisoning broke out, and the Jews were accused of poisoning the wells. Five thousand died for a charge that was later found by the government to be false. Whereupon the Jews were fined 150,000 livres. They even had to be punished for being innocent.

About 1350 the Black Death raged across Europe. 25 million fell before it. The cause? Duke Amadeus of Savoy had the surgeon Belavigny tortured until he confessed he had poisoned the water. This was the poison: a mixture of snakes, frogs, scorpions, holy wafers, and Christians' hearts. After this explanation, thousands of Jews were burned to death. In Switzerland, they were broken on the wheel, hanged, and burned to death. In Germany, Alsace, and the Rhine provinces, similar treatment was accorded. In Strasburg, 2,000 were shut up in a wooden shed and burned. In Mayence, 6,000 of them committed themselves to the flames. And in this manner nearly 300 Jewish communities were destroyed. By 1496, practically all Jews in France had been driven out.

In Spain, about 1400, a "Holy War" was instigated against Jews and Moors. The leader wiped out a community of 30,000 in Seville. 70 other communities were destroyed. About 30,000 were baptized. These became Marranos—members of a church, but not of a faith. They continued in secret all the rites of Jewry. But later they were discovered. Then arose the cry, "The church is being undermined from within."

This paved the way for the "Holy Inquisition," which lasted from 1480 to 1810. This is almost too hideous to describe. A tribunal of six—two Dominicans, one Abbot, a treasury official, and two royal officials, informed the accused of what he was charged and then he was submitted to all forms of torture to prove the charge. His property was confiscated. His sentence ranged from imprisonment in a dungeon to burning at the stake. There were no legal proceedings, no examination of the charges, no appeal. In Seville, 15,000 Marranos (baptized Jews, suspected of Judaizing) were arrested and placed in subterranean galleries for torture. Then in the public square the death sentence was carried out by the burning of thousands at the stake. In Aragon, 1486, Feb. 12, 750 burned at the stake; Apr. 2, 900; May 2, 750. Streams of fugitives left Spain. The entire middle class of

ISAIAH 62:11

Behold, Jehovah hath proclaimed unto the end of the earth, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

JESUS CHRIST

The One Key to Scripture

STUDIES IN THE HEBREW EPISTLE

"Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have Eternal Life; and they are they which testify of me"—John 5:39.

Chapter V. Study No. VI. Ord Gehman

Reluctantly we take leave of the hallowed presence of the Son of God as our great High Priest in chapter IV. Turning the steps of our minds into the ensuing chapter we discover the opening verses of a lengthy passage dealing, in the main, with a thorough discussion further of the High Priestly position of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we study the High Priest of the Old Testament we find that there were some definite requiremnts and obligations which were involved. It is to be noted that the high priest from among men is ordained for the purpose of standing between God and men pertaining to the things of God. It was his duty to take the things of men and present them unto God, whether they be gifts or sacrifices for sin. The individual standing in such a great and weighty position before God and men needed to realize that God's call and not man's choice was the primary factor. God's especial servants need a real divine compulsion to do God's will. Every effort of man without the unction of the Holy Spirit is bound to detrimental failure. In the vindication of his own apostleship, Paul said: "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is me if I preach not the gospel!" (I Cor. 9:16). To which every heaven-born servant of the Most High can humbly say, "Amen!"

The high priest was taken from among men in order that he would be in position to be able to extend toward ignorant and erring men a godly compassion, by reason of the fast that he was compassed about by the very same things of infirmity. He who has never borne the sting of ridicule and misunderstanding can never feel deeply with those who do. He who has never learned in his own heart the secret of the abiding love of an able Christ cannot be of help to those who need Him in times of stress. He who realizes his own infirmities and incapacities can better impart the secret of God's abundant grace. Paul had a troublesome "thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan" to buffet him, lest he should become "exalted above measure." But from it all he learned that God's grace was sufficient for his every need. "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (cf. II Cor. 12:7-10). Each of life's bitter lessons tends only to drive God's true children closer to His great heart of love. And no child of faith has ever yet been disappointed in his time of need.

There is one other important factor needed for efficiency in God's servant. He must be one who realizes his own need. It is comparatively easy in human fraility to realize the other person's needs, but one's own is a different matter. Isaiah cried out, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts" (Isa. 6:5). No high priest's service could have been or was effectual until he had learned this vital truth.

So much for the high priest taken from among men. One day, in God's omnipotent wisdom, when the spiritual needs of men were not being met, God sent forth His only begotten Son to become such an eternal High Priest for us who, by His grace, are the heirs of eternal salvation. Praise His dear name! Throughout all eternity we shall be reminded continually that Christ came to make propitiation for the sins of the world (Rev. 5:6). And it was only accomplished by the death of our precious Christ upon Calvary's rugged tree. Christ took upon Himself the **likeness** of sinful flesh, not sinful flesh (cf. Phil. 2:5-8), in order that He might become "obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

The author of this Epistle here alludes to the Melchizedekian priesthood of the Old Testament. Melchizedek, about whom we know very little, becomes an excellent type of Christ. Gen. 14, (the chapter which the higher critics, so-called have tried so hard to discredit) vs. 18 mentions Melchizedek as the King of Salem and the priest of the Most High God. Since our attention is focused on Christ's priestly ministry, let us notice that He "offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death." We once again witness Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane as He prayed, while "His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Lk. 22:44b). Hear that agonizing prayer: "Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless, not My will, but Thine, be done" (Lk. 22:42). Even though the Lord Jesus Christ was God's only begotten Son, yet "learned He obedience by the things which He suffered" (v. 8). It was through this very obedience to the will of the Father that He was made perfect, becoming the Author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him. Thus, our obedience unto

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Spain had vanished. 100,000 fugitives entered Portugal.

In Portugal their treatment might be compared to Dante's Inferno. They were allowed to stay eight months, but paid a head tax in gold. The king because of epidemics made them leave earlier. They were treated like beasts on the ships. Those who couldn't get a ship were given away or sold into slavery. Their children were taken from them Mothers with children flung themselves into the sea. All Jewish children between 14 and 20 years were to be baptized at Easter. Numbers of parents committed suicide after killing their children. The baptism took place amid scenes of indescribable horror. The applicants were dragged to the baptismal fonts by means of ropes tied to the hair of their heads.

Thus in three centuries the Jews had been ejected from England, France, Spain, Portugal, and a great portion of Germany. They had been left on the wayside, hanged, slaughtered, drowned, burned at the stake, and broken on the wheel by the hundreds of thousands. Here was a load of debt, accummulated over centuries, that the western nations must pay and from which also the Roman Church is not absolved. That of which Moses spoke in Deut.28 has befallen the Jew, and that of which God told Abraham (Gen.12:3) must befall the nations which have cursed the Jew. Who can read these accounts emblazoned on the pages of history and not feel a deep well of pity arising for "Israel, mine elect" (Isa.45:4)?

(To Be Continued)

The Power of the Printed Page

Rev. A. C. Dixon, D.D.

The object of this article is to make a plea for the printed page, as a means of bringing the world to Christ and of building up the churches.

I. The Printed Page Goes Where the Living Voice Cannot Go.

A colporteur in Central Missouri called at the house of a farmer noted for his violent opposition to churches and all things religious. The family were not at home, so he put under the door a four-page tract, such as he thought would do good to the man or any of his household, if they should read it. On entering the door, the farmer was the first to see the tract, and picking it up, crushed it in his hand and was about to throw it into the fire; but suddenly a better impulse seized him, and he determined to sit down and read what these Christians were going around and putting under the doors of people's houses. The result was that he sent for the colporteur to come and instruct him in the way of life; the colporteur baptized the whole household, and organized a church in the neighborhood. The little tract had prepared the way of the Lord. If the colporteur had gone at first in person, he would doubtless have been repulsed perhaps insulted.

Rev. G. J. Johnson preached one evening in a church in Pennsylvania, and in his sermon spoke of a little book, "The Blood of Jesus," by William Reid of Scotland. He noticed that a family near the pulpit became agitated at the mention of the book, and learned after the service from the pastor that the little book had been used of God to bring that whole family to Christ. They were * * trusting in good works * * for salvation, until a friend sent them "The Blood of Jesus" to read. From it they learned, for the first time, that they could be completely saved by the blood of Jesus, and they were soon all rejoicing in His "finished" salvation. The book had gone where no Protestant preacher would have been welcomed, carrying with it light and life; and there are hundreds of homes that would drive from their doors one who came to preach the blood of Jesus. They may receive and read the truth. It is our duty to give it to them.

Addison, the great English author, is said to have been converted by a tract sent to his home under a cake by a Christian baker. We have heard of a dissolute cobbler who was converted by reading part of a tract which he found between the soles of a shoe he was mending. A carpenter, in tearing down an old house, read a torn tract which he found in a rat's nest, and declared that it was the means of the conviction which led to his conversion. An infidel young man in North Carolina, who never went to church, was sauntering one beautiful Lord's Day along the shore of a pond, and for the lack of something else to do, picked up some torn pieces of paper which had been thrown from a fisherman's basket, and amused himself by putting them together and reading them. He saw written there his doom as a sinner, and hastened to seek the counsel of an earnest Christian.

Truly, these leaves for the healing of the nations can go where the voice cannot reach, and we need to scatter them far and wide that they may be all the time doing their work of mercy.

II. The Printed Page Is Often More Permanent In Its Influence than the Living Voice.

If John Bunyon had not written, we should doubtless be ignorant of the fact that such a man ever lived. Luther took hold of the printing press and made the Reformation permanent. No wonder the—said: "If we do not put down this printing press, it will put us down." Richard Baxter was converted by reading a book, and such a man is apt to want to do good by writing a book himself; so he wrote his "Call to the Unconverted," which Philip Doddridge read and was converted. Doddridge wrote "The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul," which led William Wilberforce to Christ. Wilberforce wrote "Practical View to Christianity," by means of which Leigh Richmond became a Christian; and Leigh Richmond wrote a little tract called "The Dairyman's Daughter," which has been translated into more than a hundred languages, and millions of them have been circulated. More than one thousand persons are known to have been led to Christ by reading "The Dairyman's Daughter." To it I owe my first act of consecration to Christ.

Reading Buchanan's "Star in the East" sent Adoniram Judson to preach the Gospel to the heathen, so that all the results of his work can be traced to that small book. It may be that eternity will reveal to Mr. Buchanan more permanent results from the influence of his little book than from all the other forces of his life combined.

III. The Printed Page Is More Easily Diffused than the Living Voice.

Busy men and women, who cannot leave their work, may distribute the printed Gospel.

In a busy railroad town a ticket agent was converted, so he decided to supply himself with gospel tracts and give one with every ticket he sold. In five years he distributed $250.00 worth of tracts, and received letters from 22 persons, saying they had been led to Christ by reading them.

A druggist in Indiana testifies that he has known of not a few conversions through tracts, which he sent into homes with his medicines. A devoted Christian, who is a member of a church in Baltimore, has

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Christ, His will and His Word becomes the earnest of our eternal inheritance in Him.

The writer closes this chapter with an illusion to a very simple, yet meaningful truth of spiritual growth. There were many more things the author wanted to mention but those to whom he wrote were spiritually incapable. For at the very time that many of them should have been themselves teachers of the precious truths of God's Word, they had need to be re-taught the "first principles of the oracles of God" (v. 12).

Some one has very aptly referred to "spiritual monstrosities"; those who have never developed beyond the place of babyhood in spiritual things. After years of teaching they still are not able to assimilate more than the milk of the Word. Let us, brethren, open our hearts to the veritable and unchanging truths of God's Word and manifest real spiritual growth. God is ready and able; are we willing?

served God in this way for many years, and he says he has seen most encouraging results.

A wealthy lady went one evening into her kitchen to see what the servants were doing. She found one of them absorbed in reading something, and on looking to see what it was her eye fell upon the word "Eternity" at the head of a tract. It went like an arrow to her soul, and she had no rest until she found it in Him who, through His death and resurrection, gives hope for eternity.

A timid young woman was distributing tracts the sailors of New York. She came upon a group of rough men, who were swearing savagely about something. Afraid to speak to them, she laid down among them a tract entitled "The Swearer's Prayer." A young man picked it up and begand to read it. Its first sentences brought to mind the home and parents he had left, and he made up his mind at once to quit the sea and become a Christian. He went up to Albany, N. Y., and entered the prayer meeting of the Pearl Street Baptist Church, of which Rev. Bartholomew T. Welch was pastor, and asked Christian people to pray for him. He was soon converted and licensed to preach. For years he has worked through the Northwest, and one who knows him says that not less than 10,000 souls have been saved through his labors. What a result from a little tract given by a timid woman!

IV. The Printed Page Is Sometimes More Powerful than the Living Voice.

The printed word comes with a quiet, persuasive power. It has no repulsive manner. Attention is not attracted from the truth to the way in which it is delivered. It persistently presents its claims and makes no angry reply.

A young man in a town of Central New York was distressed at the low state of religion in the place. He bought 1000 tracts and gathered about him a small company of earnest Christians, who prayerfully distributed them. The result was a revival, in which more than 50 were converted, 30 of whom traced their first impressions to the tracts.

At a religious reading club in a New Hampshire village, it was the turn of a worldly young woman to read on the evening when the tract, already mentioned, "The End of Time," was to be read. Before she was half through there came over her such a sense of guilt and danger that she had to request another to finish it. In the language of one who reported the incident: "The tract was read, but the end of time and the realities of eternity were brought into close connection with the scenes of that evening. The influence extended from heart to heart, from family to family, through the neighborhood, and in the short space of a few weeks most of those persons who first listened to the reading of the tract, and more than 60 others, were led to place their hopes of salvation on Jesus Christ." An earnest preacher had labored for years in this town with little results, and died without reaping any sheaves. "God uses a little tract," continues our reporter, "to do what 40 years of preaching had failed to accomplish, and now that town enjoys a living church."

This is a reading age, and men reach conclusions by reading rather than by listening. The great object of preaching is to move them to act. We must still depend, as in apostolic times, on the pen for indoctrination. Rich men need to wake up to the importance of spending money in supporting the printed as well as the spoken Gospel. The objection that people do not read sermons or strictly religious articles is not well taken. It is a very moderate statement to say that any man whose sermons are published multiplies his congregation by two, while in most cases he multiplies it by at least 10, and in some cases by 10,000.

Evangelization is simply bringing the truths of the Gospel in contact with the people. That is our part, the rest is with God. We cannot convert men through the press any more than from the pulpit; in both cases we must simply proclaim the truth, and trust God to cause it to germinate and bring forth fruit. Of course, there is waste. The parable of the sower would lead us to expect at least three-fourths of the seed to be lost. So there seems to be an immense waste of words and energy in the pulpit. But we must be willing to waste, or else we shall do nothing.

If I had the money, I would fill at least a column of every daily paper in this land with saving gospel truth. If the editors would not publish it as reading matter, then I would insert it as advertisements, and make the way to heaven so plain that every reader would have no excuse for being lost.

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OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

HOW A FATHER SAVED HIS CHILDREN

By Verla Aakjer

A father with his little boy and girl lived in a tenament house in one of our large cities. The mother had died and the father did not have enough money to take care of the children while he was gone.

Soon after he left for work one morning the building caught on fire, and the children were trapped on the 12th floor. It did not take long for the father to hear of the fire, and he rushed home. Seeing only one way to save his children he did not hesitate. He hurried to the 12th floor of an adjoining building and quickly opened the window opposite his own apartment. He leaned out of the window until he caught hold of his own window sill, keeping his legs securely fastened to the other window ledge. By doing this he made a bridge between the two buildings.

The little boy and then the little girl went safely across the human bridge to the people waiting for them in the next building. Before the father could regain his upright position he became so exhausted from the flames that he fell to the ground below. The two children dearly loved their father because he gave his own life to save them.

The love of this father reminds me of our loving heavenly Father. The only way we could be saved from going to the place of eternal fire was for God to send His Son, the Lord Jesus, to die in our place. When you think of all He had to go through for you to be saved, don't you think you should love Him very much? The best way to show Him that you love Him is to tell someone else about how He came to save sinners.

NEWS FROM THE BOYS AND GIRLS AT CONFERENCE

Dear boys and girls:

We want to tell those of you who didn't go to Winona Lake of some of the interesting things we enjoyed in our Bible School from 9:00-12:00 every morning of conference week.

One morning Miss Tyson, who is home on furlough from French Equatorial Africa, told us about the boys and girls of Africa. We began bringing our pennies to Bible School, and by the end of the week we had 126 pennies to give to Miss Tyson.

Mrs. Sewell Landrum told us about the boys and girls in Kentucky who live in the mountains. She told us how difficult it is for the boys and girls in the mountains to hear the gospel. That made us appreciate our Sunday Schools and Bible Schools.

We also enjoyed hearing Rev. Clarence Sickel, missionary to South America, tell us of the work in South America. He told us about many boys and girls who are persecuted and ridiculed because of their belief, but they are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. He also sang, "Jesus Loves Me" and repeated Jn. 3:16 for us in Spanish.

Two Bethany Camp girls gave object talks, and the Biola Trumpeters played a special number, and one of our own Bible School boys played a cornet solo.

Then, too, we heard many Bible stories and object lessons by our teachers, Miss Bertha Kuhn of Sterling, O., and Miss Ethel Morrill of Ellet (Akron), O.

On Saturday, our closing day, those with a perfect attendance record for the week were given Scripture mottoes, and everyone was given an A B C Bible leaflet.

We hope you will be with us next year!

Sincerely,

The boys and girls of the D.V.B.S. at Winona Lake.

OUR BIBLE CHARACTER ALPHABET

Answer to M — Michal.

N was a man who cried so hard when he heard about the trouble the home folks were having that the king wanted to know what was the matter. Find his name and what the king told him to do in the 16th book of the Old Testament.

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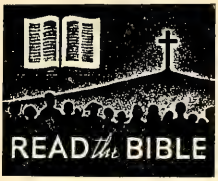
By Dr. Harry Rimmer, 88 pages, cloth bound, 50c

While holding meetings in New York, Dr. Harry Rimmer nightly mentioned the Research Science Bureau's offer to pay $1,000 to anyone proving a scientific error in the Bible. Desiring to give the meetings publicity, an attendant inserted in a New York newspaper an advertisement mentioning the offer. A few days later Dr. Rimmer received a letter setting forth without proof five supposed errors of Scripture, all of which are discussed in the book. After waiting only a couple of days for reply, suit for the $1,000 was filed against Dr. Rimmer. When the case came up for trial, the witnesses to testify concerning the alleged scientific errors were not scientists, but unbelievers. Their examination was sometimes as amusing to those in the courtroom as it was embarrassing to themselves. As they were wholly unable to prove any of their charges against the Scripture, it was a glorious victory for the Bible. The details of the trial are recorded in an interesting manner in the book.—G.A.

Every  **Day**

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  I felt a power divine;
As through an empty vessel of frail clay
  I saw God's glory shine!
Then woke I from a dream and cried aloud:
  'My Father, give to me
The blessing of a life consumed by God
  That I may live for Thee!"

—Selected.

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MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR

On their respective birthdays, the names, favorite Scripture verses, and prayer requests of pastors, missionaries, and others in the brotherhood who are prominent in Christian work, will appear under this head. Please see that each member in your society is assigned one of the following names for daily prayer. Assign a different name to each member weekly. If you know of others whose names should have appeared this month, please notify your News Editor at once.

Oct. 2—Mrs. F. G. Coleman, wife of pastor at Grace Bible Church, Waterloo, Ia. Phil. 4:13. Requests prayer for the saving of souls in the community, and for the young people.

Oct. 6—Mrs. Wm. Gray, wife of pastor at Clay City, Ind. I Tim. 1:15. Requests prayer for their C. E., that they might reach many young people for Christ, and that a revival might begin in their heart.

Oct. 10—Mrs. Louis S. Bauman, wife of pastor of 1st Church, Long Beach, Calif. Jn. 14:27. No requests submitted.

Oct. 18—J. Paul Dowdy, missionary in South America . II Pet. 3:18. Requests prayer that we might be enabled to get the gospel out to those who have never heard it; and that the believers there may grow spiritually and be enabled to assume greater responsibility in evangelizing their own people.

Oct. 19—Samuel M. Justice, pastor at Danville, O. Phil. 1:21. No requests submitted.

Oct. 19—Russell Williams, pastor at New Troy, Mich. Gal. 2:20. Requests prayer that the community in which he is working may be awakened spiritually; and that the door may be opened for the furloughed missionaries and missionary candidates to go to the field.

Oct. 20—Mrs. H. W. Nowag, wife of pastor at Listie, Pa. Prov. 3:5-6. Requests prayer that she may be used to a greater extent as a soul winner .

Oct. 21—Mrs. A. L. Lynn, wife of pastor of 1st church, Johnstown, Pa. Prov. 3:6. No requests submitted.

Oct. 24—Mrs. Stanley F. Hauser, wife of pastor at Hopewell and Saxton, Pa. Requests prayer that the young people of our land may be kept true to the Lord in these days of doubt, trial and temptation.

Oct. 25—Grant E. McDonald, pastor at Compton, Calif. Phil. 4:6-7. Requests prayer for the testimony given out in Compton, which is a reputed communistic center, and for the health of Mrs. McDonald.

Oct. 28—A. D. Cashman, pastor at Homerville, O. Requests prayer for the gift of evangelism that he might be used in the salvation of souls.

Oct. 29—Mrs. Harold Dunning, missionary candidate to Africa. Col. 1:18b. Requests prayer that the passports, visas and passage will soon be provided for the missionaries and missionary candidates ready to go to the field, and that the Lord will continue to strengthen the missionaries on the field until reinforcements arrive.

Oct. 30—Mrs. Henry Rempel, wife of pastor of Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind. Gal. 2:20. Requests prayer for Israel that many may be saved; for a loved one who has wandered away from the Lord; for the salvation of the lost in Flora and nearby towns; and that God's own might be fully yielded to His leading that He might be glorified in all they do.

Oct. 30—Mrs. Floyd Shiery, wife of pastor at Winnetka Congregational Church at Dallas, Tex. No requests submitted.

Oct. 31—Walter Miekley, student pastor of Palestine, Ind Christian Church. II Tim. 2:15. Requests prayer for the spiritual development of a group of about 29 young people, for the salvation of the church janitor, for the salvation of the professing church members, and for God's continued blessing on a community Bible Class.

Requests from Bro. and Sister Joseph H. Foster which war conditions delayed: Pray for our workers who are out at chapel points; that we may have wisdom in getting established on the new concession; that we may have good gardens this year because of the scarcity of foreign foods; and that God will grant us wisdom in the many problems that face us.

"Man cannot be saved by perfect obedience because he cannot render it. He cannot be saved by imperfect obedience because God cannot accept it. The only solution is Calvary."

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DO THE JEWS CONTROL AMERICA?

A Look at the Facts

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Some 800 organizations, foreign and native, are pouring anti-Semitic propaganda into the people of the United States at the present time. It is not strange that thousands of well-meaning Christian people who constantly receive such material through the mails, not having statistics to refute these sensational charges against the Jews, should succumb to prejudice and even fear.

We therefore call to your attention some simple facts, which if kept in mind will demolish all such propaganda. These facts are condensed from a special survey and report made by Fortune Magazine of February 1936.

The Communist Manifesto of 1848 was devised by Karl Marx, a Jew who to his end denounced the Jewish race and disassociated himself from them completely. His co-signer was Friedrich Engels, a German. Nicolai Lenin, Russia's Red leader, was **not** a Jew and denounced the Jews for opposing him.

Russia is controlled by 13 leaders, only one a Jew. Of the 19 Commissars four are Jews.

Communism in the U. S. is led by Browder, Hathaway, Ford, Minor, Haywood, Bedacht and Mother Bloor—none of them Jews. In New York City, the world's largest Jewish city, only about 1,000 Jews belong to the Communist Party. In a thickly settled Jewish district, Earl Browder himself running for Congress could not muster enough votes to make a showing.

There are in the United States today over 4,000,000 Jews. Of this number, over 2,000,000, or more than half, are in New York City. Every third man in New York City is a Jew! There are five times as many Jews in New York City as in all of Great Britain and Ireland, four times as many as in Germany when Hitler came to power. One-third doctors and lawyers of New York are Jewish, their proportion of the population.

Jews do **not** control U. S. banking. Of 420 directors of the 19 member concerns of N. Y. Clearing House—30 Jews. In the largest banks of New York there are no Jews at all in spite of the fact that many of their customers are Jews.

Investment houses of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Speyer & Co., Seligman and Co., Thallman and Co., and Lehman Bros.—the largest Jewish concerns—do not compare in power with Gentile firms like J. P. Morgan & Co., National City Co., Dillon-Read, Chase-Harris-Forbes Co., Guarantee Co., Bankamerica. The Morgan Co. does nearly 20 per cent of all the foreign loan business; Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the highest Jewish concern, only 2.88 per cent, and this company is part Gentile in control.

Of the 1375 member concerns of the New York Stock Exchange, 252 are Jews. This is 18 per cent.

The number of Jews in Federal positions is lower than their percentage in the population. There are few Jews in high administrative and policy-making posts and most of these are distinguished for efficient service.

Jews have a subordinate place in the field of heavy industry (Scrap iron business 90 per cent Jews); No influence in auto industry, coal mining, rubber, oil, chemicals, shipping, transportation, railroad, ship building, airplane building; found only in light industries, largely the distributing end.

Underwear and dress-cutting and men's clothing, high percentage Jews. Department Stores of N. Y. City largely Jewish, but in Chicago the largest concerns are non-Jewish. Chain stores only 5 per cent Jewish. Mail order business is non-Jewish. Drug store chains 10 per cent.

In movies Jews control 3 of 8 principal companies. Of 85 names engaged in production, 53 are Jews.

New York Times, largest newspaper, Jewish owned, but considered one of most reliable papers. Associated Press with 1300 papers, not a single Jew. United Press, no Jews. International News Service owned by Hearst. Of 916 papers in 544 cities of over 15,000, only 33 Jewish controlled.

This should be sufficient to show that Jews **do not** dominate the American scene. Were they more evenly distributed throughout the country, their presence would be scarcely noticed.

Remember that even among Christian publishers there are those who circulate the anti-Jewish propaganda of outright Jew-baiting agencies. Beware of those who constantly crusade against Communism, but make use of Nazi anti-Jewish propaganda.

HERE and THERE

By Robert Culver

The Northern Ohio Premillennial Fellowship, of which Rev. C. W. Mayes is President, met in the W. Tenth St. Brethren Church of Ashland, O., Monday afternoon and evening, Sept. 16. Dr. Arthur I. Brown, well-known surgeon of Vancouver, B. C., for the past 15 years a Bible lecturer, spoke to an assembly of ministers and their wives in the afternoon and addressed a mass meeting of 400 from many churches in Northern Ohio.

L. L. Grubb will leave his pastorate of several years at Rittman, O., to become pastor of our new church at Hagerstown, Md. sometime in October.

Arthur Carey, for several years pastor of the Campbell Brethren Church near Lake Odessa, Mich., will leave his work there to take over the Rittman pastorate.

The Brethren Church of Ellet (Akron), O., under the direction of the pastor Raymond E. Gingrich, began another year of weekly Sunday morning broadcasting over station WJW, Akron, Sept. 15.

Churches securing new pastors, and pastors having changes of addresses, and all having other information needed for the conference annual, should send same to The Brethren Missionary Herald Company **immediately.** The material is to be sent to the printer just as soon as it can be assembled, so please do not delay. Promptness in attending to this will considerably lessen the work of those responsible for the annual. Material not in our hands within the next two weeks at the latest is likely to be too late to be included.

A young woman whose father's ill health makes it necessary for her to earn her own way through high school in order to graduate, is attempting to do so by collecting used postage stamps of the various denominations other than the common 3c stamp. Those living in the west and desiring to help her attain her goal may send the stamps to Frances Jean Naher, 4251 E. 4th St., Long Beach, Calif. As the stamps are usually ruined when torn from the envelope or package, please cut at least ⅛ inch around them.

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH OF LONG BEACH, CALIF.

We have been so busy drinking in Bible conferences, growing and "stepping forward," that we fear we have neglected shouting about it sufficiently loud to be heard beyond the confines of Southern California.

Particularly are we rejoicing in the growth of the work outside of the walls of Fifth and Cherry, the home base. A glance at the accompanying picture of our branch Sunday School in Naples (in the eastern part of Long Beach) will illustrate, more than words, what we mean by "growth." This Sunday School was opened in June, 1939, under the leadership of one of our own young men, Ralph Colburn, who has completed his course in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Under his direction, with the help of the Holy Spirit and a few consecrated young folks, the attendance of this Sunday School has trebled in the one year of its history. At the beginning of the work, there were 22 present, all meeting in one class. Now, there are six classes. The work is self-supporting as to running expenses. A morning church service is held each Sunday, and a mid-week prayer meeting, both with a good attendance. Also, Brother Colburn has opened Intermediate and Young People's meetings on Sunday evenings in Seal Beach, adjacent to Naples. The Lord is using him greatly among the young people of these two communities.

As to the home Church at Fifth and Cherry, though our pastor, Dr. Louis S. Bauman, has, of necessity, been absent more than usual during the past year, we have been well taken care of by our associate pastor, Brother Pearce, and the men of God secured for our pulpit.

Mrs. Lewis E. Andrews, Church Correspondent.

FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH PHILADELPHIA, PA.

On Monday morning, July 1, our 16th annual Summer Bible School assembled at the church with our pastor, Bro. A. V. Kimmell, in charge. There were 80 children and 15 teachers present, making a total attendance on the opening day of 95. Our highest attendance was 92 children and 15 teachers; and our average attendance for the three weeks was 86 children and 14 teachers, total 100.

Bro. Kimmell had the opening exercises and devotions from 9:00 to 9:30. We also had as guest speakers our own missionary, Miss Elizabeth Tyson, and our Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Carl Seitz.

On Friday, July 19, which was decision day, 35 boys and girls accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Our school closed with commencement exercises on Wed. evening, July 24. This was well attended by the parents and friends of the Summer Bible School. The picnic was held at a nearby park on Fri., July 26, with 75 children and 14 teachers attending.

We had a wonderful corps of teachers, who faithfully taught these children the fundamental truths of God's Word.

On the same morning, July 1, we held our first Summer Bible School at our new location at the tent at Oxford Ave. and Knorr Sts. This work was in charge of Mrs Laura Frank as principal. There were 27 children present on the opening day with four teachers; highest attendance 45 children, average attendance 38.

This Bible School was not only a new venture for us, but also a very new thing in this neighborhood. The children were so delighted with the school that they wanted to come all summer. The parents of these children were amazed at the work accomplished in the space of three short weeks. 16 boys and girls accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior.

The picnic for this branch of the work was also held in a nearby park on Wed., July 24.

Dorothea M. Schwartz, Sec'y, S.B.S.

THE GROWING SUNDAY SCHOOL AT NAPLES, CALIF. A BRANCH OF THE 1st BRETHREN CHURCH OF LONG BEACH

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Waiting

By Martha Snell Nicholson

There is a strange hush in my soul
A stirring in my heart,
A singing eagerness for flight
As one who would depart,

And in the sentient, waiting air
A hint of brushing wings . . . .
Strain against my fetters and
The pull of earthly things.

There is a quickening sense of light.
Of dawns about to break,
As glory paints the morning sky
To bid the earth awake.

Come quickly, Lord, and break our bonds
At last, and set us free,
And soaring, we shall rise, and dwell
Forevermore with Thee!

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EDITORIALS

By Louis S. Bauman, Editor

"The Tragedy Of It All"

A few days ago the missionary editor was in Waterloo, Ia. conducting a Bible conference under the auspices of the Waterloo Bible Institute. The meetings were held in that great well known church—the Walnut St. Baptist Church—of which Dr. Robert T. Ketcham is the pastor. One day, while talking with Dr. Ketcham, he told us of the foreign missionary situation in the Baptist Church. He called our attention to the fact that 8,000 Baptist churches who are still holding to the Northern Baptist Convention are undergoing a terrific decline in their foreign missionary activities, while the comparatively small group of Fundamentalist Baptist churches operating under the name of the "General Association of Regular Baptist Church (North)" have been witnessing a tremendous increase in foreign missionary interest, and, of course, in missionary giving.

And what is true of foreign missionary endeavor in that church is likewise true in home missionary endeavor.

Dr. Ketcham expresses his opinion that the "modernistic practices and policies" in the missionary agencies of the Northern Baptist Convention is to blame for this decline. When churches depart from a true gospel faith, a decline in their interest in the salvation of their fellowmen seems to be inevitable. The truth of the matter is, whether some are ready to admit it or not, that an acid test of the faith that is held by a congregaion of people, as to whether it is running true to the Word of God, is discerned in its missionary spirit, home and foreign.

Paradoxical as it may seem, when a church departs from salvation on the basis of pure grace and true faith, to a salvation to be won, if it were possible, by keeping the commandments of the law, that church is sure to witness a decline in its interest in the salvation of its fellowmen and therefore in the true social welfare of the world. And this is not to deny, for one moment, that the church that is made up of born again men and women will strive with all its strength to walk uprightly and acceptably within the commandments of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It will do so simply because it is saved —a born again church. A genuine salvation begets commandment keepers, and therefore good works; but commandment keepers and good works do not beget salvation, simply because "by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" and "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Where there is a single failure in the keeping of commandments, the soul is lost. For, as the holy apostle Paul has said: "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10); and where there is human failure and sin, grace must step in.

On another page, with Dr. Ketcham's permission, we are printing an editorial written by him and appearing in **The Baptist Bulletin** (July, 1940) of which he is editor. This editorial gives Brethren, as well as Baptists, something to think about! The editorial was fittingly entitled "The Tragedy of It All."

Romanism Vs. Protestantism

The battle between the Romish priest and the old fashioned Protestant believer still rages. Especially is this true in poor musty old Latin America. Maximino Pereira, our national pastor at Laboulaye, has written a brief article on the subject of "Justification by Faith," which appears herein. The only trouble with this article is that it is entirely too short. We are going to urge these national pastors of ours to write more frequently. This article, though brief, is one of the best articles we have received from a missionary for some time.

It is an article very much needed in The Brethren Church at this time. It is not only "the Church of Rome, with its priests and monastic orders" that "stumbles at this doctrine of justification by faith." It is not only the Church of Rome, in which the ordained ministers "classify it (the doctrine of justification) as heresy, believing that it opens the door to go on sinning." We have heard that taught quite frequently very much nearer home. Really, must the converts on our benighted field some of these days be sent our way as missionaries to call us back to God and the faith that avails unto the salvation of sinful men?

That African Bible Conference!

On another page Dr. Floyd W. Taber and Jake Kliever give a unique report of the Bekoro Bible Conference, in which our readers will be greatly interested. We are publishing the notes to the editor that came in connection with this report.

While perhaps those two royal servants of the King did not expect us to publish the personal notes to the editor in connection with this conference, yet certainly they will not object to us doing it, inasmuch as the report would hardly be complete or altogether understandable without publishing the notes they sent with it.

After all, a missionary's life is not uninteresting. Sometimes we could wish that we were away from the turmoil of civilization—"out there" holding Bible conferences in Africa.

But, as Brother Taber puts it, "apart from the joking" here is a fine place for Christian Endeavor So-

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cieties, Sunday Schools, Sunday School classes, as well as individuals, to place any **special** gifts that they may have. These Bible conferences, as Brother Taber indicates, will cost some money. $25.00 will care for the expense of such a conference. And you can know the results that will reach far into eternity that will eminate from such a conference.

Any individual or organization desiring to bear the expenses of such a conference may send the gift of $25.00 to the Secretary-Treasurer and indicate that it is for this purpose. We will then forward this money to Africa and request that the donor be given a report of the conference that his money made possible.

The Spirit of Antichrist Continues Rampant Over the World

Japan is devising a "hundred year plan" to counteract the work of Christian missions by spreading Buddhism throughout China. As one looks abroad over the old world today and sees what is going on in Japan, in China, in Germany, in Russia, in Italy, in Spain, and in a number of the smaller countries of the earth, witnessing the spirit of antichrist utterly rampant in those lands, need we marvel that some of us believe that the reign of the antichrist is near? But, thank God, that reign will be short. It must needs be that "that old serpent called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world . . . . (is to be) cast out into the earth." But, thank God, it is written that, when "the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath," it will be "because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev. 12:12). Satan is putting up a mighty fight these days, and we believe that it is because he knows, if some pulpiteers do not, that his days are numbered. The Lord shall reign, and that right soon!

Troublous Days for Foreign Missionaries

Our sister and friend, Mrs. Howard Nicholson, the poetess of Wilmington, Calif. who has contributed the beautiful poem on the front of the cover, has just permitted us to read a letter to her from some of her very dear missionary friends who signed the letter thus: "The Jacksons." This letter gives us a clear insight to that which many missionaries are passing through in these troubled war days. We quote:

"We have had to close our work in Bulgaria, Europe, because of war. But the greatest thing is the information we received this week from England. As you may remember, we have represented the Spezia Mission for Italy for over 20 years. And for the past 12 years it has enjoyed the protection of Mussolini himself by a proclamation which I printed years ago.

"This is the largest mission work in all Europe, and six weeks ago our Director, Dr. Pullen, was ordered by the Italian government to leave for England with his staff, leaving the big work in the hands of just a few local Italian pastors. This is a shock, for Dr. Pullen has been honored above other men by the government, and now that he has had to get out, it just means that God's plans for and through this work must be complete, for I expect that almost immediately the Vatican will just move in and steal the whole shooting match which comprises millions of dollars worth of buildings, including one girl's orphanage with over 500 orphans in it.

"And the strangest thing is that neither Dr. Pullen nor his staff have landed at England, nor have they been seen or heard of since they were supposed to leave Italy. They were to travel across France, but at that time Germany was warring with France. Where are they?

"Because God has permitted this great mission to be leaderless . . . . it comes to me to mean that surely the Lord's coming is nearer than we believe and **sure.**"

After reading this part of the letter from "The Jacksons," I am sure that we will be more impressed than ever with the need of praying very definitely that God shall keep beneath His wings our own missionaries in Africa. Naturally, French Equatorial Africa, being a colony of France, is now caught between the upper and nether millstones. Nevertheless, God is able, and we are praying that our missionaries may continue their work there unhindered. Those poor natives need Christ now more than ever have they needed Him. They need Him now in time as never before, and as always before, they need Him for eternity.

At this writing, we have not heard that our missionaries in Africa have been disturbed. There is always a possibility that they, being Americans may be ordered to move out of a territory that Germany, rather than France, now controls. Should it happen that the exigencies of war, or change of governmental ownership in Africa, cause the removal of our missionaries who are citizens of the great American democracy, let us thank God for the native ministry that has been prepared; and that we believe will carry on until Jesus comes.

If this order shall come, it will be a piece of rather expensive business, but there is still plenty of unoccupied territory in Africa into which our missionaries can go and continue their great service for Jesus

Attend The Second Annual

PENNSYLVANIA BRETHREN BIBLE CONFERENCE

Time—October 21-24, 1940

Place—First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa.

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Christ. Of course, if England should be conquered and lose her African territories, which is almost unthinkable, we might have a hard time finding any place in Africa to carry on for Christ. But we do not believe that our Lord and Master will let such a thing come to pass as the spiritual blacking-out of one whole continent. We still believe that Adolf Hitler is riding to a fall, and, unless we are at the time of the end, the Italian dictator is doing the same thing. God is still on His throne.

Mighty Fine Skimmed Milk!

We are "making up" this magazine at the conclusion of a Prophetic Bible Conference we have been conducting for the church in Waynesboro, Pa., of which Robert D. Crees is the up-and-going pastor. "A packed house" greeted us each evening. We have had a great time with a great church!

A few months ago, a number of folks left this church, being a part of a movement promoted by a certain so-called "Loyalist League." The remark was then made that "the **cream** of the First Brethren Church of Waynesboro has left it!" Well, that would mean that that which remains is **skimmed milk.**

All we can say is, fortunate is the church that possesses plenty of "skimmed milk" of this sort. As we are packing up, a check has just been handed us for foreign missions that will carry the annual offering of this fine little band to somewhere near the $700 mark—the largest in its history! (What would it have been had that "cream" remained) And, the home mission offering of this church has been proportionately among the best in the brotherhood. Watch 'em this coming Thanksgiving!

Then, last, and not least, they handed me a check for my services with them; and if my memory does not fail me, it is the finest bit of "appreciation" that we ever received for a like number of services in any Bible conference; and we usually are very well treated everywhere we go!

"Skimmed milk?" We don't object! Kindly pass the bottle again, please!

"And the Word (Christ) was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."—Jn. 1:14.

THINK IT OVER

Of the 12 apostles chosen by Jesus, all but one became a missionary. The only one among the 12 who did not become a missionary became a traitor.

Justification by Faith

By Maximino Periera, Pastor, Laboulaye

Justification by faith in Jesus Christ is the great distance that separates the gospel from all the religions that exist upon this planet. While they seek eagerly to gain pardon for their sins by their good works, and seek to gain heaven by penances, prayers, and supplications, the divine revelation stands, safe and firm as a rock, on that faith by which "the just shall live."

The church of Rome, with its priests and monastic orders stumbles at this doctrine of justification by faith. It is impossible for them to coordinate in their closed minds such divine teaching. They classify it as heresy, believing that it opens the door to go on sinning, and is only a means to deceive the conscience.

Paul, the great apostle to the Gentile world, was a mystic soul with a great zeal for the dispensation of the **works of the law,** but when the Holy Spirit worked in his Pharasaic soul, he became a great defender of the doctrine of justification by faith in the **work of Christ.** When the Augustinian friar, Martin Luther, had the privilege to visit Rome, hoping to add to his penances one more of extraordinary value, he began to go on his knees up the steps to the Vatican. When about half way up, he suddenly remembered that he had once read in the Bible that "the just shall live by faith." Ashamed of himself, and of so much fanatical servitude, he went down the steps and had no desire to go up again.

The most powerful weapon wielded by the Church of Rome is the doctrine of justification by works. Not long ago some Dominican friars arrived in a certain city to preach repentance of sins to the inhabitants. After 20 days of preaching, they told the people to go to the confessional. The parish priest of that church had brought in six confessors to hear the confessions of the penitents. Many women and a few men went. One woman had confessed grave sins. She had to go on her knees out of the church and around the courtyard and back into the church. When she returned, her knees were badly cut and bruised. Later infection set in, and the woman died after days of severe suffering.

Another woman confessed serious sins. As penance she was forced to wear next to the flesh a kind of belt of woven wire with sharp points. After suffering this cruel treatment for a while, she tore the thing off and blasphemed the name of God and of the Roman Church and turned atheist. In the latter days of her life, on hearing the gospel, she was converted, and confessing her sins to God she received pardon through faith in the Lord Jesus. Certainly these people are greatly deceived in seeking the justice of heaven by these works so cruel and savage.

Is not therefore the life of faith in Christ greater, more honorable, and fuller of vital power, than these poor and sorry rudiments of a justification by works —works that are never finished nor contain in themselves the power to put an end to sin and to break once for all the yoke of servitude? It remains established forever: **"The just shall live by faith."**

The Tragedy of It All

An Editorial from The Baptist Bulletin—Dr. Robert T. Ketchem, Editor

It is with no sense of exultation that we write the following paragraphs, but it is with a deep sense of gratitude to God that He led many of us to see the direction in which He was going and the pathway along which He was leading, and that He gave us grace and courage to follow even at the cost of the sacrifice of lifelong fellowships.

The Northern Baptist Convention held its annual meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., a few weeks ago. The Watchman-Examiner of June 6 carries a full report of the convention. We quote from the editor's observations regarding the convention.—"The Atlantic City Convention was strong in inspiration but deplorably weak in deliberation. . . This (deliberation) must be done if we are to solve such problems as face Northern Baptists. **As a Foreign Mission Society we are steadily going out of business. We have entered no new field in 40 years. We have fewer missionaries this year than last year and next year we will have still fewer. The Home Mission agencies are struggling with deficits and debts . . . . Some Northern Baptist colleges are in dire danger and cannot continue unless help is forthcoming.** Do we not need to deliberate on these? And yet we left Atlantic City with not one of these grave issues even partly solved. . . . At what stage of decline will we stop and consider?"

We quote again some of the address of Dr. Lerrigo, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Society, in his annual message to the convention. "Starting with Judson's challenge our giving to **foreign missions increased steadily for a period of more than 100 years, but for the past 15 years it has steadily declined until the receipts for the year just closed have shrunk to a point paralleling those of a full generation ago, the year 1906.** The history of American Baptist foreign missions covers a period of a century and a quarter. All of our 10 great world fields were entered in the first 86 years of our existence and for 40 years no great new area has been occupied. **The foreign missionary staff has shrunk from its peak figure of 845 to 508. In the past 10 years lack of resources has required the turning away from great new opportunities such as the call of India's 70,000,000 outcasts for a new faith.**"

In the June issue of the Bulletin we called attention to the fact that **if the Northern Baptist Convention continued to retreat the next three years on the same basis as they had in the past three, and if the Independent Baptists continued progress in the next three years on the same basis as they had in the past three, that at the end of three years the Independent Baptists would have more missionaries on the foreign field than the Northern Baptist Convention.**

And now comes the startling statement from their own officials, that they are fast going out of business as a foreign mission agency. Think of it—no new field entered by Northern Baptists in 40 years! Think of it—a reduction of 337 missionaries in the past 10 years! Think of it—the missionary giving of 8000 Baptist Churches has dwindled until it is back where it was in 1906! Northern Baptists have backed up 34 years in their missionary giving! The editor of the Watchman-Examiner pleads for Baptists to sit down and deliberate. Familiar appeal, this! For 12 years scores and even hundreds of us pled with this same convention to sit down and face the issue. Scores of honored servants of the Lord have continued during recent years with the same appeal, but to this sad hour the Northern Baptist Convention has refused to face the cause of the difficulty.

We confess to a feeling of something akin to holy wrath when we see articles appearing in print emanating from convention headquarters, blaming the missionary decline on the stinginess of Baptists. If ever there was a slander on Baptists, that claim constitutes one. Let the convention officials face the fact that **it is their continued propogation of and their defense of modernistic practices and policies in our missionary agencies that have caused the people to withhold their funds.**

This statement is not spun out of mere theory. It has been demonstrated in the school of experience. The statistics of Independent Baptists during the past two years have proven our contention. Last year Independent Baptists gave on an average of $1,499.82 per church. These churches ranged all the way from 26 members to 1,500 members and were scattered from Maine to California. They therefore, constitute a typical cross section of Baptist churches as you find them. The average of these Independent Baptist churches could and should be the average of convention churches. Had the Northern Baptist Convention's 8,000 churches averaged the same as our Independent Baptist churches, the Northern Convention would have received approximately $12,000,000 for missions last year. The figures from the Independent Baptist churches for two years ago demonstrate the same thing.

And why is this? Because there isn't a single solitary taint of modernism in the Independent Baptist missionary program!

If the Northern Baptist Convention wants to "deliberate," here is something to think about.

SILENCE
is
COWARDLY

To sin by silence when we should protest
Makes cowards out of men. The human race
Has climbed on protest. Had no voice been raised
Against injustice, ignorance and lust,
The Inquisition yet would serve the law,
And guillotines decide our last disputes.
The few who dare must speak, and speak again,
To right the wrongs of many."

Born Again November 1939—Promoted to Glory July 1940

By Elder J. Paul Dowdy, Rio Cuarto, Argentina

Mrs. Aguierre

This sister in Christ, some ninety odd years of age, was the oldest member of the Rio Cuarto congregation. In another sense, she was the youngest, having been the last to be baptized and received into the fellowship of this church. Although a babe in Christ at 90 years of age, she grew in the grace and knowledge of her Lord till the day of her going home.

The story of her entrance into the way of life, her brief sojourn, and her departure, is, in some respects, unique and interesting. In the first place, it is nothing less than remarkable to see a person of 90 years accept the Lord as Savior. Few indeed are they who come to Him so late in life. Second, it is no small matter that those 90 years were lived under the influence and power of the Roman Catholic Church. Only about a year ago a priest threatened this woman with eternal condemnation if she ever should come to this mission again. Thirdly, she did what so many younger babes in Christ fail to do. She grew in Christ. As a fourth item of interest, her death and even her funeral presented a testimony worthy of mention.

Less than three years ago the daughter of this woman was saved, and she and her husband came into the church. Naturally, they began in earnest to testify to, and to pray for, others of their family. Sometime later, the women's society of the church held a meeting in the home of the daughter, Mrs. Olthoff. The aged mother was not interested in the doings of the **Evangelicos.** But acquaintances were made and the way opened for further opportunities to present to her the way of salvation. Little by little, and very slowly, she came nearer and nearer. She had become acquainted with the wife of one of the workers, and now and then went to her with questions. Also she had the testimony and prayers of her daughter and son-in-law. These also instructed her in the Word of God.

Then along in September or October of last year she began to talk of being baptized. The believers of her family felt somehow that she was not exactly clear as to salvation, so they tried to bring her to see that baptism would be of no value to her unless she really believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior.

Now she had in her home a saint, or rather, an image of "Saint Antonio." Her son-in-law told her that if she now truly believed on the Lord Jesus, He was all-sufficient for all her needs, and San Antonio would no longer be of any use to her. In fact, he assured her that San Antonio had never really been of any use to her. Well, she was not so sure. Did not every believer (?) in **"La Iglesia"** (Catholic Church) have need of the help of the saints? It was a bit difficult for her, after 90 years, to be convinced that the Lord does not need the saints to help take care of the believers. Anyway, this image of San Antonio was a gift, presented to grandmother by the elder daughter of Mrs. Olthoff.

Finally she was willing to trust her all to the Lord Jesus, and get rid of the image. That also was a problem. What should she do with it? To take it out and destroy it she was not quite ready. Then, an idea: she would return it to her granddaughter. This she did. When her son-in-law learned of this transaction, he asked her if she supposed that San Antonio, being of no value to her, could be worth anything to her granddaughter.

From then on she was sure that the Lord Jesus was her all-sufficient Savior. She wanted only Him, and desired only to please Him. She made this known one night at the close of a street meeting held in front of the Olthoff home. She asked to be baptized. The baptismal service was arranged, and she was received as a member of this congregation in December of last year.

For eight short months she was a follower and servant of the Lord. Her humble home was located some considerable distance beyond the end of the bus line, but her attendance at the meetings was very regular for one of her great age. Not only did she attend the services, she had a desire to contribute something. Out of the little that she had, she gave.

To us here in the mission, her spiritual growth was most gratifying. It was a real joy just to contemplate the spiritual progress achieved in so short a time. May the Lord give us more believers that **grow.**

On July 7 she attended Sunday School for the last time. During the following two weeks of her illness, she witnessed for the Lord to those who came to her bedside. Especially during the last three days did she speak very definitely to both family and neighbors concerning the saving grace of the Lord. Then on Sunday evening, July 21, as the sun was lowering, this sister in Christ announced to those present that the Lord had come for her, and in the glory of His presence she was happy.

The funeral was very simply arranged. There were no candles, crucifixes, or other adornments customary at funerals in this country. Neither were there present those who pray for the dead. This very simplicity, especially the absence of crucifixes and candles, caused astonishment in the neighborhood. And that there should be no prayers for the departed one was unthinkable. These strange departures from customs universal in this land, while causing surprise, also gave opportunity for our brother and sister Olthoff to tell of the death of the Son of God for lost sinners. They also reminded the questioners that our Lord was not surrounded in his death by candles and adornments, but was quietly laid in the tomb by a faithful follower.

We thank God for this soul that by His grace passed out of darkness into His marvelous light. Well beyond threescore years and ten, she was privileged to begin life anew, a new creature in Christ.

An African Bible Conference

(Editorial Note: Dr. Floyd W. Taber and Elder Jake Kliever are nothing if not original. They certainly make a great pair—an ideal pair for the rigors of African mission work. The editor has just received, through mails greatly delayed, an account of the "Bekoro Bible Conference." To make this report interesting, we are going to quote the personal note to the editor that came in connection with this Bible Conference. The note, together with the report of the conference, was as follows.—L.S.B.)

Bekoro, par Paoua, par Bozoum
French Equatorial Africa
June 7, 1940

Dear Brother Bauman:

We are just dying to write up our Bible Conference and pat ourselves on the back; but it looks better to let someone else do it. We are quoting an article from the **Kabba Daily Cloudburst.**

You may be interested in knowing that only one daily appears in Kabbaland, but that it appears under two different names, depending on the season. From May to October it carries the above caption, but from November to April it bears the title of **Kabba Midday Sun.**

Yours for publicity,

Jake and Floyd.

BEKORO BIBLE CONFERENCE

Biggest Gathering of Christian Workers Ever Held in Kabbaland

The first Bekoro Bible Conference has just come to a close, and all reports agree that it is the greatest yet. You never heard of a Bible Conference before? Neither did the editor. But here is what happened.

In connection with a happy event with which our readers are already familiar, the doctor came to spend three weeks at Bekoro. The father was already here. So that made a pair.

Word was sent to the pastors of the churches at Bedam, Benamkor, and Bedaya. They, with their assistants and lay workers from other villages that do not yet have full time pastors, gathered together at the Miller Memorial Station to see what it was all about.

Convention Auditorium consists of 18 fence posts stuck in a circle about 12 feet in diamater, supporting a conical grass roof. The only wall was a grass mat tied to the posts behind the speakers. The floor, naturally, was good Bekoro dirt.

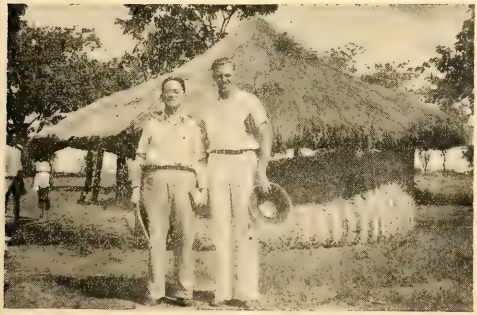
As benches, there were seven sticks about six inches in diameter, lying on the ground. The "Puffessors" each sat on a **mbata. (Note for foreign readers: A mbata** is a stool eight to ten inches high, with a concave top, carved out of one piece of log.)

As a table, they used a chair. **(Note for local readers:** A chair is an instrument of torture on which white men place their posterior extremity in such a position that their knees and their hips both form right angles. Why anyone submits to such an uncomfortable position is unknown, but most local ethnologists believe it is connected with the superstition of white superiority.) The only remaining piece of furniture, as well as the most used, was a blackboard.

After an intermission following regular chapel, at eight o'clock each morning the doctor began an hour or an-hour-and-a-half of what he called Bible Exposition. Then he went to give medicines to sick people, and after a short intermission, the father gave an hour of Pastoral Theology. At 2:00 P.M. the doctor taught a class in Biblical Introduction, and following that the father gave a course in Music Conducting, with special emphasis on the message of the hymns.

Everyone who attended is agreed that if they could have good "puffessors," such conferences of Christian workers would be highly worth while. It is hoped someone else will be invited to hold one soon. It is unknown how soon the doctor will have another similar occasion to come.

According to the doctor, one of the most highly successful features of the conference was the enter-



"Puffessors" Taber & Kliever beside the "Conference Auditorium," Bekoro, June, 1940

Christian Workers at Bekoro Bible Conference—Chairs of "Puffessors" in foreground.

What Kind of a Colleague am I?

By Dr. Florence N. Gribble

Spurgeon has said that his great difficulty was not in formulating his sermon or his address, but in choosing his texts. How great would have been his difficulty, if he like ourselves had had 40 texts instead of one!

We will now proceed to read our 40 texts.* . . . . . .

Having read these texts, let each one of us inquire within his own heart, not, "What kind of a colleague is my brother or my sister?" but, "What kind of a colleague am I myself?"

There is an old adage which says: "If the shoe fits, put it on." Roman shoes are here displayed for choice, Cappadocian shoes also, and shoes from other climes. I must confess that I have found here a pair of Roman shoes which fits me very well, a pair of Cappadocian shoes which I hope henceforth to wear, and even shoes from other climes which I aspire one day to possess.

First of all, let each of us ask: "As to membership, what kind of colleague am I? Do I remember that every colleague of mine is a member of the body of Christ? (40). Do I remember that every colleague is a member of every other colleague?" (5).

As to gifts, do I exercise my own, however humble? Am I willing that other colleagues should exercise theirs, however brilliant?

If endowed with the gift of prophecy, do I use it? (6). If called to show mercy do I show it with cheerfulness? (8). If called to minister in any capacity, do I wait on that ministry? (7). If called to teach do I do it faithfully? (7). If required to exhort, do I do it humbly? Giving, do I give with simplicity? (8). If called to rule, in the school room, in the hospital wards, in the church, in the mission do I do it with diligence? (8).

As to mind, what kind of a colleague am I? Do I mind high things? (16). If so am I willing to be transformed by the renewing of my mind? (2). Am I obedient to the rule: "Be of the same mind one to another?" (16).

As to my thoughts, do I think of myself more highly than I ought to think? (3). Are my thoughts according to the measure of faith that God has given to me? (3). Am I wise in my own concepts? (16). Do I prefer others in honor? (10). Do I humble myself under the mighty hand of God? (37).

As to judging, if I do fast or abstain, do I judge another who does not? (27). If I do not fast, do I judge another who does? (27). Do I judge my fellow colleague in anything? (30). Do I set any colleague at nought? (30). Do I judge my colleague's servants, in other words, their personal boys, forgetting that God is able to make them stand? (28). Do I refuse to judge, but seek rather to please and to edify? (34).

As to my tongue, do I use it to upbraid my fellow colleagues? (14). Do I use it to criticize them? (14). Do I give place to the wrath of another, or do I revenge myself by retorting? (17). Being criticized and upbraided am I patient in this, and in every other tribulation? (12). Do I endeavor to make my life a blessing to all with whom I come in contact? (18). Do I speak peaceably to all? (18). Do I dispute with another whom I consider weak in the faith? (32). Do I rather bear the infirmities of weaker colleagues? (35). Do I walk in strife? (25). Do I permit my heart to be envious because I have been called to a greater degree of poverty than another? (25). Do I recompence evil to another colleague through an uncontrolled and bitter tongue? (17).

As to my relationship, am I conformed to this world? (2). Do I live unto myself, or unto the Lord and my colleagues? (29). Do I distribute to the necessity of the saints? (13). Am I more or less willing to give to a native, whether colleague or servant, than I am to my fellow missionaries? (13). Am I given to hospitality, not only to outsiders, but also to my colleagues? (13).

Do I pretend to love a colleague whom I do not love? (9). Or on my knees do I claim grace over the adversary who is leading me to this dissimulation? (9). Do I truly love all my colleagues? (22). Do I ever put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in a fellow colleague's way? (31). Am I kindly affectioned toward all my colleagues? (10). Do I exercise true brotherly (or sisterly) love? (10). Do I love members of another household as I love members of my

* Texts:

(1-20)—Romans 12: 1-20.
(21-26)—Romans 13:1, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14.
(27-34)—Romans 14:3, 4, 8, 10, 13, 1, 2, 19.
(35)—Romans 15:1.
(36-37)—I Peter 5:5, 6.
(38-39)—I Jn. 5:15, 16.
(40)—I Cor. 6:15.
(41)—I Cor. 12:14.

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tainment. He reports he never ate such cooking anywhere as among the Kabba.

Bekoro, June 10, 1940

Dear Brother Bauman:

Apart from the joking, which we hope is not **too** raw, you may be interested in knowing this is the kind of Bible Conferences the Field Council had in mind, in requesting donors to native evangelists to allow their gifts to be used in this way instead. The native workers, except those farthest advanced, cannot "hold" a lot of teaching in one long stretch, and they do not have a big enough stock to continue preaching very long without receiving some more. So it looks like a good plan to send them out for a short spell of preaching, then bring them in for a little schooling, or Bible Conference—whichever you want to call it. Of course, the local missionary can do the teaching most of the time, but it makes a pretty heavy schedule to teach all day; so when another missionary can come in to help, it is a big advantage. Of course, in this particular case the Bible Conference did not cost anything, since the trip had to be made for medical purposes. But in other cases it costs the transportation for the visiting missionary. We believe this is one of the best ways of really helping native workers, but without spoiling them. So we thought it might make a special appeal to those who hitherto made their gifts to support native evangelists.

Father, mother, and daughters are doing well. The nurse and the doctor are hardest hit!

Getting worser and worser,

Floyd.

own? (23, 24). Do I love them as I love myself? (23). Do I make provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof? (26). Do I provide things honest in the sight of my other colleagues? (19). Do I abhor that which is evil in mission standards, and cleave alone to that which is good? (9). Do I recognize in station and committee and field council meetings that my will is not a standard of good, but that God's will only is good, His will only is acceptable, His will is perfect? (2). Do I endeavor to prove what is the will of God? (2), or do I push what is my own will? Am I in debt to another colleague? (22). Do I weep with those who weep in the loss of husband, wife, or child? (15). Do I rejoice with those who rejoice in that husband, wife or child have been spared to them? (15). Do I rejoice in hope? (12). Do I receive another as Christ has received me?

As to **subjection,** am I subject under God to the government, yet preaching the word? (21). Am I subject under God to those who are in authority in the Mission? (21), thus serving the Lord? If a younger colleague, am I subject to my elder colleagues? (36). Am I subject to every other colleague? (36). Do I treat my native colleagues and helpers with consideration? (16). Do I condescend to men of low estate? (16).

As to **privilege,** if I perceive a colleague to be at fault do I pray for him in faith? (38, 39). Do I continue for all my colleagues? (12).

We have heard many sermons on our duty to God, on our duty to the natives, but perhaps very few on our simple duties to one another. Have each of us been able to answer all these questions acceptably to God?

Or have you, too, found one or more shoes that fit? If so let us put them on. The Holy Spirit waits until we are thus shod with the preparation of gospel of peace, to pour out a mighty blessing upon us.

THE TEST

A new religion came to me
  With buoyant step and radiant smile,
And at my door asked joyously
  Just to come in and chat awhile.

Her jewelled hands were fair to see;
  Her white robe glistened in the sun.
'Twas quite agreeable to me
  To listen to her silver tongue.

She spoke of health and wealth and peace,
  Of pleasure and prosperity,
Of love divine that fills all space,
  The only great reality.

Despite her look, her smile, her speech,
  My spirit shrank, strange to remark,
Like one whose groping fingers reach
  Some cold, dead thing amid the dark.

"Give me," I cried, "O stranger-guest,
  Before I entertain thy plea,
An answer to this one request,—
  Dost come by way of Calvary?"

Swift changed her eyes from noon to night,
  Her smile to cold, superior scorn;
She vanished on my wondering sight,
  But left me neither sad nor lorn.

A shining Presence filled my room,
  A voice divine spoke peace to me,
A Person full of truth and grace,
  Who came by way of Calvary.

Elizabeth Cheney.

MINUTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Selected From the Regular Minutes of the Board of Trustees of The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church Annual Meeting, Winona Lake, Ind., Aug. 22-30, 1940

Present: McClain, Shively, Barnard, Koontz, Kent, Kimmell, Bauman.
Chairman: A. V. Kimmell.

1. Committee on DeLozier Resolutions.

A motion prevailed that the Chair appoint a committee of two to draw up suitable resolutions for the board to present to the family of Arthur L. DeLozier. Kent and Koontz were appointed.

2. Offer to Meet with Representatives of the Ashland College Group.

A motion prevailed that since, in **The Brethren Evangelist** of Aug. 10th, 1940, the suggestion has been made of the desirability of a meeting between representatives of the Ashland College Group and the Board of Trustees of The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church; we, as a board, indicate our willingness to meet representatives from the Ashland College Group at some point midway between Ashland, O. and Winona Lake, Ind., preferably on Mon., Aug. 26, 1940.

Our purpose in taking this action is to conserve the interests of the Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church, and to advance the cause of Christ.

This action was discussed quite thoroughly, and U. J. Shively was chosen to present this motion to the moderator of the Ashland Group, Claud Studebaker. (See item 13).

3. Representative to Publication Board.

The motion prevailed that our representatives (Ashman and McClain) on the Board of Directors of The Brethren Publishing Co. be continued.

4. Candidate Secretary's Report.

In this regard, the candidate secretary read a letter from Helen Garber containing information regarding language study, then recommended the following names to the board for consideration:

1. Dorothy Ethel Hay. 2. Emma June Blough. 3. Herman Baerg. 4. Mrs. Marguerite Hoffman Baerg.

The board advised the candidate secretary to inform these candidates of the existing transportation and other problems, and encourage them to continue their preparations for the field.

The possibility of sending Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunning was discussed, and the board recommended that, until a way opens to go to the field, the Dunnings be encouraged to take a supply pastorate.

5. Election of Officers.

The following Foreign Board officers were elected by ballot vote:

President: A. V. Kimmell
Treasurer: L. S. Bauman
Candidate Secretary: A. J. McClain
Editor Missionary Magazine: L. S. Bauman
Deputation Director: A. V. Kimmell

6. Application for Passage.

The question of transportation to Africa was discussed, in the light of a bulletin which the secretary had received from the Foreign Missions Conference of North America; and a letter in reply was dictated, applying for passage for nine missionaries on a

steamer which that organization proposes to charter.

7. South American Reports.

A motion prevailed that the reports of the South American field be accepted, and the material contained therein placed at the disposal of the missionary editor for publication, as he sees fit.

8. South American Field Expenses.

A motion prevailed that we appropriate $350 per month to South America for field expenses.

9. North American Missionaries' Salaries.

A motion prevailed that the salary scale for North American missionaries, including allowances for children, be continued the same as heretofore.

10. Furlough and Transportation Problem.

A motion prevailed that the board approve Dr. Bauman's handling of the furlough situation, and that he write the missionaries on the field, explaining fully the problem connected therewith, as the board faces it.

11. Return of Sickels to Field.

A motion prevailed that we return the Sickels to the field in Argentina as soon as possible.

12. Report of Property Holdings in Africa.

A motion prevailed that we acknowledge the receipt of the report of our African properties and express our appreciation to Supt. Jobson for the fine presentation, and indicate our intention of using the same for publicity purposes in the future.

13. Reply from Offer to Meet Representatives of Ashland College Group (See item 2).

The following telegram from Claude Studebaker, in answer to the Board's request to meet with a committee of the Ashland College viewpoint, was read and discussed:

"August 23, 1940

Ashland, Ohio
U. J. Shively
% A. V. Kimmel
Westminster Hotel
Winona Lake, Indiana

"Will meet trustees of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church some time in connection with the foreign conference of The Brethren Church at Ashland, Ohio, which convenes August 26 to September 1.

Claude Studebaker."

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The board regarded the above telegram as **wholly unsatisfactory,** inasmuch as Mr. Studebaker fixed the time between Aug. 26 and Sept. 1 as the only time for the meeting, and Mr. Studebaker must have known that it was manifestly impossible for the Foreign Board to meet at this time, due to the fact that most of the members of the board would be in attendance at the National Conference of The Brethren Church at Winona Lake. Moreover, the board knew of no such meeting as **"the foreign conference of the Brethren Church."**

14. Treasurer's Partial Financial Report.

A motion prevailed that the Treasurer's Report, covering approximately 14 months, be approved; and since the report is incomplete, due to the fact that local churches have held funds in their own treasuries, we instruct the treasurer to lengthen the fiscal year to a period of 18 months; and immediately following Jan. 1, 1941, to render a complete report covering this total period.

15. Daniel Miller Estate.

Inasmuch as no report has been made in regard to the Daniel Miller Estate, we move that Bro. Kent and Bro. McClain act as representatives of the board in determining the status of this matter. Motion carried.

16. Herman Baerg Interviewed.

Mr. Herman Baerg, a candidate missionary, was introduced to the board and given the opportunity to ask any questions he desired. Mr. Baerg expressed the desire of himself and wife to go to Africa whenever the way is opened.

17. African Hospital Fund.

A motion prevailed to appropriate the sum of $75.00 per month to the African Hospital Fund for the following year, as heretofore.

18. African Field Supt.

A motion prevailed that Bro. Orville D. Jobson be reappointed as our Superintendent of the African Field, Mission Oubangui-Chari, for the following year.

19. Nomination of Trustees for 1941.

A motion prevailed that this board nominate A. V. Kimmell, Herman Koontz and Charles H. Ashman for re-election for the regular term, the election to take place in keeping with our constitution, by **mail,** during the period, Aug. 1, 1941 to Aug. 15, 1941.

20. South American Supt.

A motion prevailed that Clarence L. Sickel be reappointed as our Superintendent for the South American Field, upon arrival at the field.

21. Representative on Brethren Missionary Herald Board.

A motion prevailed that Homer A. Kent be appointed as our representative on the Board of Trustees of The Brethren Herald Co.

22. Recommendation to the F.M.S. of Amendments to Constitution.

A motion prevailed that the following amendments to the constitution of the Foreign Missionary Society be approved and recommended to the Foreign Missionary Society:

Amendment No. 1. Voting Power.

A motion prevailed that we recommend to the society that Article III, MEMBERSHIP, Section (3), Paragraph 2, be amended to read as follows:

"Each active member shall be entitled to one vote, except that the right to vote for trustees and for amendments shall be limited to members of Brethren Churches."

Amendment No. 2. Election of Trustees.

A motion prevailed that we recommend to the society that Article IV, OFFICES, Paragraph 1, shall be amended to read as follows:

"The management of this Society shall be vested in a Board of Trustees composed of nine members, said trustees to be members of Brethren Churches and of the Society, chosen for a period of three (3) years each. The Board of Trustees shall be elected by and from the active members of the Society, through a ballot vote conducted by mail, the result to be reported at the next annual meeting of the Society, which annual meeting shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Trustees."

Amendment No. 3. Selection of Fields & Workers.

A motion prevailed that we recommend to the society that Article IV, OFFICES, Paragraph 4, be amended to read as follows:

"This Board of Trustees shall raise and expend funds; be the trustees of all property acquired through legacies and bequests or otherwise; and shall select fields and workers, subject to the approval of the members of the Society at the annual meeting."

23. Revision of Articles of Incorporation (Charter) of the F.M.S.

Revision No. 1.

A motion prevailed that we recommend to the Society that the Second of the Articles of Incorporation of The Foreign Missionary Society, now reading:

"Said corporation is to be located at Ashland, in Ashland Country, Ohio, U.S.A., and its principal business there transacted,"

be revised to read as follows:

"Said Corporation is to be located at Dayton, in Montgomery County, Ohio, U.S.A., and its principal business there transacted."

Revision No. 2.

A motion prevailed that we recommend to the Society that the Third Article, Paragraph 3, which reads:

"It is the further purpose of this corporation, in order to carry out the objects herein set forth in home and foreign lands to vest all its corporate rights in its Board of trustees, elected by the Society according to its regulations, under the control and direction of the General Conference of The Brethren Church of the United States of America"

be revised by striking out the words "under the control and direction of the General Conference of The Brethren Church of the United States of America."

Revision No. 3.

A motion prevailed to recommend to the Society the striking out of the words "to sue and be sued at law" from the Third Article, Paragraph 3, with the understanding that the elimination of this form is approved by attorney Roy Patterson.

24. Legal Advisor.

A motion prevailed that we retain Roy Patterson as our attorney to care for securing the revisions in the charter.

25. Report from Committee on DeLozier Resolution.

A motion prevailed that the following letter, as presented by the Committee, be sent to Mrs. DeLozier and her family, as an expression of the feeling of this board, and also included in the minutes:

"Mrs. A. L. DeLozier and Family
333 Samaritan Avenue
Ashland, Ohio

Dear Friends:

In this your hour of deep sorrow, due to the death of Bro. DeLozier, we, the members of the board of The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church, wish to convey to you our heartfelt sympathy, and express the appreciation of our board for the helpful service which he has rendered to the work of foreign missions in our beloved church, over a long period of years.

As a member of our board, Bro. DeLozier gave invaluable service in problems having to do with our contacts with foreign languages. Many times he was able to clarify seeming difficulties because of his unusual ability in language study. We shall miss such service in the future. He also was always ready to give kindly to help outgoing missionaries in their difficulties connected with mastering foreign languages.

As a counsellor in all matters relating to the direction of the work of foreign missions in The Brethren Church, Bro. DeLozier's work was faithful and earnest. His service has been sincerely appreciated.

Now he has gone into the presence of his Lord, Who will not fail to reward His servant abundantly. Our loss is heaven's gain. We as a board trust that you as his wife and the members of your family will be remarkably upheld in your sorrow by His grace, and that the assurance of meeting your loved one face to face in the glory may comfort you in this hour; for truly, 'ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."

Yours in the Blessed Hope,
Members of the Board of Trustees of The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church."

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH

Business Sessions, Winona Lake, Ind.

ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION

Friday. Aug. 30th, 1940—3:00 P. M.

The business session of the Society, Pres. A. V. Kimmel presiding, was opened with prayer by Homer A. Kent.

1. Reading of Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society held on Aug. 30 and 31, 1939, were read and declared approved as read.

2. Report of Election.

C. H. Ashman. chairman of the Committee on Election of Trustees, read the results of the 1940 election by mail of members to the Board of Trustees, as follows:

For a term of 3 years: Louis S. Bauman, Alva J. McClain, Chas. W. Mayes.

W. M. S. Representative, for a term of 2 years: Mrs. S. M. Whetstone.

It was moved by Dr. Alva J. McClain, and seconded

ARTHUR L. DELOZIER

Born Jan. 25, 1891
Loosed-away-upward
July 15, 1940
Elected to Foreign
Board, 1920
Served the Board
until death.

by Jesse Hall, that the vote, as reported by the Election Committee, be approved as official. and the complete report as tabulated by the committee, shall be spread upon the minutes. Motion carried.

Trustees for term of three years: Louis S. Bauman, 1137; Alva J. McClain, 1137; Charles W. Mayes, 1127; *Homer A. Kent, 3; *Charles H. Ashman, 2; Paul R. Bauman, 2; Willis E. Ronk, 2; Claude Studebaker, 2; J. Wesley Platt, 1; R. F. Porte, 1; Archie L. Lynn, 1; *A. V. Kimmell, 1.

* Already on the board.

W. M. S. Representative for term of two years: Mrs. S. M. Whetstone, 869; Mrs. H. A. Kent, 99; Mrs. W. A. Ogden, 46; Mrs. A. B. Kidder, 12; Mrs. A. S. Pearce, 4; Mrs. Leo Polman, 3; Miss Geraldine Judd, 3; Mrs. L. S. Bauman, 2; Mrs. A. J. McClain, 1; Mrs. Roy Patterson, 1; Mrs. Myrtle Landis, 1; Mrs. C. W. Mayes, 1; Mrs. Cleve Miller, 1; Mrs. H. W. Koontz, 1; Mrs. U. J. Shively, 1; Miss Clara Hendley, 1.

Ballots unsigned, 29; Total ballots received 1182.

3. Financial Report.

Dr. L. S. Bauman explained to the Society that, due to the fact that the complete financial report will be published at the close of the fiscal year—which year has been extended to Jan. 1, 1941—the reading of the partial report, now prepared, by common consent, would be eliminated.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to the call of the president.

ADJOURNED BUSINESS SESSION

Sat., Aug. 31st, 1940—3:50 P. M.

The session opened with prayer by Dr. L. S. Bauman.

4. Whetstone Resignation.

The resignation of Mrs. S. M. Whetstone from the Board of Trustees was read by Dr. Bauman. A motion prevailed to accept this resignation.

5. Vanator Resignation.

The resignation of Mrs. Fred C. Vanator was read, and a motion prevailed to accept this resignation.

6. Changes in Constitution.

A motion prevailed to adopt the recommendations of the Foreign Board to make the following changes in the Constitution:

1—That Article III, MEMBERSHIP, Section (3), Paragraph 2, which now reads:

"Each active member is entitled to one vote, and may, upon request, receive 'The Brethren Missionary' free of charge,"

be amended to read as follows:

"Each active member shall be entitled to one vote, except that the right to vote for trustees and for amendments shall be limited to members of Brethren churches."

2—That Article IV, OFFICES, Paragraph 1, which now reads:

"The management of this Society shall be vested in a Board of Trustees composed of eleven (11) members chosen for a period of three (3) years each. The Board of Trustees shall be elected by and from the active members at an annual meeting of the Society to be held in connection with the General Conference of the Brethren Church. Each active member shall have one vote, either in person or by letter sent to the Secretary. The Woman's Missionary Society shall have the right to offer nominations for two (2) members of this Board,"

be amended to read as follows:

"The management of this Society shall be vested in a board of trustees composed of nine (9) members, said trustees to be members of Brethren churches and of the Society, chosen for a period of three (3) years each. The Board of Trustees shall be elected by and from the active members of the Society, through a ballot vote conducted by mail, the result to be reported at the next annual meeting of the Society, which annual meeting shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Trustees."

3—That Article IV, OFFICES, Paragraph 4, which now reads:

"This Board of Trustees shall raise and expend funds; be the Trustees of all property acquired through legacies and bequests or otherwise; and shall select fields and workers subject to the approval of the General Conference of The Brethren Church,"

be amended to read as follows:

"This Board of Trustees shall raise and expend funds; be the Trustees of all property acquired through legacies and bequests or otherwise; and shall select fields and workers, subject to the approval of the members of the Society at the annual meeting."

7. Revisions of the Charter.

A motion prevailed to adopt the recommendations of the Foreign Board to make the following revisions in the Articles of Incorporation (Charter) of The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church:

1—That the Second of the Articles of Incorporation of the Foreign Missionary Society, now reading:

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be revised by striking out the words:

"Under the control and direction of the General Conference of The Brethren Church of the United States of America."

3—That the Third Article, Paragraph 3, be revised by striking out the words:

"To sue and be sued at law,"

with the understanding that the elimination of this form is approved by Attorney Roy Patterson.

A motion prevailed to adjourn to the call of the chair. R. D. Barnard closed the session with prayer.

PERSONNEL OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1941: A. V. Kimmell, Charles H. Ashman, Herman W. Koontz.

1942: U. J. Shively, Homer A. Kent, R. D. Barnard.

1943: Louis S. Bauman, Alva J. McClain, Chas. W. Mayes.

A. V. Kimmel, President; L. S. Bauman, Sec'y-Treas; Geraldine Judd, Office Sec'y.

Representatives to Publication Board: Charles H. Ashman (1941), Alva J. McClain (1942).

Representative to Brethren Missionary Herald Board: Homer A. Kent.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

MILK

By Mrs. Clarence Sickel

The missionaries' little daughter was very ill one day. It was hard to know just what was the matter. Perhaps the milk we were buying was not good. We could not tell. The milkman came to our door in a two-wheeled cart in which were four or five ten gallon cans. There he measured out the amount we wanted and poured it into our own pans. Many times the days were hot, and the only protection from the heat were wet sacks wrapped around the cans. The milkman had to come several miles with the hot sun beating down upon his cart. Perhaps that was the trouble, or it might have been that on the dusty days some dirt and stray microbes might have fallen into the milk, in the many times that he must open the can to leave milk at the various homes on his route. It was rumored, too, that he didn't use much care in keeping his cans clean, and that he left some water in the cans when he poured in the milk. Most people bought milk in that way, but that did not prove it to be the best way, for there were many little children who were ill and who died.

There was a better way, and the missionary mother decided to try it. She asked another milkman to come and bring milk for the sick baby. This one brought cows to our very door, and not only the cows but the little calves as well. And there he would milk just the quantity we needed and pour it into our pan before going on to another house. One day he would bring a black cow, another day a white one or a red one. But no matter what the color of the cow we had delicious fresh warm milk. How different from the half-skimmed milk we had been getting! How the little daughter liked it and how quickly she was well and rosy again!

This reminded me of many people in Argentina, large and small, who should be learning about God from His own Word, getting the truth fresh and warm from the Bible, but they cannot because they do not have the Bible. Instead they are receiving false teaching, skimmed and poisoned milk, that only makes them sick, spiritually. Missionaries go to South America to give them the Word of God, which will make them strong and well spiritually.

TAKE UP YOUR HOUSE AND WALK

By J. Roger Jobson

"Why there goes a house down the road!" Sure enough, it is a real native house. About eight men are carrying a grass roof on their heads. They are moving this house to the next village where a clay foundation has been made, and a large mat has been woven for it. Sticks are gathered quickly and tied tightly, and then the grass roof is placed on these sticks or poles, and the large mat drawn closely around. Most all the native houses are round with a high foundation, and a small place left open which they call their door. Everybody stoops, of course, to enter the house.

The women usually make lots of clay pots, which is about all they have in an ordinary hut; and some bamboo poles tied together for the bed. Cooking and eating is outside the house, and dish washing which doesn't take very long.

OUR BIBLE CHARACTER ALPHABET

Answer to N: Nehemiah.

O was a giant whose bed was about as wide as our beds are long, and about as long as your bedroom. He was a king, but although he was big and strong, he and his people and his kingdom were all destroyed in battle. In Deut. 3:1-11 Moses gives his name and tells who defeated him and how. Moses also gives the exact size of his bed. A cubit was at least 1½ feet. Just for fun, take a yard stick and see how much space his bed occupied.

African Natives Moving an African House

HERE AND THERE

By Robert Culver

A Bible Conference was conducted each evening, Sept. 22-27 at the Canton, Ohio Church by Dr. J. C. Beal.

The Twelve Churches Composing The East Central District met in the W. 10th St. Brethren Church of Ashland, O., Sept. 17-20. Dr. Arthur I. Brown, was conference Bible lecturer and spoke twice daily. Attendance was excellent. 500 persons attended the service the closing night. Brethren R. D. Barnard of Dayton, O., Dr. J. C. Beal, and Leo Polman, of Fort Wayne, ministers from outside the district, fellowshipped with the people of the district during part or all of the conference.

Bible Speaker Ralph Underwood spoke on two successive Sundays recently in the Brethren Church of South Gate, Calif.

The First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif. on three recent successive Sundays enjoyed the ministry of Dr. Charles G. Trumbull, Dr. W. L. Pettingill, and Dr. Dan Gilbert.

The West Tenth Street Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio, of which Rev. Chas. W. Mayes is pastor reports an average Bible School attendance for the last year of 279, a gain of 119 over the previous year.

Dr. Alva J. McClain, Pres. of Grace Theological Seminary, spent the week of Sept. 23-29 at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. Each noon he spoke over the Institute radio station, W.M.B.I., and at other times addressed students.

The Akron Bible Institute, instituted by the influence of Grace Seminary while it was housed in Akron, opened its fall term Sept. 26. During the 1939-1940 school year this school instructed 279 students from 55 different churches and 19 denominations of North Ohio. Of the five on the faculty, two are Brethren men: L. L. Grubb, pastor at Rittman, and R. E. Gingrich, pastor at Ellet (Akron). Of the remaining three, two are graduates of Grace Seminary: Harold H. Ettling and Cloyce J. Pugh.

The value of our summer camps can be seen from a mother's testimony: "I do thank God for a Brethren camp. This was my daughter's first year, and she has been a changed girl since she's been home." This is just another evidence of the Lord's blessing upon the efforts expended for His sake in our various districts.

From Glendale, Calif. comes this word, "I think we have stood up splendidly under the usual summer slump. The Lord has blessed us with a slow but steady growth in all ways: spiritually, materially, and by numbers."

What If ?

By James Worboys

What would happen if the whole church arose as one man and began to seek and to save the last? How, think you, would the world feel, if next week the whole church gathered together to pray that the strongholds of the devil might be destroyed, and millions of souls delivered from his awful grasp?

What if thousands of Christian workers offered to go to India with the Christian message, to meet the needs of the vast masses there who seek a Savior? What if thousands of others pooled their resources to meet the needs of those volunteers?

To stem the recent bush-fires in Victoria there were many more volunteers than could be used. To replace the loss, so far as finance could do that, money poured in at the rate of about 10,000 Lbs. a day for 12 days at least.

What a glorious response to meet a small need as compared with the needs of millions of souls that are being pulled and broken and destroyed by sin every hour. The spiritual ear throbs with the Christless tread of vast myriads of men and women who hurry each other unshrinking and unshrouded into an awful eternity.

God Is Still Able

The evacuation last May of 350,400 members of the British Expeditionary Force from the beaches around the Channel port of Dunkirk was a remarkable achievement which has been widely publicized in the secular press, but we have seen nothing in the accounts published in this country which seemed to recognize the part which the providence of God played in this event.

C. B. Mortlock, writing in the London **Daily Telegraph** of June 8, says: "Two great wonders stand forth. I have talked with officers and men who have got safely back to England, and all of them tell of these two phenomena. The first was the great storm which broke over Flanders on Tuesday, May 28, and the other was the great calm which settled on the English Channel during the days following."

"In the darkness of the storm and the violence of the rain, formations which were eight to twelve miles from Dunkirk were able to move up on foot to the coasts with scarcely any interruption from aircraft, for aircraft were unable to operate in such turbulent conditions." And then, when the men had reached the coast, a most unusual calm settled over the Channel. Mr. Mortlock says: "It is undoubted that there was such a calmness over the whole of the waters of the English Channel for that vital period of days as has rarely been experienced. Those who are accustomed to the Channel testify to the strangeness of this calm; they are impressed by the phenomenon of nature by which it became possible for tiny craft to go back and forth in safety."

Authorities had carefully surveyed the situation, and had estimated that 30,000 was the maximum number who could possibly escape death or capture. Instead, more than ten times that number were safely embarked. "So," remarks Mr. Mortlock, "the two miracles made possible what seemed impossible."

And was this all regarded as merely "a fortuitous concatenation of circumstances?" Not by the men who had passed through it. When the great storm broke on May 28, they remembered that on May 26 the British Empire had been on its knees in national recognition of God and supplication for His deliverance. The same article quoted above says: "Officers of high rank do not hesitate to put down the deliverance of the B. E. F. to the fact of the nation being

at prayer on Sunday, May 26," and the writer tells how "the consciousness of miraculous deliverance" pervaded the camps where the troops were temporarily housed on arrival in England, and of how, in many cases, informal services of prayer and thanksgiving were held at the request of the men themselves.

—Ohio Independent Baptist.

Do You Believe In Signs

The widespread disrespect for governmental authority, the tottering of thrones, the rise of dictators, the existence of a League of Nations, the threatened race-war between the Orient and the Occident, the general unrest of nations, the opening of Palestine as a home land for the Jews, the apostacy of the churches, the extreme worldliness of the age, and the incorrigibleness of "flaming youth" are considered by many thoughtful persons to be signs of the rapidly approaching "end of the age."

Whether these "signs" are correctly interpreted or not, there is an urgent need of preparation for the Lord's Return. The Lord Jesus has definitely promised to return. He said: "In My Father's House are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2-3).

As the Lord Jesus Christ was ascending, this comforting message was given to the awe-struck disciples: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven" (Acts 1:11).

That the Return of the Lord shall be a personal, physical return is evident from the following inspired words: "For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:16-17).

The closing chapter of the closing Book of the Bible contains the thrice repeated assurance of the speedy return of the Lord Jesus Christ. "I come quickly" (Rev. 22:7-12-20). And the last prayer of the Book of God is: "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

He may come at any time. Are you ready. If not, why not? To be ready at His return will mean—to be caught up and to meet the Lord in the air, and be forever with Him. What a prospect!

If the Lord Jesus Christ were to come today and find you unprepared, it would mean that you would be left for the series of unparalleled judgments which shall be poured out on the earth, after the believers have been taken out of the world. What is there about "wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes," "deceivers," the "Man of Sin," the "False Prophet," the "Great Tribulation," and the "Lake of Fire" that appeals to you, dear reader? Why expose yourself for one moment of time to eternal doom? "Behold, now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation;" and you may be accepted and saved now by placing personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sins, and was buried and rose again. Receive Him, know Him, love Him, serve Him, and wait for Him!

—Tom M. Olson.

VIEWS FROM LAKE ODESSA, MICH., WHERE CAMPBELL BRETHREN HOLD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Enjoying a Picnic

"Time Out" for a Picture

THE SHADOW ON THE WORLD

There's a shadow on the world, and it darkens
  Tho' men persuade themselves it's just a mist,
That will lift itself, give way to sunshine;
  There's no real danger in it, they insist.

There's a shadow on the world, and it deepens;
  The hearts of men begin to fail for fear;
Beneath apparent confidence and boasting,
  Perplexity is growing year by year.

There's a shadow on the world: and its rulers
  See lawlessness abound and tumults rife,
And prove that all their deeply thought-out measures
  Are powerless to quell the rising strife.

There's a shadow on the world—Christ rejected—
  How can the creature man see aught aright
In darkness which must always be before him,
  When he has turned his back upon the light?

There's a shadow on the world: it betokens
  The longsuffering of God is well-nigh o'er,
And the blest atoning work of Christ the Savior
  Shall be held out to sinful men no more.

There's a shadow on the world: the proud empires
  Which o'er the world now boastingly bear sway
Shall soon be swept aside by God's great power,
  And the Lord alone exalted in that day.

There's a shadow on the world; but it tells me
  That the Christ of God shall soon appear again,
The government shall be upon His shoulder,
  And righteousness the symbol of His reign.

There's a shadow on the world: but it cannot
  Bring a shadow on the peace God gave to me
When I saw that my account with Him was settled
  By the death of Christ, His Son, on Calvary.

Through the shadow on the world comes the sunshine
  To my heart, which is resting on His Word;
For ere the shadows deepen into darkness,
  I shall be in the bright presence of my Lord.

—C. T. P.

THE BIBLE IS GIVEN A PLACE IN A TEXAS COURT ROOM

The Gold Star Mothers of Dallas, Tex. asked Judge Joe M. Hill of the Corporation Court what they could do to show their gratitude to him for helping them in their business affairs. When they said they had thought of giving them a flag, he said, "I already have a flag, but I'll tell you what I would like for my courtroom—a Bible."

The judge explained, "You know, the taking of an oath in our courts has become a pretty perfunctory thing. The clerk gets up, and gabbles off his formula, so fast you can't understand a word, and the witness says, 'Er-er-yessir,' and doesn't have the slightest feeling that he has taken a sacred oath. Especially in a court like mine, where most of the cases involve small matters, you would be appalled to see how lightly perjury is regarded. Last year, I put up a big sign over the bench: 'Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness.' I wonder how many read it. Texas law does not require the use of a Bible in administering an oath, but my court is going to require it from now on; and we'll take time to do the thing decently and impressively. After all, there are mighty few people who don't respect the Bible, and I believe we'd have a different atmosphere about our trials if it were **reverently** used in every court in the land."

Judge Hill's request was granted. The Gold Star Mothers presented him with a beautiful pulpit Bible with the following inscription embossed in gold: "Presented to Judge Joe M. Hill in appreciation of his kindness to us, and with the hope that those who are sworn hereon will be impressed by the solemnity of an oath."

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."—Acts 16:31.

Millions in China have never heard!
How canst thou know and not be stirred?
Who then will take them the precious Word?
Lord, here am I, send me!

GOD'S ABUNDANT THINGS

Abundant Mercy—For the lost (I Peter 1:3).
Abundant Grace—For the needy (I Tim. 1:14).
Abundant Pardon—For the guilty (Isa. 55:7).
Abundant Life—For the dead (John 10:10).
Abundant Power—For the weak (Eph. 3:20).
Abundant Peace—For the troubled (Ps. 37:11).
Abundant Joy—For the sad (Phil. 1:26)—Sel.

BOOKS TO READ NOW!

FICTION

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BETHANY CAMP, WINONA LAKE, IND.

Thy mercy is great above the heavens, and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth (Ps. 108:4-5).

How Every Christian May Use Gospel Tracts

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good" (Eccl. 11:6, R.V.).

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psa. 126:6).

A Word of Caution

1. Read carefully the tracts you distribute and make sure that they are **evangelical** and true to the Word of God.

2. Select tracts that are **attractive,** well printed on good paper, with readable type. Cheap looking tracts are not becoming the Christian message or ministry.

3. Use tracts that are **well written,** free from grammatical errors, and easily read. Ignorance is no credit to the cause you represent.

4. Hand out tracts with a **pleasant, courteous word.** Let your looks and manner be becoming the "Good News" you seek to broadcast.

A. Few Suggestions

1. Always enclose a carefully selected tract in your letters, whether private or business. Remember we are ambassadors of Christ and here on business for the King. "Be instant in season and out of season."

2. Have a supply of tracts near the front and back doors of your home, or in some convenient place in your office, so you can hand a copy to the friend, neighbor or stranger who may call.

3. Always carry tracts with you, when you go to the store or market to do your shopping, so you can give one to the clerk who waits upon you. Frequently you can hand one to a clerk who is not busy waiting upon customers. The merchant can place a tract in every package he delivers.

4. Those who are traveling on street cars, railroad trains and busses, without anything particular to do, will generally accept a tract. Give one to the person next to you, and to those near by. It will generally be accepted and appreciated, and may lead to a personal conversation on the subject of salvation.

5. The railroad stations afford opportune places to hand out tracts tactfully, quietly, one by one, here and there; the same is true in the summer time, concerning those who are resting in the city parks or summer resorts.

6. Often on the street cars, elevated trains, and at the depots, you will find tin boxes that are empty, in which you can place a few tracts for the traveling public; also leave one on the window-sill, or on the car seat.

7. At open-air meetings, it is a good time to hand tracts to those who are passing by, and to those who are leaving the crowd after listening for a while to the singing and speaking.

8. By the use of "Tract Holders," placed in depots, restaurants, hotels, barber shops, drug stores, laundries, factories, hospitals, etc., many tracts will find their way into the hands of the unsaved. It is well, if possible, to have these "holders" supplied by a "Tract Committee" from some Bible class, or young people's society. There should also be one or more "Tract Holders" in every church, one at each exit, well filled with tracts for young and old, and the people encouraged by the pastor or the tract committee to take them for prayerful distribution. By the use of a rubber stamp, the tracts can be made to serve also as an announcement of the regular Sunday services, or other meetings of the church.

9. When the regular church services or special evangelical meetings are being held, a worker can stand in front of the church, tabernacle, tent or hall, and hand out tracts to those passing by, with a cordial invitation to attend the services then in session. They are seldom refused. Again, a rubber stamp can be used to announce the time and place of the meetings.

A Word of Encouragement

Make it a rule to give out a few tracts every day. Watch for opportunities. Pray for courage and wisdom, and for God's blessing upon His Word to those who read. By so doing, you will experience daily the joy of the Lord, and have the double assurance that "your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

The late J. Hudson Taylor, who founded the China Inland Mission, was brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 14 by reading a gospel tract which had been left on the table in his own home.

A few years ago, a young man came out of a gambling house in Chicago, late at night, after losing every cent he had, and not knowing where to go nor what to do. While standing on the street in a state of despair, a Christian worker, passing by, handed him a gosepl tract. As the young man read it under the street lamp, he was convicted of his sinful, lost condition, and his need of salvation. By the tract, he also learned the way to salvation, and right where he stood, he bowed his head and called upon the Lord to save him. God heard his cry and he was happily saved that night. Today he is the superintendent of a mission for the Lithuanian people and many have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour as the result of his ministry. Who handed him that tract? God alone knows, but the one who did will surely have reason to rejoice when Christ shall come to reward his faithful servants.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).

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THE WORD and THE WORLD

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THE MAIN DIFFERENCE

According to the Moderator of the Ashland Conference

Doubtless, on the part of many readers of the Herald, there is a feeling that after all the words which have been written during the conflict of the past several years, it were better that henceforth nothing should be said unless justified by necessity. I share that feeling. Therefore, it is not with any desire to engage in further argument that this article is being written. Probably from now on few minds would be changed substantially by argument, regardless of its cogency. From time to time, however, there may be important events or utterances which need to be pointed out and discussed for the information of the public and also for the purpose of historical record.

The year 1940 marked the first time in the history of The Brethren Church that two groups of churches, approximately equal in size numerically, held at the same time in two different places, two respective conferences which claimed to be national in scope. Both conferences, when convened, were called "The National Conference of The Brethren Church." I am not concerned in this article with the reasons why there were two conferences, but only with the fact, and also in part with the main theological difference between the two groups of churches as now aligned with the two conferences.

Division is not the worst thing in the world or in the professing church. Under certain circumstances, division may be a very sensible thing, and may result in more efficient service among both parties. But the one thing which men judge without mercy is division with no reasonable difference or justification. And this is as it should be. Therefore, we should not be surprised to find on the part of the general public and other denominations a genuine desire to know just what constitutes the main difference between our two groups of churches. Sooner or later we shall have to make some kind of an answer to this legitimate inquiry. And whether we like it or not, we shall be judged by the answer we make. If the answer is confused, we shall be laughed at, and rightfully so. If the answer is trivial, we shall be condemned, and rightfully so. But if the answer reveals some great gulf in doctrine, even though the spectators themselves may reject the position of both parties, we shall at least command their respect.

What is the main difference among us? What can we say to a curious public which is mystified by what has transpired? As far back as two years ago it was suggested, by myself and others, that it would be very wholesome for the two groups of ministers to meet together for several days if necessary, for the purpose of isolating and clarifying our differences. At that time it was hoped that, although we would be certain to find individual differences, no fundamental differences would be found which ran in contrast through the majority of the respective groups. But nothing was done. Even at this late date, when it appears that there are some very fundamental differences, I still think it would be very sensible for the two groups to sit down together and map a list of them. By doing this, we could accomplish at least two good results: First, we could scotch possible false or mistaken charges from both sides. Second, we could inform the public as to the situation and thus justify the separation, if there be any real justification. But I have little hope that anything so sensible as this will be done now.

Therefore, under the existing circumstances, we are dependent upon public statements which may be made from time to time by individuals and organizations of the two groups. But such statements, to be of public or historic value, should conform to two practical conditions: First, the speaker should be an acknowledged leader in his own group and speaking in an official capacity. Second, it is equally important that such a speaker should be permitted to speak only for his own group. It will be obvious that the value of what he says is greatly increased if a third condition is met, namely, if his statement is accepted as true by the opposing group.

Keeping these conditions in mind, I wish to present here a statement made by Pastor Claude Studebaker as published in The Brethren Evangelist of Aug 31, 1940, page 7. After recognizing the present division, and having characterized it as a case of "rival theologies" which has resulted in **"two churches,"** Pastor Studebaker goes on to state the differences between the two. He does not have the time "to point out these differences in detail," but selects only three. The one which he places first has to do with the **way that men are saved;** and in placing it first he shows good judgment, for the way of salvation is the most important matter in the whole realm of Christian faith. Speaking rather contemptuously of our group as the "Graceites," and applying to his own group the name "Brethren," he finds that the two groups teach different ways of salvation, as follows:

We, the "Graceites," teach that water baptism is not essential to salvation. They, the "Brethren," teach that it is essential to salvation.

Now, great as the temptation may be, I do not propose to discuss what the **Bible** teaches on this important subject, nor Pastor Studebaker's competence as a teacher of theology. These matters are not within the scope of this article. But I do wish to point out several things:

First, regardless of what anyone may think about his competence, Pastor Studebaker is an acknowledged leader of the Ashland group of churches. To say nothing about his other activities, these churches unanimously elected him to serve as moderator over the so-called "National Conference" which under his leadership did everything possible to make division certain and permanent.

Second, it cannot be said that these delegates did not understand clearly what they were doing when they elected him as moderator. For years, as everyone knows, he has been singing just one theological refrain. In any article, or in a conference address, no matter where he began, the hearers knew in advance where he would end, namely, that water baptism was essential to salvation. This was the Alpha and the Omega of his theological system. And knowing this, Ashland delegates turned to him for leadership in what all admit to be the most serious crisis in the history of the church.

Third, Pastor Studebaker came to the 1940 Ashland Conference as the spokesman of the Ashland group of churches. It was the first of their conferences in a divided denomination. He had had an entire year to think over what had been done, to study the situation, to consider what he might say as the moderator to justify the many friends who had placed him in his place of responsibility. Furthermore, he was the chairman of the important Committee on the Spiritual State of the Churches, conscious of the fact that it was his solemn duty to report the situation to his conference. Surely no sensible man would speak

carelessly under such conditions, without weighing every word before he uttered it.

In view of these considerations the general public will be fully warranted, I think, in taking seriously his words when Pastor Studebaker in his official capacity as Moderator announced to the public that **his group of churches believe water baptism is essential to salvation,** and singled this out as the first difference between his and the opposing group. And while he did not say so specifically, I think it may be assumed that he means **triune immersion.**

It should be stated further that, while our own group of churches firmly hold triune immersion as the Biblical form of baptism, a final command of the Lord to His own which they gladly obey because they love Him, and a very solemn matter for any who deliberately disobey, yet we cannot accept any human work or religious form as essential to salvation, nor can we say that all are lost who have not been baptized by triune immersion. On this point, we accept the statement made by the Ashland moderator. **If his group believe that triune immersion is essential to salvation it is equally certain that we do not.**

I, for one, am thankful for this one clear statement from the moderator of the Ashland conference. It will help me to explain intelligibly at least one difference between the two groups of churches and conferences. And most intelligent men will see the great gulf between the two positions. There are other serious differences, I am sure, but on this particular difference we are both agreed that it exists. And however much we may lament the fact that so many pastors and churches should have fallen away into this legalistic position, or however certain we may be that the position involves a grave case of hypocrisy in the matter of Ashland College and its unbaptized faculty members, still we should welcome such a frank statement from Ashland. Anything is better than slippery evasion. Furthermore, we owe it to the public, to which we make our respective appeals for converts and members, to make clear at least one reason why there are now two groups of Brethren churches. The statement on baptism should be helpful to the pastors on both sides in those communities where we find ourselves with two churches.

There is, of course, one possible alternative to the view taken in this article, namely, that Moderator Studebaker knows little or nothing about what the churches of his conference believe, and therefore what he said on baptism is not to be taken seriously. This would be a harsh judgment. At any rate, until the Ashland conference repudiates his address, the public is justified in accepting it seriously.

In closing, attention should be called to the fact that there is nothing distinctive in the position of the Ashland group regarding the relation of water baptism to salvation. A number of other bodies believe that it is essential to salvation. The largest is the Roman Catholic Church. The same error is held by the Mormon church, and also by the Campbellite churches.

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The Central District Women's Missionary Rally to be held at the First Brethren Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Friday, Nov. 1 — 10:00 A. M.

Covered dish lunch at noon

Was Christ Punished for Our Diseases?

By A. J. McClain

The question is often stated otherwise: "Is Bodily Healing in the Atonement?" But thus stated it becomes somewhat ambiguous in meaning, and in any important question like this it is highly essential that we should know exactly what we are talking about. Many pastors have had to face the problem as it has been raised in their communities, both by false cults and sincere inquirers.

The particular theory which has provoked these inquiries is that held by certain religious movements of which Mrs. McPherson and her "Four Square Gospel" may be taken as an outstanding and well publicized example. It is also held, I am sorry to say, by individuals within Protestant churches here and there. Even the Brethren Church has had one or two ministers whose teaching was confused by this theory.

In brief, this particular healing theory may be stated as follows: When Christ died on the cross, its adherents argue, He made atonement for our diseases as well as for our sins. Therefore, they conclude, no true Christian need be sick or diseased at any time. If a Christian suffers from physical disease, as all of us do sooner or later, these theorists explain the situation by the following alternatives: The sick Christian has either failed to "appropriate" fully the benefits of the atonement, or else he is guilty of some personal sin for which the sickness is sent as a divine judgment. In either case, they say, the whole responsibility rests upon the person. It is always the will of God to heal, according to their theory, if we truly **repent** of our sins and **believe** in the fulness of our Lord's work on the cross. If we are sick, we are either lost or backslidden. No true Christian, they argue, can be sick if he is in complete fellowship with God.

The Biblical passages upon which this theory has been built are found in the books of Isaiah and Matthew. The first reads as follows: "Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" (Isa. 53: 4). The second includes a direct quotation of the first: "When even was come they brought unto Him many that were possessed of devils, and He cast out the spirits with His Word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknessess" (Matt. 8:16-17).

What Do These Passages Mean?

Two preliminary questions must be settled. First, do these "griefs," "sorrows," "infirmities," and "sicknesses" refer to ailments of the body or of the soul? While exegetically it might be possible to interpret the Isaiah passage in either one of these senses, if taken alone, its quotation by Matthew leaves no possible doubt that in that particular context he applies it to **physical** disease. It is impossible to deny this on the ground of any impartial exegesis. And the parallel passage in Mark 1:34 settles the matter: "He healed many that were sick of **divers diseases.**"

The second question is this: **When** and **how** did our Lord Jesus Christ **take** our infirmities and **bear** our sicknesses, as affirmed by Matthew on the basis of Isa. 53:4? The constant assumption of those who preach the "atonement healing" theory described above is that Christ did this **when He died** at Calvary. But now it is a curious fact that the death of Christ is not mentioned specifically in either of the passages upon which the theory has been mainly built. The fact that the first text occurs in the great 53rd chap-

ter of Isaiah has doubtless led the superficial to assume that v. 4 must refer to the death of Christ. And certainly the death of Christ looms large in that chapter. But let us not forget that it contains many other details of what He was and what He did. As to v. 4 and its precise meaning, surely the safest guide to its exact interpretation will be found in Matthew's use of it in his Gospel. And what does Matthew say? Christ **healed the sick,** he declares, and in so doing He "fulfilled" this particular prophecy in Isa. 53:4. It was by His ministry of healing **while living,** not by His death, that He "took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." There is no mention by Matthew of our Lord's death or atonement in this connection. On the contrary, Matthew tells how He healed sickness, and then declares that by this ministry He **fulfilled** the prophecy of Isa. 53:4a. And since Matthew wrote by divine inspiration, this is God's interpretation, not man's.

There is no mystery about all this. The passage does not say that Christ **died** or **suffered** for the infirmities of men. He **"took"** them. The same verb is used in Mt. 5:40, "If any man . . . **take away** thy coat." Everyone knows exactly what this means. It is a practical, not a judicial act. Even so our Lord took away the sicknesses of men in His day by healing them. Furthermore, in the case of the other expression, "bare our sicknesses," the verb here is never used in the New Testament with reference to our Lord's atoning death. An excellent example of its meaning is found in Gal. 6:2, **"Bear** ye one another's burdens," where it very obviously refers to sympathetic helpfulness and has nothing to do with the idea of atonement. It was thus the Lord "bare" the sicknesses of men, by giving them relief.

The Absurdity of Atonement for Disease

The verbs "took" and "bare" in the passage under discussion cannot refer to an act of substitutionary suffering and death such as we have in the cross of our Lord. Those who wrongly teach that they do have such a reference probably have not realized clearly just where such a doctrine must finally lead. Logically it would lead to the absurd and monstrous notion that Christ suffered **disease** somehow in our stead, a notion from which every enlightened believer must shrink with abhorrence.

The cause of this error seems to arise out of a confusion of two separate things, namely, sin and disease. Sickness is not sin; it is rather the result of sin. We punish men for sinning, but not for getting sick. Certainly a man may become diseased through breaking the law, but in dealing with such a man we at once separate the sin from the disease. We may punish him for his sin, but we send him to the hospital for his disease. The laws of nations are far from perfect, but they do not punish men for being sick. Once we see this clearly, it is easy to find our way out of the confusion about healing and atonement.

Christ died for our sins, not for our diseases. He was made sin for us; He was not made disease for us. Christ never forgave disease. He forgave sin, and healed disease. Death is the divine penalty for sin, not for disease. Therefore, the death of Christ as our Substitute was penal, not pathological. Christ **died** in our stead. He did not (I speak reverently) have tuberculosis in our stead. To look clearly and steadily at this matter is sufficient to disperse all the clouds of misunderstanding. Those who go out into eternity lost will suffer punishment according to their **sins,** not according to the number of diseases they may have had.

The True Relation of Calvary and Sickness

In nearly all doctrinal errors there may be discovered a grain of truth, and the matter under discussion is no exception. The death of our Lord did have something to do with sickness and disease, for these things are the results of sin. The entrance of sin into the human race brought a whole train of disaster, a veritable Pandora's Box filled with unimaginable evils, including disease, weakness, poverty, insanity and inefficiency. Now at Calvary God dealt with sin once for all, and thereby laid the moral foundation upon the basis of which He would be able to banish at last from the universe every evil result caused by sin. But the actual banishment of these things will come according to the plan and time of God, not of man.

Everything in its own order. At the Coming of the Lord from heaven His **saints** will be delivered forever from all weakness, sickness, and death. When He establishes His kingdom, poverty and all the ordinary social evils will be abolished. And at last death itself, the final enemy, shall be destroyed. Thus we see that the death of Christ provided for the destruction of all that is evil. Looking at the matter from this viewpoint, nothing lies outside the scope of the atonement. The very heavens above were somehow purified (Heb. 9:23), and the prince of this world was cast out (John 12:31), when our Lord died at Calvary. That Satan at this very hour still dwells in heavenly places does not invalidate the work of the cross. It only means that the doom of Satan, made certain at Calvary, will be visited upon him in God's own good time. In like manner the banishment of **all** weakness and disease from the bodies of the saved will be carried out according to God's perfect plan and calendar. Even though we may sometimes in the midst of affliction ask, "How long, O Lord?" we are not to think that God is slack concerning His promises as some men count slackness. But He cannot be hurried by the theories of men.

But Does God Heal The Body Today?

Does what has been said above mean that there is no help here and now for the child of God caught in the grip of disease and affliction? Must he be satisfied with mere human skill, and for more than this wait until the coming of the Lord? Is the power of the Lord to heal available at all for the Christian during the present age of grace? The answer is emphatically **yes**—God does heal the body today. But mark the important qualification—**when it is His will to heal.** The power of God is never limited by time or place, but only by His own holy and sovereign will. Nothing is clearer in Scripture than the fact that it is not always God's will to relieve the believer of his physical afflictions. There is a glorious and divine ministry oftentimes in suffering. God uses infirmity and suffering for our eternal good and His own glory. It is not only theologically wrong, but also spiritually disastrous, to teach Christians that they are either lost or backslidden if they suffer from bodily illness. The trial of our faith is precious. And sometimes it takes more faith to suffer than to be healed. The great apostle prayed three times to be relieved of a certain "thorn in the flesh," and found that he was not praying in harmony with God's will (2 Cor. 12: 1-10). The Lord did not grant the request, but gave something better. "My grace," He said very tenderly, "Is sufficient for thee." And after all, it is better to have the all-sufficient grace of God than to be relieved of a few aches and pains.

God does heal the body today, when it is His will. But we are not to forget that the body of the believer is not yet redeemed. Its final redemption certainly was provided for at the cross. The price was paid in full. Nothing can ever be added to that. But for the present even the redeemed must say with Paul. "Even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the **redemption of our body"** (Rom. 8:23). What a glorious day that day of redemption will be, when at His coming He will fashion anew these bodies of our humiliation so that they shall be conformed to the body of His glory, according to the

working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself; no more sickness, no more weakness, no more sorrow, no more pain, no more death. The very hope of that glorious day will take away the bitterness of all affliction here and now.

"Come, Lord Jesus."

REPORT OF GIFTS TO THE SEMINARY

The following report covers the period of Aug. 15 to Sept. 1, including the cash received in connection with the special offering taken during the recent National Conference at Winona. In accordance with the action of the Board of Trustees taken in response to requests from pastors and churches, and as announced in the September Educational issue of the Herald, this report includes the names of donors as well as the receipt numbers. We desire to say again, however, that if any donor prefers to have the name withheld, this will be done provided the request is made when the gift is sent in. (2 Cor. 9:8).

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FOUR KINDS OF TESTIMONIAL CHURCH MEMBERS

Those who have a testimony and give one.
Those who have a testimony and do not give one.
Those who do not have a testimony and give one.
Those who do not have a testimony and don't care.

—Gene Farrell.

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1940-1941 PLANS FOR BRETHREN C. E.

For the benefit of those Christian Endeavorers whom we have not reached with our monthly C. E. letter, we first want to call attention to our—

Projects for the coming year

1. **Home Missions** to be stressed during September, October and November. Goal: $100, to be used in purchasing hymn books and communion sets for our home mission churches. Incidently you will want to know the part C. E. plays in these home mission churches. Be sure to read the reports from two societies elsewhere in this department.

2. **Foreign Missions** to be stressed during December, January and February. Goal: $450; $350 to be used for the full support of our C. E. missionary, J. P. Kliever, in Africa; and $100 toward the support of the Bible Coach work in South America. These gifts may be sent in through your local church, marked "C.E." Kliever or "C.E." Bible Coach.

3. **Christian Endeavor Promotion** to be stressed during March, April and May. Goal: $250, to be used for the support of Christian Endeavor teachers in Brethren summer camps, and for C. E. promotional and extension work.

4. **Jewish and Sailor Evangelism** to be stressed during June, July and August. Goal: $100, to be used toward the support of our Jewish mission in Los Angeles, and of the sailor evangelism our Bro. Claude Pearson is carrying on among the seamen who stop at the harbors in San Pedro, Calif., Fusan, Korea, and Rangoon, Burma.

5. **Junior C.E. Project** to be stressed throughout the entire year. Goal: $116.67 for the full support of Ann Celeste Kliever, our missionary child in Africa. Offerings may be sent in through the local church, marked "C.E." Ann Celeste.

In some of these projects a much larger amount could be used to good advantage, so let's go over the top in supporting them.

Society Goals for 1940-1941

Special Goals for Project 1—(Sept.-Oct.-Nov.):

1. At least one home mission meeting each month during quarter, 5 points.

2. At least one tithing meeting held during the quarter, 5 points.

3. Offering or pledge for home mission project and report sent in not later than December 15, 1940, 5 points.

Special Goals for Project 2—(Dec.-Jan.-Feb.):

4. At least one foreign mission meeting each month during quarter, 5 points.

5. Observance of Brethren C. E. Day in February, 5 points.

6. Offering or pledge for foreign mission project and report sent in not later than March 15, 1941, 5 points.

Special Goals for Project 3—(Mar.-April-May):

7. Representation at Brethren C. E. rally during quarter, 5 points.

8. Quiet Hour pledge meeting at least once during quarter, 5 points.

9. Offering or pledge for C. E. Promotional project and report sent in not later than June 15, 1941, 5 points.

Special Goals for Project 4—(June-July-August):

10. At least one meeting each month during quarter stressing Jewish and Sailor Evangelism, 5 points.

11. Delegate sent to Brethren summer camp, 5 points.

12 Offering for Jewish and Sailor Evangelism project and report sent in not later than August 15, 1941, 5 points.

General Goals to be Achieved During the Year:

13. Pre-prayer circle before C. E. Meetings, 5 points.

14. Twenty-five per cent of C. E. members having access to the C. E. page in **The Brethren Missionary Herald,** 5 points.

15. An increase in membership during the year, 5 points.

16. Conducting some devotional service outside regular C. E. Meetings, such as jails, hospitals, missions, Old Folks Home, etc., 5 points.

17. Someone won to Christ by individual effort of Society member, 5 points.

18. Four C. E. socials during year with devotional program at close, 5 points.

19. Monthly review of C. E. Union letter or C. E. news in **The Brethren Missionary Herald** before Society, and news report of your society sent to news editor at least once during the year, 5 points.

20. Statistical blanks for each quarter sent in as designated, and all pledges paid and general goal report sent in by August 15, 1941, 5 points.

Total number of points: 100.

Attractive awards will be given societies meeting these goals, so get busy on them at once.

The C. E. Department of The Brethren Missionary Herald

Your National C. E. officers are busy gathering good ideas and suggestions for every department of your own C. E. You won't want to miss a one of these items, which will appear monthly in these columns. In order to make room for these valuable helps, we will not repeat items mentioned in the monthly letters mailed to the local officers whose names and addresses are sent us. Your society cannot afford to miss the information in these letters, so don't delay to fill out the blank found elsewhere in this department.

Monthly Party Plans

Do you remember the excellent party plans we printed a while ago in these columns? The Social Department of the National C. E. Board is planning to mimeograph party plans for every month, to be mailed with the monthly letters. So you see this is another reason for sending in that blank right away to make sure that you don't miss a one of the good things the C. E. Union has for you.

Reorganization of Your National C.E. Board

In order to be of more help to your society, the Brethren National C. E. Board has reorganized to conform with the Standard C. E. Manual, which your society should be using. Officers and department heads in your society having problems or suggestions pertaining to their respective departments should contact the corresponding national officer. For your convenience the officiary will be found in the C. E. Department of each Educational Number.

Quarterlies for C. E. Topics

Say—How do you like the new Christian Life Series Quarterlies for you C. E. Society? They sure are full of good things, don't you think? Let us know how you like them.

Those who are not yet using these C. E. quarterlies can purchase them from The Brethren National C. E. Union, 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.; 12c per quarter, or where five or more are sent to one address, 10c ea. per quarter. For full particulars see **The Brethren Missionary Herald** for Sept. 14, p. 13.

The Past Year's Honor Societies

The following five societies have received Christian fiction books as awards, having met specified goals in Christian Endeavor this past year:

Young people, 1st Church, Peru, Ind., 100%.

Junior High, 1st Church, Long Beach, Calif., 90%.

Senior-Intermediate, Ghent Church, Roanoke, Va., 85%.

Young People, Center Chapel, Peru, Ind., 80%.

Adult, 1st Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 80%.

YOUR OCTOBER HOME MISSION PROGRAM

By Arthur Malles

"At least one home mission program each month during September, October and November" is the first special goal for Project 1 among our Brethren National C. E. goals. Why not try some form of the following program in your C. E. this month?

The aim of this program is to bring before your C. E. news from some of our home missions churches by means of a radio program. Have a committee arrange the C. E. room as much like a home as possible, a few floor lamps, some pictures on the walls, a canary, etc. Arrange the chairs in the room as they would be for a group this size in your home. Perhaps a rocker or an arm chair or two could be brought. A radio should be in a prominent place in the room.

At the time to begin the president will pull out his watch and remark that it is time for the C. E. broadcast, and will go to the radio and dial. Those participating in the program will be behind a curtain.

A quartette will sing, "The Call For Reapers" or some other such hymn as a theme song. Then the announcer states that "This is Radio Station Y.P.C.E. broadcasting the weekly C. E. hour of (name of your group or church). This broadcast is of unusual interest because it will take the radio audience to various points in the United States where Brethren young people have a particular interest because of their home missions stations there. First we will take you to Fremont, O., to hear a report of their work."

Reports can be made of as many home mission churches as time will allow, depending upon the length of each report. In the July 27, Aug. 17 and 24, and Sept. 21 issues of The Brethren Missionary Herald, material will be found for reports on Peru, Ind.; Wooster, O.; Fremont, O.; Hagerstown, Md.; Flora, Ind.; and San Diego, Calif.

When the program is over have the quartette sing "The Church's One Foundation." The announcer then invites the audience to listen in at the same hour next week.

FROM OUR HOME MISSION CHURCHES

"Nothing Plus God Equals Victory"

For some months our hearts have been burdened for a real young people's work in the Third Brethren Church of Los Angeles. When one or two young people would visit our church, they would never return, for there were no other young people with whom they might fellowship. Humanly speaking, we had nothing. We realized our only solution was to take "nothing" and put the Lord into it. We went to our knees, and very definitely prayed that the Lord would send us two or three young people who really knew the Lord and loved Him. During this time we leaned very heavily upon the Lord knowing that our Lord is never late in His answer to prayer. In due time, God answered our petition and gave us more than we asked of Him, for He sent us four young people who really know Him.

Our hearts were filled with joy and our praise went up to the Lord for His goodness. But then, our problem was how we might get to the unsaved of the community, for the four that the Lord sent us were not from our local community and thus we had no direct contact with the schools. We continued to put it all on the Lord, asking that He would guide us. As we prayed, we worked, and here and there we secured the names of young people that would be eligible for our young people's society.

One Sunday afternoon we went calling, visiting in the homes of the prospective members. Previously we had planned for a real, well-arranged C. E. service, namely a "Candle Light Service," and also for a party on the following Friday night. With each prospect, we left a printed invitation to the meeting and the party. We completed our calls, and continued to pray that the Lord would bless our efforts to His glory, by sending a "good" number to our first C. E. meeting. This He did! That Sunday evening, we had 15 present. That was our first C. E. meeting, just two weeks ago. Then on last Friday night we had our "Mystery Party" at which 16 young people were present. Plans were made for a "hay ride" in October.

More effort was put forth during the week that followed, and on last Sunday evening we had 17 pres-

ent. At this service we had a "Mail Box Meeting" which proved very beneficial. Names were exchanged at our party on the previous Friday night and then each one wrote a letter to the one whose name he drew. A box was made like a "post box" and placed by the door of the C. E. room. As each one entered, he dropped his letter in the box. Later, the box was opened, and delivery was made to the proper party, who in turn read the letter to the whole society. Each letter contained a little about the writer's life: birthplace, outstanding incidents, travels, and anticipated occupation. The letter was closed stating whether or not the writer had confessed Christ publicly as his personal Savior: If not, why not; if so, what the Lord meant to the writer. No one knew who wrote the letter for no letter was signed, save by a middle initial plus a number between one and 25. These letters proved to be a real blessing. The service was closed with a challenge from the pastor to all those present.

Next Sunday we are having another "surprise meeting" and we are advertising "The Book That Talks!" Concealed behind a curtain will be "a voice" who will talk into an object so as to give a "hallowed" sound. A hollow tube will make for this effect. In front of the curtain will be placed a table on which will be an open Bible. The leader in charge will base his talk on the **Promises of God's Word. After** the lights are turned off, a candle will be lighted beside the open Bible. Each time the subject is introduced, a promise will be read as the leader turns a page in the Bible, and the voice behind the curtain reads the portion of Scripture. Promises both for the saved and the unsaved will be read and elaborated upon by the leader. A fine meeting is anticipated.

We are working diligently in our C. E., and we covet that you would hold us up before the throne daily, for we have found that "nothing plus God equals victory."

Yours in C. E. for Him,
Arnold R. Kriegbaum, pastor.

Give Reasons for the Hope that is in You

I'd like to tell you of an interesting meeting our Adult C. E. had. On the floor the leader had arranged an electric light covered with red paper and twigs in the center to resemble a camp fire. Everyone was seated on the floor in a circle around the camp fire. The leader explained that all but one of us were shipwrecked Christians, but we weren't downhearted, and were to give our reasons for the happy songs we sang. Someone would start a chorus, and the rest joined in. The one taking the part of an unsaved man was quite saddened by our plight, and of course couldn't understand our joy. He finally began asking why we weren't afraid. He played the part very convincingly, and we just as convincingly told our reasons, quoting Scripture (no Bibles allowed) and giving him the plan of salvation. You'd be surprised how little Scriptures one really knows when it comes right down to it. Everyone thought it a most enlightening lesson.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. A. W. Stivers, First Brethren Church,

DANGER AHEAD

Oh, set your sail to the heavenly gale,
And then, no matter what winds prevail,
No reef can wreck you, no calm delay,
No mist shall hinder, no storm shall stay.
Through salt sea sprays and o'er white sea foam,
No wind that can blow but shall speed you home.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

"REDEMPTION, RENEWAL AND REWARD"

John 1:12; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Cor. 2:9

Love came down and died for sin.
Faith reached out and took it in.
Hope looked up and made its claim.
Hallelujah! Praise His name!

Came the Word and I believed!
Came the Son and I received!
One receipt and this poor clod
Found itself a son of God!

Pleasures old are passed away.
Pleasures new are come to stay.
All the old life wavers dim,
Now that I am hid with Him.

Hid with Him to tell the story.
Hid with Him, while in glory,
God, according to His plan,
Long prepares a place for man.

Things too great for tongue to tell
Throng the place where I shall dwell.
Beauties never seen or heard,
Ever settled by the Word.

Glory hallelujah! sing
Glad hosannas to the King!
Praise the One who overcame!
Hallelujah! Praise His name!

—Gene Farrell.

NOTICE! ALL C. E. SOCIETIES!

Do you want your society to be one of the many 100% societies in our Brethren National C. E. Union? Yes! Well, then, you will have to see to it that your society receives the C. E. letters sent out from time to time, which will inform your group **how** and **what** and **when** to do things to attain the goals. Fill out the following blank and send it in now. Even though you may not be an officer in your society, fill it out anyway—we will check for duplications, but we need the information.

This report is for the following society: (Jr.) (Jr. Int. or Jr. High) (Y. P. or College) (Sr. Y. P.) (Sr.) (Adult).

Name of church .....

Address .....

Name of Pastor .....

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Name of advisor or superintendent .....

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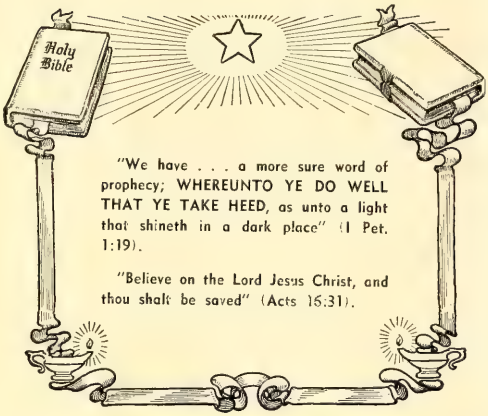
This report made out by: .....

Send report to The Brethren National C. E. Union, Leo Polman, Executive Sec'y., 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Coming Judgments Upon the World

An Exposition of Revelation 9

By R. I. Humberd



"Great earthquakes . . . famines . . . pestilences . . . fearful sights and great signs from heaven . . . signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars . . . distress of nations . . . men's hearts failing them for fear . . . the powers of heaven shaken.

As a snare it shall come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Lk. 21:11, 26, 35, 36).

Two Woe Trumpets

"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth; and to him was given the key to the bottomless pit" (v. 1).

This is not a material star, as in chapt. 8. "To him" was given the key. It is an angel. Satan was called "Lucifer" or daystar before his fall.

The Pit

The regions of the damned are as real as anything on the surface of this earth. Although scientists believe our earth to be a molten mass of material, this is no hindrance for spirit beings. Somewhere on the surface of this earth is the mouth of the bottomless pit.

God has a program and events must await their course. This star may be Satan or some other fallen angel who, having received permission to open the pit, throws himself down with all possible speed. Or it may be one of God's angels who has the key to the pit, as in chapt. 20.

Satan had to get permission to torment Job and when that was granted he used his power to the limit. So here the bottomless pit is opened to do its part in bringing tribulation upon this earth such as never was to this time no nor ever shall be (Mt. 24:21).

Infernal Regions

When Christ met the demons at Gadera, they besought Him not to send them out into the deep; rather would they enter the bodies of swine. When Christ granted them permission, enough demons left that man to set 2000 hogs crazy.

The demons dread the abyss and shun it, knowing full well it is their future abode. Some besought Christ not to torment them before the time. When the unclean spirit goes out of a man it walks through dry places seeking rest but finds none (Lk. 11:24).

This pit is a fearful prison of unruly spirits and has its lid somewhere on the surface of the earth. At the battle of Armageddon, an angel will chain Satan and cast him into this pit and close it up for 1000 years.

Satan, at present, has millions of fallen angels and demons to work his evil designs. But there is a dark and horrible pit, full of strange and evil beings, that is closed to protect mankind from their fearful torments.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Cor. 2:9). This verse is not only true of the saved but no doubt of the unsaved as well, for who can imagine the fearful scenes that come before the eyes of an unsaved man as he passes into a Christless eternity?

Infernal Creatures

"And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace" (v.2).

Many times a volcano has blown off a mountain cap and has thrown ashes many miles into the air. But here is a volcano of another description. The lid flies off; a great black smoke belches forth.

"And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth; and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power" (v. 3).

When we think of eternal life, we think of something that will never end: we expect to be somewhere in a million years from now. But God was alive and active a million years in the past.

Spirits of Evil Men

In five thousand years from now, there will be a prison full of evil spirits. Once these spirits lived upon this earth. They ate and drank; they bought and sold. Some of them were our relatives, our neighbors and our friends. But earth's distinctions will have vanished then. No difference whether they rode in an auto or walked, lived in a cottage or a palace. They sinned away their day of grace and for ever must they suffer for the error of their way.

And so 5000 years ago, and 10,000 and throughout all eternity past, God has been at work. We know not how many waves of intelligent creatures have passed over the scenes of this or another earth. But there is evidence in the rocks and in the Bible that great judgments have been visited in ages past.

Bound Agents of Evil

Once Satan sang and enjoyed the smile of his Creator as he led a multitude of angels in ceaceless joy to do His will. But a time came when Satan sinned and myriads of angels sinned with him. There are at this moment hosts of angels in "everlasting chains under darkness" because they "kept not their first estate" (Jude 6). The very air we breath is peopled

with demons who ever seek to possess a human body or in some way hinder a child of God.

Myriads of infernal creatures impatiently wait at the door of the bottomless pit, while in some distant age that is passed, four great generals of power with 200,000,000 infernal cavalry were chained and locked up in the River Euphrates.

And so as the fifth angel sounds his trumpet, the door of the pit swings open, and a hoard of locusts swarm out, the like of which men have never seen before.

Infernal Locusts

Regular locusts may lie dormant for 17 years and come forth to bring destruction to vegetation. But here are locusts that have been locked up for ages, now turned loose with a commission to hurt no green thing but "only those men which have not the seal of God in their forehead" (v. 4).

These locusts are unearthly in shape and unnatural in disposition. They are shaped like horses, with faces of men, hair of women, teeth as lions and with breastplates of iron (v. 7-9).

Turtles have protection of shell, but here the iron seems to signify that these creatures cannot be caught and destroyed. They dart about in darkness, do not eat but do delight to cause suffering. It is natural for the fallen mind to kill and delight to torture another. Hunters kill and shout for joy as the helpless little rabbit writhes in its last death agonies. So here the fallen creatures of another age delight to see man suffer.

These creatures are called locusts, but they have little in common with earth's regular locusts. In heaven the cherubim have four faces; one as a man, one as a lion, one as an eagle, and one as an ox. So here, these seem to be sort of an infernal cherubim.

No doubt they once possesed greater intelligence, but having fallen from that high position, they have their "understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God" (Eph. 4:18). When sin alienates a person from God, the understanding is darkened. An unsaved person cannot reason straight about spiritual matters. The things of the spirit of God are foolishness to him, "neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14).

Torment

"And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months" (v. 5).

What mercy to our present age that these creatures are locked up. And what torment the future holds in store for those who trifle with God's mercy. There is much suffering on earth now, but much evil is held in check. The Holy Spirit is hindering the mystery of iniquity (2 Thess. 2); these infernal locusts are locked in the abyss; and 200,000,000 horsemen are bound and helpless.

But one day these creatures of sorrow will be turned loose upon mankind and men will writhe in pain and agony. Think of an eternal hell together with all of these creatures as companions! And yet men build on the very edge of hell and boast of their great wisdom!

No Suicide

"And in those days shall men seek death and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them" (v. 6).

Now medical science works for healing as life's greatest blessing. Men spurn the electric chair and feign would live for ever. But a time is not far future when men will welcome death and court disaster.

Just what would happen if a man were to hold a shotgun to his head or sink himself in a lake, we do not know. Suicide will not bring relief for death shall flee from them and "they shall not find it." It may be that these creatures will be able in some way to prevent suicide as part of their torment.

This is a mere taste of what it would mean if God had not set a watch at the tree of life. For had man eaten of that tree and have lived forever in a mortal body; a body reeking with disease and cancer, what horrors no man can even imagine.

It is only when redeemed men receive an immortal body; a body pulsating with eternal life; a body that will never feel a pain nor heave a sigh. It is only in that body that men will have right to the tree of life and live forever.

The wings of ordinary locusts have the sound of whirring machinery. I was one time in a woods, and hearing the sound, I went in search of the machine until I passed a tree and heard the sound behind me. But the sound of these wings are "as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle" (v.9).

"And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon" (v. 11).

When Satan fell, he led multitudes of angels with him. So here is another mighty prince who is king of this host of evil; a prince who no doubt one day led in rebellion against his God.

Our Clue Again

"One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter" (v. 12).

Let us remember our clue to the understanding of the book of Revelation. A man buys a farm in July but cannot come into possession until Apr. 1. It is a large farm and he will need several men to work for him, so at various times during these months he hires a man to begin work on Apr. 1.

Christ purchased the earth over 1900 years ago but will not take possession until the day of redemption. During this 1900 years He has been 'hiring' people to become kings and priests to reign with Him on the new earth when He takes possession.

Chap. 2 and 3 are taken up with messages to the churches. It is instructions to those who will help Him rule at that time.

On Apr. 1, He will find Satan in control and Satan will contest His every right to the earth. Christ will then take steps to oust this intruder. Chap. 4 is the court scene. In Chap. 5, Christ takes the title deed and in Chap. 6 He opens the seals. Since the issue is in the human heart. Christ puts on the judgments with care so as to turn men to Himself.

The last seal is broken in Chap. 8. The book is now open and judgments fierce are soon to fall upon earth dwellers. These take the form of trumpet judgments. The last three are "woe" trumpets and bring great suffering and sorrow. The first opens the

THINK IT OVER

To someone you are the best Christian known.

bottomless pit and brings terrible locusts upon the earth.

Outraged Mercy

"And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden alter which is before God" (v. 13).

The location of the cry locates the sin. For ages, these horns have been united in a cry to God for mercy toward sinful men. On the day of atonement they upheld the blood. But now mercy is exhausted and even these horns are crying out for vengeance.

Abel's blood cried unto God from the ground. So here, men have been praying and acting saved; belonging to church and daring to call themselves by the name of God, but they so outraged God by their conduct that the four horns turn from mercy to vengeance for the evil doers.

The Four Angels

"Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates" (v. 14).

These are evil angels for good angels would not be bound, neither would they hurt mankind if they were turned loose. Little can the human race know the realities of the infernal regions. Here are four great generals with all their hosts trying to free themselves in order to torment mankind.

They were no doubt bound in some preceeding age and are kept bound in mercy to man. Satan will be bound for 1000 years. Imagine people living during that time; they will know of him only as we know of these, merely hearsay.

There may be many angels that are bound, but here are four of a certain class capable of doing certain things at this time.

The Euphrates River is near where Satan first entered human history and where the tower of Babel was built. It is Satan's center of operation.

Four Infernal Captains

"And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay a third part of men" (v. 15).

Here are particular angels, of a particular class, in a particular position! turned loose for a particular time to slay one third of mankind.

For five months, while the locusts held sway, men desired to die but could not do so. Here under this trumpet they get their fill of death, as one out of three fall victim to these creatures.

And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand" (v. 16).

Here is an enormous host. No such army has ever been mustered. 200,000,000 infernal cavalry with "them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and jacineth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone" v. 17).

No doubt both the writer and the reader of these lines have friends who will sometime suffer these torments, being subject any moment to be horrified, stung, stifled and scorched by the very elements of hell; the fire, and the smoke and the brimstone.

Imagine the physicians and the hospitals working overtime; the undertakers unable to care for the dead; the long lists in every newspaper. One out of a family in Egypt died and the cry rang throughout the land, but here one out of three are struck down.

There are some 2,000,000,000 people on earth today. One-third of that number will bring in a time of anguish that only those who feel it can fully know. Five times the population of the United States will fall during this brief period of time.

Refused Warning

But if the one-third are killed, it will give due warning to the two-thirds to listen to the servants of the Lord and repent, but alas,—

"the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and of wood—neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts" (v. 20, 21).

The World Waxing Worse

This is a time of abounding iniquity. But not all at once does it become thus. The let down in morals is gradual. First, just men smoked cigarettes; then great billboards pictured women enjoying the smoke; later she had her preference; and now she openly smokes in public.

So here, the characteristic of the age has been a general let down in morals. Men were becoming more and more selfish, covetous, boasters, blasphemers, unthankful, unholy, fierce, heady, highminded and lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God (2 Tim. 3), until now it has become a part of their very life. As the days of Noah, so will be the days of Christ's return.

Some tell us that after men have suffered in hell, they will repent and all be saved. But here, under the most terrible pressure, they repent not. They murder and are not sorry. They may weep when arrested but they are not sorry they committed the crime, just sorry they are caught.

No More Marriage

There is a hint here that marriage is done away. Fornication is the act of the unmarried as adultery is the act of the married. In our present time of fearful morals in schools and colleges; in our time when men and women can live together like cats and dogs and call it companionate marriage; when divorce is easy and remarriage is in good standing. In such a time as this, it is only a step to discarding the sacred institution of marriage all together.

There are also "thefts." Our day abounds in dishonesty, deceit and theft. There must be pure food laws to protect our health; government inspection at the slaughter house, and men to test the scales and measures in every store lest our purchase be cut short. Verily how blind are those who comfort their hearts by saying the world is getting better.

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JEWISH DEPARTMENT

John 10:16; Matthew 18:12-14 and 10:6; Romans 1:16 and Acts 15:26

The Neglected Race for Whom Christ Died

by Leo Polman

Even in a war-torn world Jews throughout the world welcomed Rosh Hashonah, the Jewish religious New Year, which opened Wednesday evening Oct. 2 (the eve of the first day of Tishri, the 7th month in the Jewish Calendar). This begins the new year 5701 of the Hebrew calendar.

As a holy day concerned primarily with the life of the individual, Rosh Hashonah with its message of eternal values will bring new courage to persecuted people and new strength to those called upon to aid their fellowmen.

This festival of High Holy Days was observed by Reform Jews, Orthodox and Conservative Jews alike. Rosh Hashonah, which begins these Holy Days for all Jews ends with the final blowing of the Shofar at Yom Kippur which makes its deep impression on Jewry. As one Jew writes, "There may be a slight difference between 'Happy New Year' as expressed on the first day of January, and 'May You Be Inscribed in the Book of Life for Good Year' as Jew greets Jew on Rosh Hashonah. It is in the concept of hope, the only weapon and the only defense of the Jewish people."

The importance of Rosh Hashonah to the Jew is deeply significant to him, religiously. For his tradition teaches him that the world was created at this time; that the birth of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob took place on this day; Joseph was freed from his prison on this day; and the Jews found emancipation from Egyptian bondage on this day.

The apostle Paul one day wrote to the Galatians (1:13, 14). "For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: and profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, **being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.**" Oh, that Israel would be more concerned in what the Lord Jesuh Christ came to do for them. One day they shall turn to Him rather than to their traditions and festivals.

"Give now—and they will live" is a slogan used by The B'nai Brith Messenger magazine, meaning, "Give to Jewish agencies for help among Jewish refugees." Every Christian ought not only to pray for all Israel, but give also that the blessed gospel of Jesus Christ may be given to them that they truly might live; for Christ came "that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (Jn. 10:10). Brethren have a wonderful opportunity to give to our own supported Jewish Mission located in Los Angeles, Calif. Send your gifts through your local church or through The Brethren Home Missions Council, Berne, Ind.

The newspaper "Viene" reports that the Yugoslavian government, among other restrictive measures on the Jews in government and industry, is going to issue a decree shortly, excluding Jews who obtained citizenship after Dec. 1, 1918, and all other persons working with Jewish capital will be barred from the food trade.

PILGRIM HIGHWAY

By Manford Evans

And the man **believed the word** Jesus had spoke unto him, and he **went** his way (Jn. 4:50).

Here is a beautiful example of faith without benefit of physical evidence or seeing, or, "the proving of things not seen." Says someone, "If I could see a miracle wrought, then I'd believe." But that wouldn't be faith. "Faith is the assurance of things **not seen.**"

When the nobleman besought the Lord to **come down** to Capernaum to heal his son he undoubtedly expected Him to suspend all other important business right there and **come.** He wanted the Lord to **come** with him so he could **see** Him heal his son. Nothing else would do.

So Jesus put him to the test. Said he: "Except ye **see** signs and wonders, ye will not **believe.**" My, he hadn't expected that! No doubt he was somewhat taken aback. But the son's sickness was very serious; he himself was desperate; the Lord just had to come, hence: "Sir, **come** ere my child die."

He could not very well have made his appeal more emphatic. Surely, after making it, the Lord must **come.** Not so. "Jesus saith unto him, **Go** thy way, thy son liveth." We have no intimation that the nobleman stopped to argue, not to insist further that the Lord **come** so that he himself might **see.** Faith arose to the occasion. For we read: And the man **believed the word** that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he **went** his way."

"And as he was now **going** down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, thy son liveth," Further inquiry revealed that the child was healed in the hour that "Jesus said unto him, thy son liveth." And the happy climax reads thus: "And himself (the nobleman) believed, and his whole house." First, he **believed** "the **word** that Jesuh had spoken to him" for the healing of his son; second, he and his entire household **believed** that he Who wrought this miracle was indeed Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write."

"And the man **believed** the word." Multitudes of problems could and would be solved if, as children of God, we were as quick to **believe** as was the nobleman. "Go thy way." In other words, "go back to your son, to your household. I have healed the child. Do not ask to **see** signs and wonders. Believe my **word;** be on your way." And the man **believed** the **word."** He **believed,** and then he **saw,** "the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

The reason we do not see more miracles in the work of evangelism is because we do not **believe** the **word.** We believe a number of things because we see them; but we fail to glorify God in a number of things because we do not step out on the faith that **must believe** the **word** in order to bring "great and mighty things" to pass. Jude exhorts the saints to "earnestly contend for the faith . . . " Thank God for faith for salvation, but should we stop there?

There is something to contend for after we are saved. It is **"the faith** once and for all delivered." When we read the 11th chapter of Hebrews we find a glorious record of faith heroes—men and women who not only **believed,** but by **faith** set in motion the miracle-working power of God. "Who through **faith** subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens."

Faith in our modern world has fallen to a low ebb. Instead of subduing kingdoms, many of us have a strenuous time to subdue "the little foxes that spoil

PENNSYLVANIA BRETHREN MEET OCTOBER 21 - 24

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at Waynesboro Brethren Church

PROGRAM

Monday Evening, October 21

6:00 to 7:00 Registration of Guests by Local Entertainment Committee
7:00 Pre-Prayer Service—Rev. Paul Dick
7:30 Devotional Service—Rev. R. D. Crees
Address of Welcome—W. E. Bearinger, Waynesboro Moderator
8:00 Message Rev. Wm. H. Clough
(To be announced)

Tuesday Morning, October 22

8:30 Simultaneous Sessions
Ministerium—Open Forum—"The Past"
Men's Fellowship—Organization
Women's Missionary Council
Message—Miss Elizabeth Tyson
10:00 Business Session
11:00 Devotional Service—Rev. Kenneth B. Ashman
11:10 Bible Lecture Rev. Wm. H. Schaffer, Jr.
"Without a Vision We Perish"
11:45 Noon Recess
12:00 Noon Fellowship Meal

Tuesday Afternoon

2:00 Brethren Home Missions Council—Rev. Orville Lorenz
2:30 Devotional Service—Rev. Wm. A. Steffler
2:40 Bible Lecture Rev. Russell I. Humberd
"The Grace of God in Ephesians"
3:30 Afternoon Recess
5:00 Evening Fellowship Meal

Tuesday Evening

7:00 Pre-Prayer Service—Rev. George Kinzie
7:30 Devotional Service—Rev. Randall L. Rossman
8:00 Message Rev. J. L. Gingrich
"The Self Emptying and Loveliness of Christ"

Wednesday Morning, October 23

8:30 Simultaneous Sessions
Ministerium—Open Forum—"The Present"
Men's Fellowship—Outline Program for Year
Women's Missionary Council
Message—Miss Elizabeth Tyson
10:00 Business Session
11:00 Devotional Service—Rev. Stanley Hauser
11:10 Bible Lecture Rev. A. V. Kimmell
(To be announced)
11:45 Noon Recess
12:00 Noon Fellowship Meal

Wednesday Afternoon

2:00 Brethren Missionary Herald Co.—Rev. Leo Polman, Secretary of Publications
2:30 Devotional Service—Rev. Orville Lorenz
2:40 Bible Lecture Rev. Ernest Pine
"My Lord and My God"
3:30 Afternoon Recess
5:00 Evening Fellowship Meal

Wednesday Evening

5:30 S. M. M. Fellowship Supper—Mrs. Orville Lorenz
7:00 Pre-Prayer Service—Rev. Walter H. Nowag
7:30 Devotional Service—Rev. George W. Kinzie
8:00 Message Rev. L. L. Grubb
"Evidences of Christ's Near Return in Nations"

Thursday Morning, October 24

8:30 Simultaneous Sessions
Ministerium—Open Forum—"The Future"
Men's Fellowship—Testimony
Women's Missionary Council
Message—Miss Elizabeth Tyson
10:00 Business Session
11:00 Devotional Service—Rev. Clair Gartland
11:10 Bible Lecture Rev. Ord Gehman
"The Preeminent Christ"
11:45 Noon Recess
12:00 Noon Fellowship Meal

Thursday Afternoon

2:00 Foreign Missionary Society—Rev. A. V. Kimmell
2:30 Missionary Message—Miss Elizabeth Tyson
3:30 Afternoon Recess
5:00 Evening Fellowship Meal

Thursday Evening

6:00 Brethren Student Life Volunteer Rally—Rev. Kenneth B. Ashman
7:00 Pre-Prayer Service—Rev. Randall L. Rossman
7:30 Devotional Service—Rev. Walter H. Nowag
8:00 Closing Message Rev. A. L. Lynn
(To be announced)

the vine." The faith heroes of old "obtained promises," embraced them and God made them good. We have a Bible full of God's promises but how much do we embrace (**believe**) them that God might work? The Bible heroes "wrought righteousness," but we as modern Christians hardly peep against the unrighteousness, the ungodliness, the iniquity of the booze and cigarette evil lest we offend some of the politicians.

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Position of the Brethren Church on War

(☞ See Page 16)

As re-affirmed and adopted by the East Central District Conference of Brethren Churches at Ashland, Ohio, September 20, 1940

Considering that the world is seething with unrest and reverberating with the tread of marching feet and cannon roar, it seems fitting and proper to set forth the position of The Brethren Church in respect to war.

From its inception in 1708 A.D. The Brethren Church has insisted that war is wrong for Christians. Opposition to the Christian's participation in war was a major cause for the migration of Brethren to America. In a Brethren Conference in 1785, it was resolved that "we cannot find liberty to use any sword save the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, by which to cast down imaginations and every thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ," as Paul says in 2 Corinthians 10:5.

During the Civil War it was the position of The Brethren Church that "the government shall have our aid in any way which does not conflict with the principles of the Gospel of Christ. But, since in our profession we regard these principles as superior or paramount to all others, consistency requires that we regard them in our practices."

Christian's Warfare is Spiritual

While we recognize that war may be necessary for the settlement of disputes between nations, we likewise believe that the Word of God teaches that such a course of action is contrary to God's will for the Christian, (Rom. 12:17-21). We recognize that the Christian has no authority from the Bible to dictate a course of action for those who reject Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. At the same time we believe that, in harmony with the teaching of Holy Scripture, the Christian has a heavenly as well as an earthly citizenship, (Phil. 3:20), the latter superceding the former (Acts 5:29), and that the Christian's warfare is not carnal but spiritual (1 Corinthians 10:3-4).

In harmony with the historic stand of The Brethren Church on war and carnal strife, The East Central District Conference of Brethren Churches wishes to reaffirm its position in harmony with the aforesaid convictions, and go on record, again, as being utterly opposed to war as a method to be used by Christians for the settlement of their difficulties with any human being upon the earth.

We wish to go on record as having no criticism of governmental authorities of a nation in a world that is far from being as yet regenerated, if they shall deem the use of the sword a necessity in the defense of a free people. The Word of God teaches that givernment is divinely instituted as an instrument of God to maintain order and punish evil doers (Rom. 13:1-6).

Brethren Not Pacifists

We wish to emphasize that The Brethren Church is not a pacifist church, nor are Brethren peoples pacifists. The Brethren Church is a non-combatant church.

We affirm it is our conviction that it is impossible for the Christian, as a citizen of a Heavenly Kingdom of which Christ is the King, to carry arms or engage in any conflict where he would take human life, without directly violating God's requirements for Christian conduct (John 18:36).

But, we wish to go on record that, in the event of the active participation of our nation in war, we will gladly offer our services as non-combants, if asked to do so by our government, and will fearlessly serve in any manner that would help to mitigate the horrors and suffering that would inevitably accompany mortal combat.

We wish to go on record as encouraging every Brethren Church and every Brethren pastor to refuse to sign a statement in support of young men of conscription or draft age who claim exemption from combant military service upon conscientious grounds, yet whose lives are lived in a way that is inconsistent with the teaching of the Word of God.

Five Principles Listed

We wish to present the following principles as a guide for young men facing the problem of conscription:

1. Governments are ordained of God to maintain order and punish evil doers (Romans 13:1-6).
2. War may be a necessary part of this world order (John 18:36).
3. The Christian has a heavenly as well as an earthly citizenship (Phil. 3:20), the latter being superceded by the former (Acts 5:29).
4. The principles of our heavenly citizenship forbid the use by the Christian of carnal weapons as a means to settle differences (Romans 12:17-21).
5. Submission to and service in behalf of human government is a principle which God's Word commands of a Christian (Rom. 13:1) and therefore we must serve as non-combatants in time of war if asked to do so by our government.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF ELDERS ON WAR,

(Signed) R. E. Gingrich
John Aeby
Arthur Cashman

Answering Some Questions on the Conscription Act

(☞ See Page 15)

The Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 purposes to increase and train the men of the armed forces of the United States.

The act applies to every male citizen and every alien residing in the United States who is between the ages of 21 and 36 on the day fixed for registering. The President has fixed Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1940, as the registration day. The words, "between the ages of 21 and 36," mean all those who have reached their 21st birthday and who have not reached their 36th birthday on the day of registration.

Ignorance of the act, or having dependents, or if opposed to war, or any other reason, is no excuse from registering. All between 21 and 36 years must present themselves for registration at the time and place determined by local board in charge of the act.

Not everyone who is registered will be taken in training and service. There are a few exceptions: those who have already served a certain period in the army or in the National Guard, governors of states, judges of courts, members of legislature, and ministers of religion. A college student who has entered upon the attendance of his college for the year 1940-1941 and who is pursuing his studies in college will not be required to go into training until his school year ends, or until July 1, 1941.

Conscientious Objectors

The Selective Service Act does not require any man to be subject to **combatant** training and service, who, by reason of religious training and belief, conscientiously objects to participation in war in any form.

The status of a conscientious objector is determined by the local Selective Service Board. If satisfaction cannot be had there one can appeal to an Appeal Board which will be set up to handle such questions.

If conscientious objection is found to exist the objector may be assigned to non-combatant service, or he may be assigned to work of national importance under civilian direction.

Other exceptions to active service, after registration, may be men who are employed in industry, agriculture, or any other occupation of importance which the local board finds is necessary to maintain national health or safety.

Those who have one or more dependents upon them may be relieved from training by local boards under rules and regulations which will be prescribed by the President.

By the word "dependent" is meant one who is dependent in fact for support in a reasonable manner, and whose support depends upon the income or earnings by such person in business, occupation, or employment.

Physically, mentally, or morally defective ones will not be accepted for training—but they must register.

The following form may be of help to some who would like to consider some uniform form to present to the Selective Service Act Board:

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

The government of the United States has always granted to its citizens the free exercise of conscience in matters of faith and religion. In view of this right, I, the undersigned, member of The Brethren Church, respectfully declare my belief in the non-resistant principles of said Brethren Church, and believe myself entitled to the exemption privileges granted members of churches holding such faith. The attached letter will attest my membership.

(Signed) ....
Name Address

Dated ....., 1940

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That .....

is a member in good standing of the .....

Brethren Church located at ....., State of

.....

Granted by authority of the church and signed this ..... day

of ....., 1940.

(Signed) _____ _____
Secretary Pastor

_____ _____
Address Address

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What a Gospel of John did for an Old Man

By R. I. Humberd, Martinsburg, Pa.

"I have spent enough for drink and other forms of sin, to buy the best farm in this country." Such were the words of an old man to me a short time ago. His experience with Christians had so disappointed him that he had come to hate the church with a terrible hatred.

About two years ago, so he said, I had crossed his path and had given him a Gospel of John. (I do not remember the incident but am continually giving out Gospels and tracts). He was angered and threw it away. About a year later our paths again crossed and I gave him another Gospel. This time the incorruptible seed of the word of God fell into good ground and brought forth fruit unto life eternal.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good" (Eccles. 11:6).

The old man went to a little country church, and to the surprise of those in the audience who knew him, he walked down the aisle and boldly faced the audience to let everyone know that he had given his heart to the Lord. Then realizing that he would need strength and encouragement, he rented a room in the home of one of the members; and with joy in his heart at the prospect of a peaceful and happy Christian life, he moved into his new home.

Although it is better for a man to have a millstone about his neck and be cast into the depths of the sea, than to cause a little one to stumble, yet from the other side of the house there rang the invitation,

"Do you want a drink of beer?"

"No," was the instant reply "I am living for Jesus."

"Ha! Ha! You will come to it," came back the fearful taunt.

This was repeated from time to time until one evening two of his old friends entered his room, and together with his Christian (?) landlord, they drank and tried to get him to join them. This was a fearful test for a man who had spent his life in drink, but he said, "No, I am living for Jesus." Then in despair he cried for help: "Oh, Jesus and God help me, Oh Jesus and God help me."

That short and simple prayer was heard and the victory was won, but his nerves had been so disturbed that for days he could scarcely eat or sleep, and he wandered about among the members trying in vain to bring peace to his troubled heart.

Then a word from far back in his early childhood began to form itself upon the pages of his memory. He had heard a preacher say something about going to the wildnerness. He could not remember just what it was, but he resolved to heed the promptings; and on Sunday morning he went away in the woods to an old deserted sawmill, taking the little red Gospel of John with him.

After great effort he finally quieted his mind and began to read the Word of life. It was slow work for him, but by spelling out the big words and pausing over others it brought strength to his weary soul. He had not known where to find me, but later when we met we had a joyful time in the Lord.

"Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).

THANKSGIVING OFFERING DIME COLLECTORS

These splendid aids in making up the thank offering for Home Missions should be at work in every church today. Thanksgiving now is but four weeks away. There is no time to lose if we are to give an offering that will be sufficient to carry on the work that our Father God has given us for this coming year. We urge all pastors to send promptly for as many as you will need. Last year we had great results with these little collectors. Here is the slogan:

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ACTIONS OF THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INC.

Winona Lake, Indiana, August 31st, 1940

FIRST,

Roy A. Patterson, Earl Reed, Ralph Rambo, and Orville A. Lorenz were re-elected to the directorate of the Council.

SECOND,

The following recommendation from the directors was read:

"That we recommend to The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., that The Brethren Missionary Herald be designated as a paper of sufficient general circulation in which to place all legal notices for meetings of The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc."

Moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted. Carried.

THIRD,

Moved,

"That the next annual meeting of The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., be held at the time and place of the next National Brethren Bible Conference."

Carried.

FOURTH,

Moved,

"That we accept the report of the secretary and that the directors be instructed to place copies of this report in the hands of all our pastors for distribution."

Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Paul Miller, Secretary of the Council.

COLD WEATHER IS BEGINNING IN KENTUCKY!

We have just received an appeal from Bro. Sewell Landrum that they will need a greater amount of clothing this year than ever. They have little left over from last season and their needs are greater due to having a much larger work now.

Here is a suggestion for all Women's Missionary Councils and all who would help the work in this way. Go to your local dry goods stores and shoe stores. Every season store keepers have shop-worn and out-of-style clothing and shoes that they cannot sell, and sometimes they simply throw these things out. Hats, shoes, clothing, and underwear of all kinds can thus be gotten easily. Last year some of our folks did this and the result was surprising. The storekeepers are glad to help in this way.

But gather it together now and send it down at once, for

THE NEED IS NOW.

The pressing need is during the fall months. Next spring will be too late to help much. Most of the suffering down there comes before Christmas. So get busy now.

Send everything to Rev. Sewell Landrum, Lost Creek, Ky. Send it parcel post in several packages, which is best. If by express, send to Jackson, Ky., or by truck line to Lost Creek, Ky. After Nov. 1st, send it to Bro. Landrum addressed to Clayhole, Ky., by mail or truck. Express must always go to Jackson, Ky.

BUT, SEND WHAT YOU SEND NOW!

DIRECTORY OF HOME MISSION CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Name of Church	Name of Pastor	Address
1st Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif.	Jesse Hall,	541 East Palm
1st Brethren Church, Compton, Calif.	Grant McDonald,	1414 N. Willow St.
1st Brethren Church, Glendale, Calif.	George Richardson,	1611 N. Highland Ave
3rd Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Cal.	Arnold Kriegbaum,	565 S. Simmons Ave.
1st Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.	Earl Studebaker,	1731 Modesto Ave.
1st Brethren Church, San Diego, Calif.	Albert Flory,	4037 First Ave.
1st Brethren Church, Tracy, Calif.	Robert E. Miller,	Box 503
Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind.	Henry Rempel,	Flora, Ind.
1st Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.		3326 S. Calhoun
Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Ia.	Frank Coleman, Jr	1318 Bertch St.
1st Brethren Church, Clayhole, Ky.	Sewell Landrum	Lost Creek, Ky.
2nd Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.	Lew Grubb	507 W. Wilson Blvd.
1st Brethren Church, New Troy, Mich.	Russell Williams,	Sawyer, Mich.
1st Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio	Tom Hammers,	2706 Noble Road Cleveland Hts., O.
Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, O.	Phillip J. Simmons,	Winona Lake, Ind.
1st Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio	John Squires,	536 N. Market St.
1st Brethren Church, Juniata, Pa.	Ernest Pine,	610 — 8th Ave. Juniata, Altoona, Pa.
1st Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.	Norman Uphouse,	649 Berryville Ave.

By R. Paul Miller, Editor

Of All The Gall!

Of all the inhuman, fiendish, relentless persecutions heaped upon the Jews by Hitler and his Nazi Germany, wherein the Jews were made to trod the pathway of blood and terror and torture beyond all description, it seems that no irony could be greater than that now Mr. Hitler should be trying to entice the Jew to return to Germany under a promise of blessing.

A recent United Press dispatch from Belgium tells of posters put up in the German consulate at Antwerp inviting doctors, engineers, and technicians of German nationality regardless of race to return at once to Germany with a promise of immediate restoration to citizenship and of their previously confiscated fortunes. The dispatch states that it is aimed primarily at the professional Jews who formed the most brilliant, scientific and specially trained experts that were in Germany. In his mad hate and in the effort to inflame the German people against the Jews in order to give him an issue upon which to build his dictatorship, Hitler drove the Jews out, regardless. Now then, he is finding that he drove out the very men who once made Germany great. His insane temerity is found in the fact that he evidently believes that if he would ask the Jews to return to the man who had lied to them and had in every way possible sought to destroy them, that any of them would be so foolish as to do so, and once again put their necks in the noose. Quite superfluously it seems to us the dispatch adds, "No Jews have accepted the offer to date."

Whatever it may have cost Germany to drive out the Jews as they have done, it is nothing compared to what it is going to cost Germany as a part of Gog when finally in the land of Palestine they shall meet their doom and God "will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel."

The Devil in Cap and Gown

The idea that radicalism and communism are largely born in the hearts of those who have been unfortunate in an economic situation has long been prevailing in the minds of many in this country. On the basis of this assumption there has been a widespread movement to provide jobs and to give billions of dollars in order to satisfy the people and thus prevent a revolution. At the recent meeting of the American Psychological Association held at State College, Pa. on Sept. 7, Dr. Goodwin Watson of Columbia University told that august assembly that this idea has been proven as all wrong. He declared that the facts show that the influence of unemployment is negligible. This is so striking that the real problem is to find out why the unemployed are so little radicalized by their experience. Persons without jobs for two years were almost unaffected by any radical viewpoint. On the contrary he said, that the real trouble with radicalism and communism is not with this class of people. He said that the most radical group of all was found among professional and sub-professional people, including engineers and scientists. He said that the main factors causing economic radicalism appeared to be schooling, particularly in going to high school and college, as investigations showed. Those "who carried on into graduate study," said he, "include ten times the proportion of radicals as those who have barely finished the eighth grade."

Now that **is** something, isn't it? America has worshipped at her educational shrine. She has all but made education her god. Now she is finding that education as it is now pursued is the breeding ground of the very forces that are determined to overthrow this nation. The day when America threw the Bible out of her school room and began to invite into her halls atheists, agnostics, infidels and skeptics, was the day that she invited her own downfall. This nation was built by Puritan fathers who believed the Bible and had no question about it. The school systems that they built were built upon the Word of God. It was honored, revered and read day by day in the school room. America has sown to the wind in her educational systems and she is now reaping the whirlwind. She is now ever learning but never coming to a knowledge of the truth. If Uncle Sam wants to save this country, instead of sending the FBI agents into cellars and labor halls looking for communists with bombs and sticks of dynamite, they had better go into our educational halls and there find the men who have been teaching communism, atheism, and revolution to our higher schools of learning for the last 20 years.

Where Memory Should Fail

The greatest preacher of the gospel who ever lived declared, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13, 14). There are times when the power to forget is of greater value than the power to recall. To have a tendency to recall unpleasant memories, unpleasant situations, unfortunate deeds that others may have done against you, and to allow the mind to dwell upon them and the heart to meditate upon them, can be most detrimental and costly to the Christian life. There is only one thing in all the universe that the Bible says God forgets, and that is, He forgets our sins. "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." Those are the things that God wants to forget.

There are just as certainly some things that the true Christian wants to foregt also. Many an otherwise successful minister has allowed the old sour memory of other days, of times when he was slighted,

of unkind deeds done against him, and of grudges that he has refused to give up, to act as a millstone around the neck of his future and of his success before God. Thousands of laymen have done the same thing and are doing it today. This is the shortest way to destroy fruitfulness in the sight of God. The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches of America must guard against the same thing. As a people we must forget our past, whether it is of defeat or whether it is of glowing successes. We cannot live in the past in any sense. To dwell on our defeats or our failures cuts the nerve of our courage for the future. To meditate on any successes or victories of the past but lulls us to sleep for greater accomplishments in the days to come.

We must forget the past entirely and press on, for we have a world to reach for Christ; we have sacrifices to make; we have battles to fight; we have our great struggles against sin and Satan and unbelief to meet and overcome. We have a great testimony to bear. We have a responsibility to reach men that we have never been able to reach before. Today God is calling us to greater and wider fields. Doors are opening to us that we have never even known of before. New powers are developing within our own midst to accomplish greater things for Him. Hitherto unknown and hidden sources of supply are now becoming manifest, and God is calling us on. While the sun of this age of grace is setting and while the time is drawing to the close of the age, we must lay ourselves to our task for His sake. Just as Jesus, hanging upon Calvary within a few seconds of His death, fulfilled the Word of God and the will of God to the last moment, so must we engage ourselves in the thrill of the greatest task we have ever undertaken for Christ and until He comes.

Success consists not so much in sitting up nights as being awake in the daytime.

Just about the time you think you can make ends meet someone moves the ends.

Summer Bible Conference at Waynesboro, Pa.—1940

R. D. Crees, Pastor

Upper Photo Shows Faculty

Lower Shows School

150 were Enrolled

Decisions of the Directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council of Interest to All

FIRST,

That we request prayer for the Bible classes now being conducted in Bakersfield, Calif., North Akron, O., and Middletown, O., with the view to establishing Brethren Churches in these sections.

SECOND,

That we request groups in new fields looking forward to the asking of help from the Home Missions Council toward the establishment of new Brethren Churches, to contact the Council at the very beginning and keep the Council advised of their progress. This request to be sent to district mission boards and also to be published in **The Brethren Missionary Herald.**

THIRD,

That a program be prepared and sent to all churches or published in **The Brethren Missionary Herald,** for use as a Rally Day program in all our Sunday Schools, the aim to be to make the theme of our Rally Day program to be centered on our great home mission fields.

FOURTH,

That a devotional program be prepared for our Sunday School superintendents and sent to them every three months, the theme of the programs to be centered around our home mission fields, their progress and needs.

FIFTH,

That we recommend the custom of holding Rally Day the last Sunday of October and that it be made a Home Missions Day.

SIXTH,

That the Council pay $170.00 to The Brethren Missionary Herald Company to assist in getting the company free from the extra expense incurred in starting the company last January.

SEVENTH,

That the following statement of policy be adopted in relation to all association with the district mission organizations:

"It is the sense and purpose of the Home Missions Council that all its dealings with the districts shall follow a policy of closest counsel and cooperation.

That wherever there is a cooperating district missionary organization, that the directors will always endeavor to obtain the counsel and cooperation of that body in the interests of mission points in that district. Whenever possible the directors will notify the district representative to meet with them when points in their district are to be considered.

That no new points will be entered, churches organized, property purchased, or buildings erected without first counselling with the district representatives and seeking mutual agreement on all enterprises. To this end the directors insist that each district appoint a qualified representative authorized to act for it, and that the district inform the directors of the Council as to the name and address of the representative they have appointed.

This policy supercedes any and all previous arrangements relative to above matters."

EIGHTH,

That Ralph Rambo be appointed to represent the

DIRECTORS OF THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL

Left to right—W. H. Schaffer, Paul Bauman, F. B. Miller, R. E. Donaldson, Orville Lorenz, Ralph Rambo, Miss Kimmell. Office Secretary; Mrs. W. A. Ogden, Roy Patterson, Earl Reed.

Home Missions Council on the board of directors of The Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

NINTH,

That Ralph Rambo be authorized to undertake the transfer of the Rose Hill property to the Home Missions Council.

TENTH,

That Brother Zimmerman, missionary at the Los Angeles Jewish Mission, be asked to meet with the Southern California ministers and arrange a regular night each month for each church in that district to assist in the services.

ELEVENTH,

The following elections of officers were held;
President, Roy A. Patterson.
Vice President, R. E. Donaldson.
Secretary, R. Paul Miller.
Treasurer, William Schaffer.

TWELFTH,

That Miss Louise Kimmel be retained as office secretary.

THIRTEENTH,

That the sample constitution as recommended by the committee be instituted as standard constitution for all our mission points.

FOURTEENTH,

That we send greetings and felicitations to Brother William Johanson, our fellow director, who is sick.

FIFTEENTH,

That we look with favor upon the establishment of a Brethren Church in the South Bend district if and when an approved location may be secured.

SIXTEENTH,

That we approve Middletown, O., as a field for a new Brethren Church. That a survey be authorized and the information gained therefrom be ready by Dec. 1st if possible.

SEVENTEENTH,

That a letter of appreciation be sent to Brethren Cashman and Barnard for the work they have done in the Middletown field.

EIGHTEENTH,

That we express our appreciation to the Women's Missionary Council for undertaking to provide a modern parsonage for the Clayhole, Ky. pastor. That this be published in the Home Missions issue of **The Brethren Missionary Herald** as well as the W.M.C. number.

NINETEENTH,

That we approve the general possibilities of a work among the colored people to be undertaken in the church building of the Los Angeles First Brethren Church, if and when it is vacated. That we recommend to the District Board that it use sufficient funds appropriated for new work to make a thorough investigation of all the possibilities and problems connected with such a project. Report to be sent to the office of the Council.

TWENTIETH,

That the Executive Committee be appointed to send suitable fraternal resolutions to Bro. Ed Wolfe who was unable to meet with us this year.

TWENTY FIRST,

That we ask the brotherhood for $30,000.00 to make possible the extension of our work to the new fields now waiting, and that we urge all to pray God to enable us to realize this help.

TWENTY SECOND,

That we approve the placing of a woman worker on our Kentucky field as soon as funds are available, and conditions ready for such a step. Arrangements to be left in the hands of the Executive Committee and to be recommended to the directors.

GOD'S TESTING

A blacksmith, eight years after he had been converted, was approached by an intelligent unbeliever with the question: "Why is it you have so much trouble? I have been watching you. Since you began to 'walk square' and seem to love everybody, you have had twice as many trials and accidents as you had before. I thought that when a man gave himself to God his troubles were over. Isn't that what the parsons tell us?"

With a thoughtful and glowing face, the blacksmith replied: "Do you see this piece of iron? It is for the springs of a carriage. I have been 'tempering' it for some time. To do this I heat it redhot, and then plunge it into a tub of ice water. This I do many times. If I find it taking temper, I heat and hammer it unmercifully. In getting the right piece of iron I found several that were too brittle. So I threw them on the scrap-pile. Those scraps are worth about a cent a pound; this carriage spring is very valuable.

God saves us for something more than to have a good time—that's the way I see it. We have a good time all right, for God's favor means peace and happiness to the soul. But He wants us for service just as I want this piece of iron. Ever since I saw this I have been saying to Him: 'Test me, Lord, in any way You choose; only don't throw me on the scrap-pile.'"

—Just David.

THINK IT OVER

No Christian really forgets prayer meeting night.
Some are not interested.
Some are too tired.
Some are too poor.
Some are seldom absent.
In which class are you?

My Bible --- Can I Depend Upon It?

By Bernard N. Schneider, Pastor, Washington, D. C.

There was a time when I seriously doubted the dependability of the Bible. Before I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Savior some 8 years ago; I used to read book after book acquainting myself with the "mistakes" of the Bible. After meeting with the Lord under the cross, I wanted sincerely to believe the whole Bible as the Word of God, but for a short time there remained with me some honest doubts about its dependability in every verse. The Lord soon opened my eyes, and through the few years of my life as a Christian the conviction that every word of the Bible is the true Word of God has grown stronger, until nothing in the world could shake it. This deep conviction is based upon both experience and knowledge. In this short article I want to give four good reasons why I trust in the Bible as the infallible Word of God.

1. I have complete confidence in the Bible because I have applied its teachings and promises to my own life and have found out that they are true, for they work. In submitting myself to the Lord as His Word tells us to do He has made me a new creature. I have prayed and my Lord has sent remarkable answers. These things are promises of the Bible, and when tried, they worked in my life. I realize that this reason is of a personal nature and does not convince others, but to me it is more convincing than anything else.

2. I have confidence in the Bible because I have observed that its teachings and promises work with others whenever applied. The following is just one example. Five years ago I was sent to Covington to organize a Brethren church. When we came here we found very little with which to accomplish such a task. In fact, it seemed impossible from a human standpoint, and most people here who knew of the intention seriously doubted its consummation. But we had the promises of God in His Word. He had given the command to go out into the world and preach the gospel. He had promised that when His Word was faithfully sown, it would bear fruit. We believed this promise. We acted upon it. God faithfully kept His promise, and as a result we have here now a thriving, self-supporting Brethren congregation. Why shouldn't we have confidence in the Bible as God's Word? He has never failed to make it good in our case.

3. I trust in my Bible because I see its prophecies fulfilled concerning Christ's first coming. Prophecy is what sets the Bible off to itself, towering above all other writings, sacred and otherwise, as the Writings of God. Most religions have their sacred writings, but none of them do accurately foretell the future except in such parts as have been borrowed from the Bible itself.

Anyone with a fair mind, making a close comparison between the O. T. prophecies concerning Christ's birth and death, and their fulfilment in the N. T., cannot help but see that the mind of man did not conceive the writings of the Bible. The foretellings are in no wise general, but exact details are given by the prophets, and fulfilled to the letter. For instance, Isaiah tells us that Christ is to be born of a virgin mother (Isa. 7:14 with Mt. 1:18-23). It must be remembered that this prophet wrote these words some 700 years before Christ was born. Micah tells us the birthplace of Christ over 700 years in advance (Mic. 5:2 with Mt. 2:3-6). David gives us the very minute details of Christ's suffering and death about 1000 years in advance. He tells of the piercing of the hands and feet (Psa. 22:16), of the parting of His garments and the casting of lots over His coat (Psa. 22:18 with Jn. 19:23-24). Even the little detail of having vinegar given Christ to drink was foretold by the Psalmist (Psa. 69:21 with Jn. 19:28-29). And these are only a few convincing samples of this fruitful field of study.

Right here I want to beg the reader's pardon for mentioning another personal experience. Before I was a Christian, I knew about these prophecies. But I had many doubts as to their originality. Even after I became a Christian, secret doubts would steal into my heart concerning these things. How was I to know for certain that these foretellings had really been written long before they were fulfilled? But one day, soon after being saved, I had a great experience which helped me much in exchanging certainty for honest doubts. I was hunting in an encyclopedia for some detail concerning ancient history. Suddenly I stopped. I was reading that among other noteworthy deeds of a certain ancient ruler who lived a few hundred years before Christ came to earth, was the fact that he had ordered a group of educated men to translate the O. T. Bible from the Hebrew language to the Greek language of his country. I read this for the second time. It was something worth while to me, especially since it was found in a worldly encyclopedia of facts. Of course, all this is well known to ministers and Bible students, but to my young Christian life it meant a great deal. If the O. T. was already translated from one language into another 200 years before Christ came to earth, then those prophecies concerning His first coming are a wonderful proof of the trustworthiness of the Bible for they were literally fulfilled. No mere human could make such accurate predictions concerning a certain person centuries in advance.

4. I trust my Bible because its ancient prophecies concerning this present time are being fulfilled be-

fore our eyes today in such a wonderful manner that it ought to convince even the most sceptical. One can sometimes take a front page of one of our daily newspapers, and a page from the Bible, and laying them side by side be tempted to think that the same editor had dictated the contents of both, so plainly are the events of today the fulfilment of the foretellings of God's Word.

The history of the Jews has always been an excellent commentary on the Bible. But today their plight speaks louder than ever confirming the words of our Lord: "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law until all be fulfilled" (Mt. 5:18). Who can read the graphic description of their dismal existence among the nations of the world in this age as foretold in Deut. 29, and then read about their inhuman treatment in many parts of the world today without an apparent cause or human explanation, and not be convinced that the Bible is trustworthy?

We read concerning the Jewish people: "And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from one end of the earth even unto the other" (no prophecy was ever more literally fulfilled) "and among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest" (Deut. 29:64-65). Think of the Jews being shoved about in the world today. Unwanted, but present everywhere! A few years ago they were fleeing from Germany to Austria for safety. But there their rest was short lived as Hitler soon took that over. Czecho-Slovakia seemed to be a safe haven, and many tried to enter that country. But, alas, Hitler soon swept that nation into his "Lebensraum," and many thousands of Jews tried to escape. Even the poverty of Poland seemed better for a time than the Nazi concentration camp. And now Poland has its Nazi concentration camps. Today there are several million Jews homeless and moneyless in Central Europe, wondering what will be happening to them next. Recently we read of hundreds who died while being shipped in cattle cars back and forth between Berlin and Warsaw in zero weather. Thousands have taken refuge on ships, sailing the seven seas, hoping that some nation will act human and let their feet touch solid earth again. "No rest for the sole of thy foot" says the sacred record. How literally true.

"But the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee, and thou shalt fear day and night, and thou shalt have none assurance of thy life" (Deut. 29:65-66). Who can read these words, which are only a small sample of the great store of prophecy concerning the Jews, and not be convinced that not man but God is the author of the Bible, when we see them being fulfilled so accurately. The evidence is too convincing, and is the more convincing the closer it is examined. Furthermore this same Bible tells us that the Jews will suffer these things among the nations until a certain time when they shall be regathered to their own land for the last drama of their already colorful life story. There they must yet endure the time of "Jacob's trouble" before they will fulfill the purpose of their calling, and receive their King and kingdom. Again, the events of our day bear out the accuracy of God's Word, and slowly the children of Israel are stealing home to Palestine.

To all these evidences we could add many others. There is for instance the unnatural friendship of Russia and Germany, so plainly foretold in the Bible. But, what further evidence do we need? Let us praise the Lord that He has given us His Word, and let us heed its goodly instructions to us, for: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16).

New Books For Your Library

Books reviewed in this column we consider fundamental to the Christian standard, although there may be some small portions with which we do not agree or of which we cannot approve. In such instances we shall call attention to that with which we are not in accord.

Books reviewed here may be procured from The Brethren Missionary Herald Co., 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

LIVES THAT OFT REMIND US

By Enos Cox
176 Pages; Cloth binding; Price, $1.00

This book gives us 20 pen portraits of 20 outstanding Old Testament Bible characters of which the following are examples: Mrs. Noah, an old-time preacher's wife; Esau, the man who could not wait; Jochebed, a mighty mother; Eli, a father who failed; Caleb, a Puritan of long ago.

The lives of these men and women speak with a real message to men and women of today who are faced with like problems. The lives of those of olden times of "like passions as we" herein set forth truths being just those which readily find their way to hearts hungering after spiritual help in the everyday. busy routine of life.

—Mrs. Earl Virts

FOUR KINDS OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Those who are saved and know it.
Those who are saved and do not know it.
Those who are not saved but think they are.
Those who are not saved and do not care.
P.S.—My Classification is .....

The Greatest Need

(Given as a talk at a special Home Mission service at Roanoke, Va. by Mrs. Dewey Murray and not planned originally for publication.—R.P.M.)

Almost to another Thanksgiving season, and God has preserved us as individuals, and as a church! Unworthy and undeserving though all of us are, I am sure we would have to admit; yet God has bountifully blessed us in too many ways to mention this morning. Then surely in the hearts of His children at this season of the year there will be a spirit of thankfulness that will manifest itself in action.

I know we will not have to be reminded that this is the time when we will receive our Home Mission offering, for many have been remembering this most important offering in prayer and several have made contributions already, while quite a few have dime collectors as a reminder.

But lest there be one Christian who may not feel his or her responsibility in this **the greatest need** perhaps for a large Home Mission offering up to this time, we do come to you this morning asking that you will seek the Lord's will, and as He leads, do your very best for Him this time.

To be a Christian is to be Christ-like; and if we would follow Christ we must discharge our obligations to our fellowmen, for Christianity puts us in debt to every man, woman and child. It is estimated that there are over 70,000,000 people in the United States, our home land, that do not belong to any church. Surely after 1900 years someone has failed to "go . . . therefore and preach the gospel to every creature," as commanded in Mt. 28:19, 20, and have they failed to go because we have not made it possible by bringing the gifts that rightfully belong to Him to be used in His service? For most part, I believe our people are missionary minded. Many sacrificial gifts in the past have proven as much. But we dare not let up in our giving while there is still one without the message of salvation.

It is very evident that America is facing moral collapse, and low ideals and morals result in just what we are witnessing in America today, economic chaos. Experts tell us that one half the adults in the U. S. today are gamblers. Next to China and India the U. S. is the greatest consumer of dope. And the Federal Narcotics Bureau claims that one third of the drug addicts in the U. S. are children in their teens. Think of it!

It is also estimated that 115,000,000 people attend the movies weekly. Many of this number are church members. A late survey among boys in several reformatories and houses of correction revealed that most of their crime training was received at the movies. Al Capone of gangland fame said, "No children should be allowed to attend the moving picture theatre of the present time." What a rebuke to parents, especially professing Christians, that a gangster might be more concerned about where his children go, than they.

With our prisons being filled at the rate of 500 weekly, homes wrecked daily by separation and divorce, liquor sales increasing by leaps and bounds, why do I mention these things? (They are not new to any of us.) **Because we who have the remedy look on these so lightly.** What would we think of a doctor who had the remedy for something that was causing physical death daily, if he did not do everything within his power to prevent it? Yet we are face to face with something much more serious, and that is the multitudes who are spiritually dead; and how much do we do about it?

God has told us in Ezek. 33:8, 9, that if we do not warn the wicked, they shall die in their sins, but their blood will He require at our hands But He also says if we warn them and they turn not from their sins, we have delivered our souls.

Surely the need is for more old-fashioned Bible preaching and teaching, and unless we somehow get a vision of this **need** we will not be willing to make the sacrifices necessary to make possible such a program.

When faith in the infallibility and integrity of God's Word is undermined we can expect a race of demoralized men and women to rise up; and **modernism, evolution** and **worldliness** have lifted their heads in many pulpits. I believe there are Bible-loving and Bible-believing Christians today supporting unaware the programs of modernistic atheistic denominational colleges and seminaries which have sold their birthright for a mess of pottage.

A man who was president of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism and a graduate of one of the larger denominational colleges recently said this, "Modernism has taken over control of our major denominations today and the dumb fundamentalists are helping to foot the bill."

May God help us to stand loyally by our schools that uphold the "faith of our fathers" and by the pastors who fearlessly proclaim the whole truths of God's Word. We believe that we are in the eventide of this church age, for certainly there is "distress of nations with perplexity" in our day and "men's hearts failing them for fear." But our Lord has told us in Lk. 21:28 "when these things begin to come to pass then look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." We know that it is darkest just before dawn and we believe there is going to be a glorious daybreak soon, when the "Sun of Righteousness" shall arise with healing in His wings. There seems to be no other solution for the problems of the world but the return of our Lord. But we must not become so

interested in His coming that we fail to occupy or do business for Him until He comes.

The gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed and lived in the power of the Spirit is the only force that can hope to cope with the evil in this unregenerate world. I believe The Brethren Church possesses this gospel, and home missions is the only avenue of extending this pure gospel throughout America. The task calls for the entire church to be aroused, consecrated and active, using every means at our disposal; and let's not forget to pray.

When Israel was about to be destroyed because of their unbelief, Moses prayed earnestly for them and they were spared for Moses' sake; and again when the entire nation of Israel had sunk into idolatry and were about to be destroyed, Elijah prayed for God to show His power and turn them back, and the fire fell, and a nation was saved that day. We have the same prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God today.

And because atheism, modernism, and materialism threaten, because apostasy is eating the heart out of the church, and because many Christians are discouraged and are throwing away their faith and their Bibles, The Brethren Church should double her efforts that we might prove true to God in such a time as this, to send forth the gospel as never before, to build more churches dedicated to the whole gospel. And to do this through our Brethren Home Missions Council is a good way to enlarge our work throughout our land. Their success in the past is evidence that God is blessing the work of home missions in our church.

What will be our answer to this need in the next couple of weeks when the offering is received? I believe that God intended His children to have the necessities of life, but most of us today feel that we do not have our needs unless we have every comfort or convenience. Remember that Christ once said while here, "The foxes have holes and the birds have their nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head."

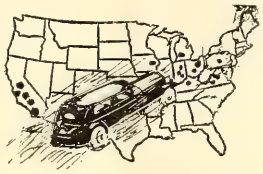
He gave up everything, and came and lived like that for you and me, then died on the cross and purchased our redemption. Will we give Him just the leftovers, or will we put Him first? This is a question each person will have to answer for himself.

Snappy SERMON STARTERS

THE PICTURE OF A FOOL

His belief: "There is no God (Ps. 14:1).
His walk: "In darkness" (Eccles. 2:14).
His pleasure: "As crackling of thorns" (Eccles. 7:6).
His house: "Built . . . upon the sand" (Mt. 7:26).
His end: "This night of thee" (Lk. 12:20).

"What The Home Missions Council Is Doing"



ACROSS THE NATION

with our secretary

A Blessed Directors' Meeting

Each year the Directors of the Home Missions Council meet and lay out an entire year's work before the Lord. Everything is done wholly on faith, expecting God to provide for His work. Until one has gone through an experience of sitting through all the sessions of an annual meeting over 10 days of time, and observing all that is involved in the problems of such work, and the wide reach of the responsibilities of our expanding fields, it is impossible to appreciate the weight that is on the hearts of our directors when they come to each meeting. To keep from going beyond the Lord's leading, and likewise to keep from lagging behind His leading through lack of faith, is constantly before us. When the directors leave an annual session, having budgeted many thousands of dollars for the work ahead for one year, they have done so with practically nothing in the treasury. They have acted believing that God will move upon the hearts of His people to provide for all the needs. And God has always honored their faith by providing more than we have asked. The happy hours come at the opening of each annual meeting when the report of the year's work is made and the story of God's wonderful working is revealed. Each year the directors grow in faith to attempt greater things. This year was an exceptionally blessed time in every way.

Our Largest Thanksgiving Offering

This was our first full year's work. The Council was but 21 months old when this year's annual report was made. Nevertheless an offering of $24,552.73 was laid at the feet of our blessed Lord for home missions during the year. It was cause for great joy in the hearts of the directors you can be sure. This offering was pure gifts in the general fund alone. Including **all** funds the year's receipts aside from balances carried over was $27,564.02. To us this was clear and distinct evidences of God's approval of our dependence upon Him and in the type of work we are doing in spreading the gospel here in America. We give Him all the praise.

Nine New Congregations Established

This is the touchstone of all that we do. It is the actual new congregations of believers that are founded that really test the success of all home mission work. Nine new churches were established during the year, and two fields were given primary attention as prospective congregations. This is the largest year's

work Brethren home missions has ever experienced. It is enough to make Brethren hearts everywhere to rejoice with a great rejoicing. It is the distinct evidence of the favor of God.

Five More Fields Ready for Entrance

Just as soon as men and means are available the Council plans to enter Bakersfield, Calif., Middletown, O., South Mansfield, O., North Akron, O., and two sections of Dayton, O., where good fields are waiting. God is leading and calling on. The Lord is drawing nigh, our time is so short in which to accomplish so much, and we have lost so much time that should have been used in doing the very thing we are now witnessing, that we must do the extraordinary thing today. That is why the Council has felt led to ask for a larger Thanksgiving offering for the coming year. We believe God is leading and will enable our people to provide for the work He has laid at our door. This is why the Council established the Brethren Student Life Volunteers in order to supply many more young preachers of the gospel to enable us to take these fields for Christ.

Vigorous Mission Points

We are not building mission points that lay on the Council for 20 years feeding at the trough. Our missions now are vigorous, and responsible. Last year our mission points added 342 souls to their work, and raised almost $50,000.00 for their own works and for missions, a sum equal to three times as much as the Council gave them. This is a clear testimony as to the splendid type of administration that the Council outlines for its mission points today. Such works merit the finest confidence that the Lord's money is being wisely used to the greatest good when given to the Thanksgiving offering for home missions.

Brother Johanson Sick

Our sessions were saddened by the serious illness of our Bro. William Johanson, one of our fellow directors. At present writing he is at his home in Shipshewanna, Ind., and is reported to be improving. We are definitely praying for him that God will be glorified in his complete recovery. Let all who pray remember him. He has been a very helpful member of the Council. He made some beautiful tables for our office, and planned to make the pews for the Clayhole church, but was prevented by this illness.

A Great Sight

The Brethren Home Missions Council is definitely set for the preaching and defence of the gosepl of Christ, no more, no less. It is written into our charter that the directors of the Council and all pastors and employees must sign the statement of faith written therein. The unhesitating way, to say nothing of the eagerness with which each one arose to sign his name to the statement at the meeting of the corporation on Saturday morning, and thus render his hearty endorsement to it, was a sight to behold. Men who believe the whole gospel are not ashamed to testify to it at all times. This is the kind of men who are establishing Brethren home missions today.

A Blessed Time of Fellowship

It has been the custom to have a gathering of the directors and their wives with the mission pastors and their wives at some time during each national conference. This year it was held on Friday night in the dining hall of Bethany Camp. The Spirit of optimism, joy, and good will pervaded all. There were 45 present. Roy A. Patterson, president of the Council, presided as toastmaster, and a mighty fine job he did of it too. In his opening remarks he recalled how, just two years ago, four of the present directors stood alone in protest against methods that we believed to be certain death to the growth of The Brethren Church, and left the old home mission board. That day we had nothing but our integrity and our faith in God. We had no mission points and no funds—not even an organization. That to look over that fine assembly of directors and mission pastors now and know of the wonders God hath wrought among us and for us during these two years was heart filling. We all echoed a hearty "amen." Then followed short talks from our mission pastors. These talks were filled with information, humor and optimism. The pastors wives were not called upon, but we believe that they will get a chance next year to tell what they think about things! The entire meeting was interspersed with gospel choruses, sung with zest. At the close the president had all of us to form a circle around the dining hall and sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." It was a great time. Mission pastors and their wives went out feeling deeply moved and knowing that their labors and sacrifices were not unnoticed, and that we were all together devoted to the great work. Directors had a new sense of appreciation of what the boys on the field are facing and feeling. It means great things for the future when we are "all for one and one for all." We give Him all the glory.

Revival at Pleasant Grove, Iowa

Twenty years ago we held a meeting in the Pleasant Grove church and had a fine time then. For quite a while the folks have been asking that we return again. It has been a little trying to find a time to come, but finally we made it for two weeks.

It has been a pleasure to return and meet again so many friends of other days. We found the church smaller than when we were here before. But it is a credit to the laymen here that there is a Brethren Church left at all in this place. They have been most of the time without a Brethren pastor at all. One thing is certain, we can't build Brethren churches without Brethren pastors. Other pastors may be friendly and helpful at times, but they cannot build

up The Brethren Church. It takes a man who is dedicated to the things The Brethren Church believes and is passionate in teaching and practicing them.

There is a fine fundamentalist preacher in this community who has been doing what he could for this Brethren Church but he has had so little time to give to the work with his other duties that he has been unable to accomplish much. He is a very fine man and we believe that God has a greater work for him and one that will draw him much closer to our own.

The attendance at the meeting has been fine and the interest growing. However conviction proved slow to make its appearance. Finally the break came and a regular landslide of spiritual blessing came upon the meeting. Many were saved, lives were changed, offenses that had been allowed to live for years were adjusted and forgiven, and the congregation voted to buy a parsonage and raised $850 to that end. They voted to provide a permanent pastor for the church. All in all we had a great time of blessing at Pleasant Grove. We returned a week later to baptize a number of whole families and many others. We give God all the glory and rejoice that there is a beginning of greater things.

Our home during the meetings was with Brother and Sister John Myers. It is the home of the missionaries when they come this way, for it is the paternal home of our Sister Stella Myers who is now in Africa. It has been a happy home for us. Our time has been made most pleasant by the many invitations to the homes of the members of the congregation. Their hospitality is incomparable. We hope to return again.

Home Mission Pictures

We are now on the road with the motion pictures showing the wide reaches of our work and the wonderful advances made during the last two years. We are now in the west central district and will start in Ohio after this. Everywhere we go the pictures are proving enlightening to the folks who have never had an idea of the real scope of our Home Mission fields.

A man was telling his minister that his neighbor was "the biggest fool in the place," because, although seriously ill, he refused to have a doctor. He concluded by remarking, "I believe the man is mentally deranged." "Well," said the minister, "I know a far greater fool in this town—one who, although a hopeless sinner, refuses to believe God's verdict and apply God's remedy. Supposing now 'thou art that man'? The shaft went home, and the man, convicted of his sin and folly, was soon after saved by grace.

"REMEMBER, that when you're in the right you can afford to keep your temper and when you're in the wrong you can't afford to lose it."

HERE AND THERE

By Robert Culver

The First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind. heard the resignation of their pastor, Leo Polman, Sept. 15, and accepted it. We read in the Fort Wayne News Sentinel dated Mon., Sept. 30, "First Brethren Church, 3326 South Calhoun St., voted to extend a call to the Rev. John Aeby, pastor of First Brethren Church in Middlebranch, O., in a special meeting following the Sunday night service. It is assumed by officials of the church that he will accept the call."

By invitation of Rev. Ralph Stewart, program director of W.M.B.I., Moody Bible Institute Radio Station, Rev. Leo Polman will bring evangelistic messages each noon and speak on pastor's hour, and to students, Dec. 16-20.

The America Back to God Quartette, sponsored by Dr. John Zoller, famous radio preacher of Detroit, Mich. conducted meetings in the Brethren Church, Wooster, O. of which John H. Squires is pastor, Sept. 16-18. The auditorium of the church was filled to overflowing; in fact, one evening many were forced to stand outside the windows to hear the program. Souls were saved and a real testimony for Christ was left in the city of Wooster.

During the week beginning Sept. 9, Dr. L. S. Bauman, pastor of our First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., was speaker at the City-wide Bible Conference, under the sponsorship of Waterloo Bible Institute, Waterloo, Ia.

Pastor Geo. Richardson of First Brethren Church, Glendale, Calif. and **Pastor Frank Coleman Jr.** of Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Ia. are conducting special training classes in their churches to train men in the work of public ministry. Bro. Richardson's class is advertised as "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons," and Bro. Coleman's as "Study of N. T. Greek, and other subjects."

The First Brethren Church, Allentown, Pa. is the host this year to the "School of The Open Bible" of that city. The school meets twice weekly. Pastor J. L. Gingrich, one of the six teachers, teaches Bible Doctrine.

THE WORTHY LAMB

Rev. 5:12

To be the object of our **faith**—Acts 16:31.
To be the object of our **worship**—Jn. 9:38.
To be the object of our **adoration**—Ps. 9:1.
To be the object of our **service**—Mt. 10:38.
To be the object of our **holiness**—1 Pet. 1:15-16.

—R. S. B.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

THE HOME MISSION TREE

Home Mission Story No. 5

When the children entered Miss Bryce's pleasant Sunday School room one bright Sunday morning they all looked with great curiosity at an object standing in the front of the room. It was a beautiful little tree planted in a large tub, and the children wondered why it stood there.

As soon as the songs and prayers were over Miss Bryce called their attention to their new guest.

"I have invited this little cherry tree to be our guest today because it has many lessons to teach us about our great church.

"First of all, this little tree has a witness, or testimony, to the goodness of God. Can any of you children tell us some of the ways in which this little tree shows its testimony?

"It gives us fruit," said one child.

"It gives us shade," said another.

"Wood for furniture." "Firewood." "Branches where birds can nest." The answers came thick and fast.

"Those things are all true," answered Miss Bryce. "As we look at this little tree we can see the promise of all these things. As we look, too, at our great church we wish it to have just such a testimony in foreign lands. We wish it to have the fruit there of saved souls and hearts happy because they belong to Christ. We wish them to receive comfort and happy homes and a bright future through the gospel that we send to them.

"This little tree also shows what is necessary if we are to send this testimony forth. If Paul and David will come and help me, we will show you what makes this tree's testimony possible.

The two boys lifted the tree out of the soil about it, and while David held it Paul carefully cut away the burlap that was fastened in a great ball at the base of the tree. Carefully Miss Bryce began to pull out long clinging tendrils from the dense ball.

"Do you see, children, how many roots this little tree has?" she asked. "If we were to spread them out they would be more in number than the branches. Without all these roots that are hidden from our sight the tree could not live. If something should cut them away or injure them the tree would die. Only when the roots can spread and go deep into the ground can the tree grow tall and beautiful and fruitful.

"Now you know the secret of a great foreign mission testimony. It is a strong, growing, fruitful church in the homeland—the roots that can provide a heavy harvest over there.

"Our story hour is almost over, but before we go we must take our tree over to the parsonage yard and plant it. I have already spoken to our minister about it and we have fine soil all prepared for its roots. Then we can watch it grow and bloom and bear fruit. Let us call it our Home Mission Tree, and may it always remind us to keep our church strong and growing."

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

NEW TROY, MICH.

We have just finished a time of blessed fellowship under the ministry of Bro. Charles Ashman.

There was an extreme hardness on the part of the unsaved during the meetings. It seemed as though all of Satan's forces were united in resistance to the pleading of the Holy Spirit. This resistance was just beginning to break down when the time for the meeting to close was here. Our only wish is that it might have been possible for Bro. Ashman to have stayed with us longer.

There were several very definite results of the meeting. First of all there were the open decisions for Christ. The number was not as large as we had hoped but each one who came came as a result of definite deliberate decision. None of them came because of overwrought emotion, therefore they should be stable as they grow in the Christian life. One lady came the last evening of the meeting and made a reaffirmation of faith. She joined the Brethren Church here years ago but has since drifted into the world. There were also two men in the church who came and laid habits before the Lord. There are a number of Christians without church homes whom we hope may yet come and join with us.

The greatest results of the meeting are coming in other ways, primarily in that there is a new interest and vision in reaching the unsaved, both by the pastor and the people. The pastor and evangelist visited home after home where the people make absolutely no profession of faith. Bro. Ashman made the statement that he saw more families who make no profession whatever than his home church contacts in a year's time. We are working on a three-fold plan to reach these people. First, an organized soul-winner's band, encouraging every Christian to be a personal worker. Second, a missionary speaker at least once each three-month period. One class is already carrying on this program. Third, a tent meeting each summer, and an evangelistic meeting each winter. We are also planning to have a summer Bible School for the children next summer. As the Lord may open the way we are praying that these plans may be used in reaching the lost.

His and Yours,

Russell L. Williams.

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"I have been reading **The Brethren Missionary Herald** through my neighbor and think it's fine and would like to subscribe for myself, so am enclosing $1.00."—W. O., Indiana.

THE PREPARED HEART

Maria Hare, a very devout woman who knew how to pray, gave a great secret of prevailing prayer when she said: "When kneeling down to pray, if for a few minutes you would be still and not attempt either to pray or think, but quiet your mind before God, it prepares the soul for the Holy Spirit to move upon its waters, and I find that words are poured into my mind without effort of my own, and real prayer is more the result."

A Nation Wide Call To Prayer For All Brethren

Wednesday, November 20th

Never has there been a time when Brethren as a people needed to cast themselves before the Lord in prayer as in this hour

FIRST, that we shall not "leave our first love." The danger of any people in times of great stress and struggle is to lose sight of Jesus Christ. Like Peter, they look at the storm waves instead of the Lord. We must keep our eyes on Him.

SECOND, that we shall be kept from a spirit of bitterness over the unhappy and unfortunate occurrences of the past.

THIRD, that we shall be wholly absorbed in the future and the fact that we have much to do in a very short time.

FOURTH, that we shall prove worthy before God of the wonderful opportunities He is giving us to reach new fields for the gospel.

FIFTH, that He will raise up many young men of ability with hearts afire for Christ to enter these new fields and to take them for God.

SIXTH, that He will send in the $30,000 needed to care for our 21 mission points and the new fields just starting. The Thanksgiving Offering is our only time to provide this need.

SEVENTH, that the Directors of the Council may have the wisdom of the Spirit of God in the many perplexing and difficult problems that are constantly arising in the accomplishing of this work.

EIGHTH, that sufficient additional Jewish Conferences shall be held yet this year to enable us to provide for our Jewish Mission in Los Angeles.

ABOVE ALL THINGS PRAY THAT OUR FATHER GOD SHALL BE GLORIFIED IN US AS WE HOLD UP THE GOSPEL IN THE CLOSING HOURS OF THIS AGE.

——PROGRAM——
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

AFTERNOON SERVICE:

Hymn—"Jesus Shall Reign."

Scripture—I Thessalonians 1:2-10

Hymn—"The Name of Jesus"

Message by the pastor:
"Brethren Missions, a Life-line to the Perishing in America!"

Distribution of Home Mission folders
(Place the names of the mission pastors and their fields on a blackboard.)

Time for prayer by all

Hymn—"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

EVENING SERVICE:

Hymn—"O For a Thousand Tongues."

Scripture—II Corinthians 9

Special music—"He Died Not In Vain"
(Duet for Mezzo Soprano and Tenor)

Message by pastor or a member of Council:
"The Challenge of God to the Brethren Church in 1941!"

—or—

"The Presentation of an Unchanging Christ to a Changing World through Brethren Missions!"

Free discussion with the pastor of the needs in Brethren home mission points, followed by a season of prayer by all.

Hymn—"Harvest Time."

—Prepared by Arnold Kriegbaum.

GOD HAS A PLAN

He has a physical plan for this universe. The sun, moon, stars, and earth move according to that plan.

He also has a spiritual plan for His kingdom.

He surely must have a financial plan for His church. It is unthinkable that the God of order and system and law in everything else, would leave so important a matter as financing His church to haphazard methods, mere emotional decisions, and "as you like it" plans.

God's plan is for God's people to bring God's money to God's house on God's day for God's glory. "Bring ye all the tithes . . ."—Mal. 3:10. "Upon the first day of the week."—I Cor. 16:2.

HE EVER LIVETH TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR US

You may forget to pray for me, my friend. O shame,
I may forget to pray for you; but praise His name,
There ever liveth One Who stands before God's throne,
And day and night makes intercession for His own!

Can fear or worry, sin or failure, find a place
Within this guarded life of mine? O matchless grace
Of Him Who knows and meets my every need as He,
The wondrous Lord of glory, daily prays for me!

—Martha Snell Nicholson.

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THEY THAT GO DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS ..... SHALL SEE THE WORKS OF THE LORD, AND HIS WONDERS IN THE DEEP
—Psalm 107.

—Courtesy Florida Chamber of Commerce

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Our Boy's and Girl's Very Own Page

"BOUCA TRUE STORY"

By Mrs. Joseph Foster

Quite some distance from the Bouca Post in the bush, there lives a black farmer; who, every year plants large gardens of kaffir corn. The place where he lives is infested with macaques. The macaque belongs to the monkey family. He is big, has a stout body and strong muscles. Every year these bold macaques cause this farmer a great many heartaches; because they always feed on his kaffir corn after it is harvested.

Last year the farmer built a large "barn" wherein to store his grain. Now African barns are altogether different than those at home. They are very large, round baskets made of strong reed and reinforced with sticks. A strong platform is built, then the basket is set on top of it; a detachable cone shaped roof is made of poles and grass, and is placed on top of the basket. In the spring of the year before the rains begin, the farmer puts the grain into the basket, places the roof on top of it, and it is safe until he uses it.

Now in the family of macaques there was an old great-grandfather, who was very bold. He always traveled alone when he went out to hunt food. He seemed to know the very day when the grain was stored in the "barn"; for immediately he made his appearance. Every day he came, and every day the farmer tried to spear him. But the monkey, even though old, was to agile for the man. He always came in the morning, when there was no one about. In his nimble way he climbed on to the platform, stood there a moment looking this way and that, and seeing no one he pushed his hand through the grass roof into the basket and brought it out full of grain. This performance he repeated until his appetite was satisfied.

The farmer was desperate, because his food was disappearing all too fast. One day he called his brother, and asked him to help catch the monkey. This brother was a big, husky fellow with plenty of strength. The farmer proposed that the brother hide in the "barn," and when the thief put his hand through the grass, the brother grab it and hold on tight until the farmer killed the invader. It seemed like a hazardous task, but since there was nothing to lose, and perhaps much to gain, the brother consented.

Early the following morning before the macaque made his appearance; the roof was lifted off the basket, the brother climbed in and after he was well seated, the roof was replaced. The farmer hid close by. Soon he saw the thief come, jump on the platform and look all around. Seeing no one, he thrust his hand through the grass, pulled it out full of grain, and ate it. In went the hand the second time, but instead of it coming out as before; he began to yell and shriek, squirm and wriggle; but try as he would, he could not dislodge his hand, for it was caught as in a vise. The brother held on with all his might, while the farmer ran quickly and speared the macaque to death. His persistance in stealing brought him to an untimely end.

I wonder whether there are any boys and girls like this macque? The longer he lived, the more he stole. Boys and girls sometimes commit little sins, but they are not caught in them, and the little sins grow to big ones. The older they grow, the more they yielded to the sinful temptations that Satan sets before them, until like the macaque they die in their sins.

If the thief had heeded the warnings of the farmer, he would still be alive. So it is with the boys and girls who heed the "good news" of God's Word. For He said, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Therefore let us be obedient to the Word of God, and live.

A PRAYER

Loving Jesus, meek and mild,
Look upon a little child.
Make me loving as thou art.
Come and live within my heart.
Take my childish hand in thine,
Guide these little feet of mine.

—Charles Wesley.

And the man **believed the word** . . . and he **went** his way. **Believing** the Word of God is something infinitely greater than going through certain motions of religious profession. It is the **exercise of faith** that **puts God into motion** to perform miracles, if need be, in answer to the prayers of those who **believe His Word.**

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OBJECTIVES FOR 1940-1941

1. Four major offerings:
   September, October, November — Our National Expense Fund. Need $920.
   December, January, February — Bozoum Seminary for native evangelists. Need $800.
   March, April, May — Grace Theological Seminary. Need $500.
   June, July, August — Home Missions. Need $500.
2. Scrap books made for mission study.
3. Daily prayer cards for home and foreign missionaries.
4. That we encourage daily Bible reading with number of chapters reported at each council meeting.
5. That we encourage definite witnessing to the unsaved on the part of every Council.
6. That we urge our women to aid in getting The Brethren Missionary Herald into every home in the church.

EDITORIALS

Also a Missionary Project

Already we are approaching the end of our first major offering period. November is the final month for the ingathering of our National Expense Fund. The need is $920, and many questions have been asked of your editor concerning this offering. Why is it so large? Why make it the first offering, ahead of our regular missionary projects? These are the two most frequently asked, and if the Council members in our own district desire to know these things, no doubt there are others over the Brotherhood who are similarly interested. So we use this opportunity to answer these questions for the greatest possible number of our women.

Why do we ask so much? Perhaps the fact that we united two needs in one is the best answer. The National W.M.C. is not planning to spend this sum on running expense alone—only $200 is asked for postage and mimeograph costs for getting out our Devotional Topics, and other incidental office expense items. The $720 additional is needed in order that our W.M.C., which is one of the four main organizations supporting and using The Brethren Missionary Herald to publicize their work, may pay its fair share of the cost of such a paper, which this year is $60 per month.

And then that second question: Why make it the first offering, ahead of regular missionary projects? But it is a missionary project! Neither the Foreign Missionary Board nor the Home Missions Council could long continue their work successfully without a medium of publicity. We must have a church paper, and with a limited subscription list, the expense must be met in other ways, and why not by those organizations which need its columns for their own use? The W.M.C. is one of those organizations, and we know that the space used in The Brethren Missionary Herald last year was blessed by God to help us make the success for which we are praising Him.

As to its being the first offering of the year, some of the funds are immediately necessary for us to carry on the work; and so, after consultation with the various boards, we placed each major offering in what seemed to be the most strategic point in our program.

We trust we have made it clear that the National Expense Fund is a basic project in our missionary endeavors, and we are asking the Lord to make it possible for all to respond, each in her own proper amount, and to make it a great offering for His glory.

Are You a Subscriber?

We have been greatly surprised since National Conference to receive so many letters from various parts of the country asking that we send them monthly the prayer requests, the programs for meetings, and other material which appears regularly in The Brethren Missionary Herald. Some of these dear sisters do not seem to know that we have a medium of publication, and some ask that we mail the material "because we do not get The Brethren Missionary Herald." So far we have answered in each case urging that the individual subscribe for the paper and explaining that we could not possibly spend the time or the money to send this material by mail.

In view of these things we are going to repeat what we said last month about Number 4 in our list of objectives: getting subscriptions for The Brethren Missionary Herald this year will help to cut down the necessity for so large a contribution next year, and our money will be thus released for other purposes.

Of course if you are already a subscriber for The Brethren Missionary Herald, and if every family in your church receives it and reads it regularly, **you** did not need to read this editorial; but if that is not true, better go back now and read it again.

PRAYER REQUESTS

By our National Prayer Chairman: Mrs. Arthur Carey, Rittman, Ohio

Let Us Pray:

1. For an adequate offering from every W.M.C. for our National Expense Fund that we may reach our $920 need.

2. That our local Councils may be able to increase The Brethren Missionary Herald subscriptions by at least 10 per cent.

3. For the annual Thanksgiving offering for home missions, that it may be "abundantly above all that we may ask or think."

4. That a number of consecrated natives may be quickly trained for service in Africa.

5. That those in authority in our United States may accept divine guidance in this time of threat of war.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

Subject: **Glorifying God by Consistency of Life**
Opening Hymn
Prayer: using prayer requests above
Scripture: 1 Cor. 6:9-20
Topic: Glorifying God in Spiritual Life
Topic: Glorifying God in Practical Affairs
Special Number
Missionary Topic: Letter from Dr. Gribble
Business
Closing Prayer

Found in Our Mail

A Letter from our National President

Dear Sisters:

I am very happy to greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It rejoices my heart continually, to know that when He said, "Go ye into all the world," He was not only calling missionaries abroad, but that He must have been assigning some definite work for all of us. The W.M.C. is endeavoring to help our women in their missionary service. Not all of us are called to "go," but all of us are called to serve in some capacity. We are reminded to pray constantly, to give diligently and to be a faithful witness at all times. What a privilege we have of talking to our heavenly Father about our beloved missionaries and to plead for lost souls.

The Brethren Church has a noble band of missionaries in Africa and South America. Although war clouds hover over this old world and our missionaries may be rapidly coming into the very noise of battle, they are undaunted. They are fired to greater activity in order to win more souls while there is yet time. They are training native evangelists as rapidly as possible, so that these native evangelists may carry on the work, if war conditions force our missionaries home. Sisters, we can have a large share in this work by daily intercession. Remember to pray for the missionaries by name, and to ask God to give sufficiency to the native Christians to enable them to give out the Word in truth and power. And of course your local officers have told you that we are giving one major offering to this cause this present year. For three months we shall be gathering our offerings for Bro. Jobson to extend the native work in Bozoum.

I would like to tell you how wonderfully God blessed our work last year. But I can only point out a few specific instances. When we stepped out on faith, a little over a year ago, we undertook to support Bouca Station. We didn't know how much money it would take for Bouca Station at that time. Brother Jobson later wrote that we must give $792. So your officers prayed, and you prayed, and the offering was $794.

Another evidence of answer to prayer was concerning our thank offering to home missions which we always bring to National Conference. Since this was our first conference, none of us had the slightest idea of what to expect. But your president and some others asked the Lord to encourage our women with a $500 offering. After the service we discovered that the ingathering was $510 and more has since come in. Surely God answers prayer! To Him be all the glory. I might go on and tell you of other evidences of direct leading of the Holy Spirit but space will not permit.

Now sisters, if our heavenly Father blessed us so abundantly last year, surely we can trust Him for the present year. May we deepen our devotion to the Word. May we be more faithful in intercessory prayer for the missionaries and the work of the W.M.C. as a whole. May we realize more keenly that His inexhaustible grace may be our daily portion.

Yours in that blessed hope,
Mrs. Homer A. Kent, Natl. Pres. of W.M.C.

Just as we left to attend National Conference the following article was received from Miss Mabel Crawford, one of our missionaries in Africa. Because of the amount of National Conference material, we did not find room for it in the last W.M.C. number; but it is still timely and most interesting.—Ed.

THE EDUCATIONAL WORK OF OUR AFRICAN MISSION

Mabel Crawford

1. The reasons for educational work.
2. The reaction of the natives to it.
3. The results obtained.
4. The requirements of the future.

In a mission work established among a wholly heathen and illiterate people one of the first and most essential elements of that work is the establishing of schools and the attempt to make of an illiterate people one that is literate. No great truths of the Word can long remain true and unadulterated if left to be passed on year after year by word of mouth alone. The great essential of a strong native church is a large Bible-reading constituency.

In lands that have a literature and an educational system of their own this need is supplied when the people, already literate, are presented with the Word of God in their own tongue. But in an illiterate tribe an unreadable book assumes in the mind of the simple hearted native the place of a fetish . . . . the mere possession of a book being sufficient to ward off untold evil. This desire to possess a "book," any paper in fact, simply for the sake of possession and to make an impression upon others just as illiterate as the possessor, is one of the great things against which we have to fight. We want all who can read to have the Word but we hate to see it carried about getting dirty and torn, simply to give the possessor certain privileges and prerogatives among his friends and neighbors. Consequently, the missionary in such surroundings must necessarily be an educator. Men, women, and children must be carefully, diligently, and consistently taught day after day, week by week, year upon year, the simple mechanics of reading until they become familiar enough with letters and sounds to be able to read the Word for themselves. This then should be our first and foremost thought after bringing them to a knowledge of the truth—to have all with whom we come in contact, and especially the Christians, able to read their own language.

But having cared for this need, the educational responsibility has not been fully met. Simple primary teaching does not fill all our need. If missionaries are to be free from the mechanical aspects of their everyday life in order to give themselves to teaching of the Scriptures, they must have some helpers more spe-

cifically trained for special tasks. This need gives rise to the French School as an agency for the training of efficient helpers since all truly educational work has to be done in that language.

Through the medium of the French School young boys can be taught to become good penmen, to have a knowledge of simple figures, to learn to read the French language, to develop their ability to think and to express themselves concisely and accurately, and especially to learn the need of discipline and constant attention to a task rather than to continue in their natural plan of following the desire of the moment. From this group is then chosen our office helpers who quickly learn to keep accounts and statistics, make out reports, run mimeographs and multigraphs, and type with speed and efficiency. To the French School we also look for translation helpers, their knowledge (though perhaps limited) of French being a great help to the understanding of what is meant in a given Scripture passage. Our French Schools also provide us with our best trained and most efficient assistant teachers. Without this corps of trained helpers a missionary is decidedly handicapped; with it one lone missionary can fill the place of four or five. Thus it must be realized that there is a vital need in our mission both for a large Bible-reading Christian community and also for a smaller, select group of specially trained native assistants.

2. Native reaction to our educational plans for their betterment vary according to individuals and according to location. There are many who have a real heart desire to know how to read and who assiduously apply themselves day after day until they gain their desire. Among this group we find many older men to whom learning does not come easy but who eventually find their faith and persistence bearing fruit. There are many others, even among our Christians, also, who feel they are doing us a decided favor in condescending to attend a class, and unless they can have the undivided missionary attention, will not make the effort to come. They are not willing to be taught by another native. To have a steady, daily attendance at an adult class is an ideal, not yet attained but toward which we are striving. There are so many who will come to class when they have nothing else to do or when working for the mission and thus get an hour's relief from manual labor with pay. If, on the other hand, personal desires call, the day is ideal for gardening, etc. many members of the class will be missing. But we must go on as best we can until we reach the place where they themselves will see the advantage of mental developmnt over the constant satisfying of their natural desires.

Work with women is especially difficult. Small children, garden work, food making . . . all these make such a heavy demand upon their time that they do not see the advantages of coming regularly to a class where their mental outlook makes progress at its best a very slow process.

On the whole, children take to reading like "ducks to water." In former days daily class attendance was difficult to attain but in more recent years this evil has been less noticeable. Perhaps the desire to get out of village work has had some effect upon the children. Another incentive to faithful attendance has been the making of a reading vernacular knowledge a pre-requisite to entrance into the French School. All children seem to have that one "star" to which they have hitched their wagon. I am not fully convinced in my own mind when the number in French School is so small that knowing a bit of French is always best for the boy concerned. He is inclined to become "big-headed" and proud rather than thankful for his rare privilege. Consequently we must seek that in their pursuit after wisdom they get "understanding" also and that they become grounded in God's Word and receive a vital knowledge of the Lord that will keep their feet on the ground.

Out in the villages of recent months we find a real thirst for learning. Men, women, and children are all expressing the desire to know how to read for themselves the "paper of God." Some chiefs have cooperated in releasing their people early from work that they might attend the classes. In some cases even the chief himself has shown a desire to know how to read. One chief once told Miss Myers that he would give her several sacks of money (a sack is 1000 francs) if she could give him medicine for his eyes so that he too could "see the paper." She told him that reading did not come that way but his patience did not long survive the strain of "here a little, there a little" daily perseverance. In spite of difficulties in the villages—village work, cotton gardens, road building, etc.—we look to our faithful workers to find the faithful few who will "stand by" until they finally learn to read.

3. An attempt to check the results that have been obtained in our educational program is decidedly difficult. Each station on our field is a unit in itself and has its own plans and methods of teaching different from those of the other stations. To have a unified system would be a distinct advantage but successful running of such a system would be very difficult with our present minimum force of workers. However, we do have one aim and for the most part are seeing results: to give every person, man, woman, or child, an opportunity whereby he can learn to read if he really so desires. On our stations we all seek to maintain a number of classes, some missionary-taught, others native-taught, where everyone can find a group suited to his own intellectual development and degree of progress. Methods may vary widely—some using syllables and primers, others using blackboard teaching, some using flash cards, still others using the word method and letting their students read a gospel, picking out words one by one. Despite our widely varying methods we each attain eventually to the same end, that of building up a class who have learned to read for themselves.

For the most part our village catechists and evangelists are now able to read and have little groups at their chapel points whom they are teaching. We are many times gratified to have children and young men come in to us from the far away corners of our field showing a fine knowledge of reading and expressing the desire to buy a Gospel for their own use. Thus we realize that little by little, from one native to another, the ability to read is slowly but surely making headway among the people.

In the French department progress can be more accurately judged. Since students now coming to school are chosen from those who have learned to read, who have been disciplined in the art of daily class attendance and who show a distinct interest in the things of God, there has been a very decided decrease in the percentage of losses due to dismissal through careless attendance and insubordination as

THINK IT OVER

Too many of us are like wheel barrows: useful only when pushed, and easily upset.

well as inability to carry the work. The amount of progress made by a class here in a year's time, as compared with a class of beginners at home, has always been a marvel to me. Now that they come to us with a little training their quick absorption of knowledge is even more marked. They have wonderfully retentive minds, and properly trained and disciplined, make excellent students.

All in all, I feel that our mission has made a large contribution not only to the spiritual uplift of these tribes of central Africa but also to their mental development through our educational program.

4. However, the more we do, the more we realize the tremendous responsibility resting upon us to do still greater things. The task before us is super-human and we realize that only as we who are already trained devote our time to the training of native helpers can we ever hope to see our aim of a Bible-reading church materialize. To reach this goal we must have teachers trained not only mentally but spiritually to cope with the problems they daily meet on the far-flung frontiers of our work far from the mission station. To meet this need is now our greatest burden. Here in the Bassai field we feel that to some extent we are accomplishing that task. Early in this year the workers of the Tali tribe (some 25 in number) were all called in to a central point where they were given two month's intensive study of New Testament truths (using the translation in the trade language) by one of our evangelists who last year attended the Bozoum Bible School. Here at Bassai we now have a group of almost 50 consecrated young men in definite study and training. Miss Myers is teaching Old Testament history and I am giving them the life of Christ. Similar groups and classes are being conducted at the other stations of our mission. To meet the need of training for our more mature Christian workers we have the Central Bible School at Bozoum under Mr. Jobson's supervision.

It has become increasingly evident to many of us that, in these days of uncertainty and lack of workers, our paramount aim must be to multiply our efforts and "bear fruit a hundred fold" by building up a corps of native teachers not only efficient in teaching the mechanics of reading but with a deep heart knowledge of the Lord and His Word, and a burning zeal to impart that knowledge to their own people. They must be willing to go any place, do anything, suffer deprivations and even persecutions in order to spread to others yet without those same advantages, the knowledge they have received.

In so far as missionary and native helper personnel make it possible, we must look to both the Bible Schools and the French Schools to be so adequately equipped as to attain our goal. At the present time we have but two French Schools in mission . . . one at Yaloke meeting the needs of that field, and one at Bassai to care for students from the other stations. Impending furloughs of incumbent teachers and the inability in these war days for new teachers to get the necessary French diplomas casts some doubt over the immediate future of our French School work. It is to be hoped that even under the most reduced circumstances we may be able to keep at least one of the schools open. However, so far our personnel makes it possible, we are going forward in our attempt to contribute to the spiritual and mental betterment of our people. Our future plans are in God's hands and as He unfolds them we will go forward with Him in the shedding of light among these so long steeped in the darkness of sin and illiteracy.

Mrs. T. E. Slaybaugh of Rittman, O. shares with her letters from two South American missionari Thank you, Mrs. Slaybough, and we hope others w follow your example.

From Mrs. J. P. Dowdy of Rio Cuarto, Argenti

Dear Sister in Christ:

Your letter of April 25 came just the day after I se one to you, so you keep me owing you letters alwa

Have you heard anything of the African missiona ies since France was conquered by Germany? We ha been remembering them in prayer and wonderi how things are there. We haven't heard anythi from Dr. Bauman for some time so don't know wha going on.

Some months ago, we were asked to outline a pr gram for here and present the needs. We did, a our great need is autos. Dr. Bauman wrote back sa ing that the board was willing to get us the tran portation but nothing more was heard—I guess b cause the war took a turn for the worse and they b gan to think of other things and forgot us. We rea are in need of autos here. Just now there is only o (an old Model A Ford which Brother Sickel has us hard since 1930) and Paul and Bro. Maconaghy ha quite a time arranging times for that car. Bro. a Sister Maconaghy could do a lot more if they had car of their own and so could we. We have busses he and trains too, but when we go out for meetings have to take along a portable organ, blackboar flannel-graph, a bundle of tracts, a brief case of B bles, song books, etc. besides any other helps. Y can readily see that train or bus travel isn't very hel ful with such a load, and then too one loses a lot time waiting for busses and trains. Just now ma trains have been cut off because of lack of coal a those running are using wood. Soon they'll have begin burning corn. When Bro. Sickel comes back t Maconaghys and we will probably be without a c because this belongs to Bro. Sickel. We are prayi

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that the Lord will provide cars for us by that time. Won't you remember that item for prayer too? We have recently been appointed the directors of this district for the Child Evangelism Fellowship so we will need a means of travel to take care of that.

Are you acquainted with the Child Evangelism Fellowship? I believe that the Lord sent Bro. and Sister Overholtzer (the director and his wife) to us to open our eyes to a new and better means of reaching the lost of this country.

Just this last Sunday a dear old saint went to be with the Lord. She was over 90 years old. Her exact age is not known for she was born in the country and in a time when people thought little of counting years. She accepted Christ as her Savior just last November and was baptized in December. She had been a faithful Catholic before. Her little San Antonio was very much cherished and it was difficult for her to give it up. When she did get rid of it and give her heart to the Lord, it was the beginning of a complete change in her life and from then on her energy was for the Lord's work. During the summer months when we were holding weekly meetings in that section of town, she worked hard inviting people to come and preparing the benches for them to sit on. She loved to hear the gospel choruses and taught them to her grandchildren. She testified for the Lord until the last. She very frequently asked her son-in-law and daughter to pray with her, and the many visitors of the neighborhood stood amazed at the faith she had and the way they prayed. Before dying she said, "I see a great light." Then later she said, "There goes the Lord." Then, "Here He comes for me." Later, "Well, daughter, I have obtained the glorious possession." Then she went to sleep. She was only sick two weeks. Had been here to S. S. just two weeks before going to be with Christ.

Her funeral was the nicest Christian one I've seen since being in this country. The gospel was preached in a clear way to those unsaved who were gathered. No candles were burned nor a cross at the head of her casket. And the traditional Catholic cross above the hearse was removed for this occasion.

My, how the hours pass. Here it is 11:30 P.M. The boys have long since been sleeping. They are well. Roger is walking everywhere. He began at 9½ months. Yesterday, July 23, he was 11 months old. He is quite a boy and a nice companion for Jimmy.

Give my greetings to all the Brethren there.

Yours in Christ,
Dortha Dowdy

And Another Letter From Ricardo E. Wagner, Missionary at Almafuerte, Argentina

Dear Sister Slaybaugh:

I thank you so much for your letter, and much more for your prayers which are what we most need in this place. At times one cannot explain why one effort brings no results or why another is a success. But when we discover the secret forces which operate together with our activities, then we realize the why of the failure or success of our task.

Such is our case. When I look over the summary of a year's work, such as the one I have just completed, I can only exclaim, "Thanks, O Lord, for the invisible forces which Thou hast granted us to complete the task before us." These forces are the prayers of many who have sustained us in the struggle just as Moses' hands were held up. The 3,000 converts at Pentecost was the result of a former prayer circle (Acts 1:13, 14) that prepared the messenger and the field, and we note that **women** took part in these prayers (Acts 1:13, 14; 2:41, 42).

So do not feel that your privilege is less than that of those who have obeyed the "go ye," for in your prayers you are participating in the work in this part of the Lord's vineyard where you cannot be present personally.

And now I will tell you, a co-worker in prayer, something of our field of labor and the blessings which we have had.

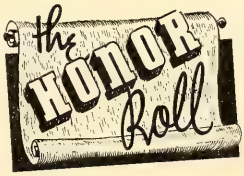
Our residence is in Almafuerte. Here we have Sunday School and two other meetings each week. Other places where we have weekly meetings are Berrotaran and Elna. We also have a meeting every two weks in the hills. The work in Almafuerte was started 12 years ago, but in the other places it is now, not quite two years old. Apart from this we visit, whenever it is possible, the towns round about us.

During the year we have had Daily Vacation Bible School in three places and have given out about 15,-500 tracts. There have been 39 manifestations of conversion and more than half of this number have been received into the church. Two families have been lost to Russellism.

The hardest field is Berrotaran. On two occasions all of the window panes of the mission hall have been broken. The Roman Catholic Church has much influence over the people there, but nevertheless the Lord has called out a faithful little group to His name.

We thank you again, Sister Slaybaugh, and wish you the best blessings. Regards from my wife (formerly Laura Evangeline Larson).

Your brother in Christ,
R. E. Wagner



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Goals for Year 1940 and 1941

1. Twelve devotional meetings using suggested material.
2. Bible reading: The four Gospels and the Acts.
   Junior reading: John and Mark. 50% membership completing Bible reading.
3. Membership project.
4. Cabinet meetings in fall and spring.
5. Bandages sent to bandage Sec'y by July 31, and at least one other benevolent work during the year.
6. Offering sent to financial secretary by Jan. 31 and July 31 for administrative purposes.
7. Two thank offerings received during the year and sent to financial secretary. These may be taken any time during the year to be sent in at the same time as the regular offering.

A life without a goal does not accomplish much. As Sisterhood girls there are certain things expected of us; these goals are some of them. Due to lack of space they are not discussed in detail, but should there be any question concerning them or any one of them write to the general sec'y. Please stress the goals in your society and meet every one of them so that you may receive recognition at National Conference.

The Junior Sisterhood may follow the monthly program or the patroness may change it in any way to suit the local society.

Again we urge you to send the names and addresses of your officers, number in society, and name of church so that your society may go on record.

We shall be glad for any news from your society; any questions or suggestions. Some of the districts have had conferences and others will be having theirs. Your general sec'y appreciates having reports of these conferences. Tell us about any interesting or unusual meeting that you may have had.

Prayer is not one of the listed goals, but may we suggest that each society make prayer a very definite project. Prayer should be the very most important factor in our daily lives. Many societies are taking the idea of the W. M. C. and using prayer cards. These are file cards with a picture of a missionary on them, one for each girl, and are exchanged at each meeting. The one who has prayed for the missionary whose picture is on the card writes her name on the card. One of the Sisterhood girls from Rittman suggests that each girl find some point of interest about the missionary on her card and report at the devotional meeting. This will help us to become better acquainted with our missionaries and help us to remember them more often in our prayers.

DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER

"To know Him, and to make Him known;
What a blessed task is mine;
To know Him, and to make Him known,
That is joy and peace divine."

Open meeting by singing lively choruses ending with a prayer chorus.

Prayer.

Hymn: "My Savior's Love." (The songs will not be printed as before, but we suggest that the leader supply the group with song books.)

Scripture: (The following may be given out before the meeting to be commented on.)

To know Him I must:

Read about Him. Isa. 34:16a.

Believe on Him. Acts 16:31.

Yield to Him. II Chron. 30:8.

Follow after Him. Phil. 3:12.

Walk with Him. Mic. 6:8.

Look unto Him. Heb. 12:2.

Work through Him. Mk. 16:20.

Abide in Him. Jn. 15:4.

Live by Him. Acts 17:28.

Wait for Him. Isa. 64:4.

Receive from Him. Jn. 16:24.

Learn of Him. II Tim. 3:14.

Special number.

Prayer circle: Prayers with a note of praise; that we may have a closer walk with Christ—"that we may know Him"; for a greater burden for the lost—"to make Him known." Pray for our missionaries, using their names.

Hymn: "If Jesus Goes with Me I'll Go."

Topic: It is our desire to have one of our missionaries write our devotional topic each month. This month we have asked Miss Ruth Snyder to introduce our theme. Ruth has been called by our Lord to the mission field and is waiting for the way to be opened that she may be in His service there. Pray for her.

To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

I. The Christ of History.

There was much ado about the city of Jerusalem. A man who that very morning was blind could now see clearly. This miracle occasioned the great bustle of activity among these Jews. However the greater miracle of the day was unobserved by their tradition-blinded eyes. That miracle was the gift of sight to a blind heart.

This once blind man was cast out by kindred and friends, but he was sought out by the same Lord who had opened his eyes. "And when he had found him,

he said unto him, 'Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" The answer of the former blind man is that of every inquiring heart, "Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?" (Jn. 9:35, 36). Upon hearing that his benefactor was the Son of God, the man believed and worshipped.

Before any one can believe and worship, he must ask the same question, "Who is He?" To us S.M.M. girls such a question seems so trite that we are likely to forget its importance. We are so familiar with the facts concerning our Lord that we rarely give them a thought. However before we can know Christ, we must be acquainted with the historical Christ.

Suppose for a moment that you, a Christian girl, were speaking of Christ to one of your school friends or a girl with whom you work. What would you answer if that girl said to you, "Who is Christ?" Could you tell her that He is the eternal God who took upon Him human form, the Babe of Bethlehem's manger, the Man of Galilee, the Lamb slain on Calvary, and the pages of history. Do you know this Christ of history?

II Knowing Christ in Life.

To know the Christ of history is not enough. We must have the living Christ abiding within our hearts. The other Sunday night there was a great fete here in Quebec. The houses were decoratd with colored lights and the streets were given over to a religious procession. All the people in the procession were carrying lighted tapers of some kind. There is no doubt but that these people all know about the Christ of history, but the risen Christ is not dwelling in their hearts. Like Job they have heard of Him by the hearing of the ear, but unlike Job, their eyes have not yet seen Him (Job 42:5).

Before we can really know Christ, we must be one with Him. The Lord Jesus once said, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches" (Jn. 15:5). Now we know that between the vine and its branches there is such a union that gives life to the branches. Unless such a union exists between Christ and the soul, one cannot trully know Him. Can you say as did Paul, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20)?

If you cannot take those words of Paul to your own heart, you are not yet ready to say with him, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day" (II Tim. 1:12).

III. To Make Him Known.

Everyone who really knows Christ becomes anxious to do something with his knowledge. When the Apostle Paul became acquainted with Christ on the Damascus road, his immediate question was, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6).

This should be the eager question of every child of God. We love to think of what He did for us on Calvary, but too often we fail to realize that He even now is giving us the great privilege of sharing in the most important thing in the world, the joy of making Him known.

What a responsibility rests upon each one of us! We have been saved by His blood and entrusted with His work. " . . . . God . . . . hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation" (II Cor. 5:19).

What are you doing as His ambassador? Do the girls with whom you associate know that you are a Christian? Every Christian life should be so separated from the world and so filled with His fulness that just the daily walk is a testimony to the world. However, more is needed. We should not be ashamed to speak His name to our friends. Others have no fear of speaking of their great interest; why should the Christian tremble?

To know Him and to make Him known is enough to fill completely the life of every child of His. Is your life making Him known?

(This topic has been written in three parts so that it may be presented by three different persons.)

TO THE WORK OF THE MASTER

To the work of the Master I'll hasten today,
  Telling others the story of grace,
His will and command, I'll gladly obey
  Standing true unto God in my place.
For the Lord I'll attempt, for the Lord will pursue,
  And His help will my weakness outweigh;
So I'll follow whatever He tells me to do,
  And will trust to the end of the way.

Business.

Benediction. Psa. 145:1, 2.

NEWS From the Field

By Robert Culver

A Four Day Bible Conference was conducted in the Brethren Church, Ellet, O., R. E. Gingrich pastor, Oct. 4-6. Professor Herman A. Hoyt, of Grace Theological Seminary was the speaker. Prof. Hoyt spoke five times, each time on some phase of the doctrine of grace.

The North Hill Brethren Sunday School (Akron, O.), a work promoted and helped largely to present by the Ellet Church, has grown. A Sunday morning worship service is being conducted now, though no regular minister is on the field. Last Sunday there were 30 present at Bible School

Bro. Conard Sandy will present a series of illustrated Bible lectures on the Holy Land and Near East in the Allentown Brethren Church Oct. 30-Nov. 2.

The Third Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pa. will be in process of a revival meeting Oct. 28-Nov. 10. Bro. J. L. Gingrich, pastor of the Allentown church will be the evangelist.

The Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind. enjoyed the ministry of Dr. J C. Beal in a Bible Conference Oct. 13-20.

The Community Bible Class at Middleton, O. conducted for several months jointly by Brethren A. D. Cashman and R. D. Barnard, and now by Bro. Barnard, is growing. An attendance of 50 was reported in a recent meeting.

Dr. Alva J. McClain, Pres. of Grace Seminary will be speaker at a Bible conference in the First Brethren Church of Dayton, O, Oct. 20-27.

Rev. Oscar Lowry, well known evangelist, will begin a tabernacle campaign with the Sunnyside Washington Brethren Church, Nov. 3.

The Brethren Church of Ankenytown, O. will begin a two weeks series of evangelistic meetings Nov. 5, with Rev. Raymond E. Gingrich as evangelist.

The Unveiling of Jesus Christ

AN EXPOSITION OF REVELATION 10

By R. I. Humberd

The Open Book

"And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire" (v. 1).

This is "another angel"—not one of the seven nor one of the bound, but the description seems to bring us back to chap. 1. In the Old Testament, Christ is called "the angel of the Lord;" so here, He is the mighty angel with the description of deity. In 11:3, He calls them "My witnesses," making it clear that this is none other than Christ Himself.

Christ has now opened the seals and has brought fierce judgments upon Satan's followers. His people have been persecuted and killed. Now as heaven opens and He Himself comes forth, we might expect mercy to be a thing of the past, but the rainbow about His head still speaks of mercy.

Taking Possession

"And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth" (v. 2).

Redemption proceeds on legal ground. To take possession there must be a warrant. Christ now descends with title deed to assert His rights and purposes and to enforce His rights on land and sea.

"Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours" (Deut. 11:24). To place the foot on anything means to take possession. So here, Christ comes with open title deed and declares His rights to take the earth.

As a Lion

"And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth" (v. 3)

As a Lamb He was worthy to take the book; as a Lion He has power to enforce His purpose. It is a shout of victory. A lion has cat's paws and walks softly until his prey is within reach. Then a mighty roar freezes the prey into dead stillness as the lion springs upon it. "The devil as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Pet. 5:8). But when the Lion of Judah roars, the other lion may well tremble with mighty fear

"Seven thunders uttered their voices" (v. 3).

John has been told to write, so he proceeds to do so until ordered to "seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not" (v. 4).

Delay to End

"And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever—that there should be time no longer" (v. 5, 6).

For ages men have been looking and longing for the Lord to come, but still He tarries. Some say, "My Lord delayeth his coming" and begin to smite their fellowservants (Mt. 24:48). Others drop into a state of apathy and cry, "Where is the promise of his coming" (2 Pet. 3:4).

There has been hope and delay; hope and disappointment; hope and still more delay, but still the Lord tarries. But God is not slack concerning His promises; He remembers them everyone. Rather is He longsuffering not willing that any should perish. I am glad He did not come ten years ago, or even five; for these years have given me opportunity to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

But now comes one of the most solemn proclamations on record. Christ, whose mercy has extended to giving His own life—He who has so long waited and delayed His coming that others might be saved—He now utters a decree of finality—Delay shall be no longer

A Synopsis

"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God shall be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets" (v. 7).

The days of the seventh trumpet are like the days of Noah or the days of Abraham; they cover a period of time. They will include the seven vials. During these "days" prophecy will be fulfilled. The old prophets did not prophesy of eternal things.

The seventh is the last and third woe trumpet. When it sounds, the final events take place. For some time the conflict between Christ and Satan has been growing more strong. It is evident there must be a showdown. The final struggle will come in chap. 19, but there are many angles to end time events.

We might read a history of the Civil War. The author might take a chapter to describe the political conditions in the north and relate some of the doings of Abraham Lincoln. The next chapter might give us a view of slavery and the condition of the negroes in the south. Another chapter might deal with General Lee and another with General Grant

So here, in chap. 10 Christ declares possession; in chap. 11 He takes a plot of ground in Jerusalem and keeps it by supernatural power and also sends two witnesses to testify to Himself. In chap. 12 we are given the Jewish situation; in chap. 13 we have a view of the political situation of the times. Chap. 14 gives us warnings, proclamations and foreviews. Chapters 15, 16 bring the terrible vial judgments. Seventeen is the religious situation and 18 gives the commercial angle. Now everything is set for the final showdown which is given in chap. 19. Chap. 20 clears off the rubbish of our age and chap 21, 22, begin with all things new.

"And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel" (v. 8).

This open title deed is the result of Christ's redemptive work. For centuries it has been in the Father's hand. Men of all ages have tried to redeem men from the curse of sin, but none can even approach to it.

All having failed, the Lamb steps forward; and amidst the acclamation of all created beings He takes the book, breaks the seals, and with it still in His hand He comes to take possession of the earth in the name of the Lord.

"And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey" (v. 9).

This book represents Christ's redemptive work. All of Christ's work in redemption has been to procure

JEWISH DEPARTMENT

John 10:16; Matthew 18:12-14 and 10:6; Romans 1:16 and Acts 15:26

The Neglected Race for Whom Christ Died

HEAR, O ISRAEL !

By Geneva G. Kuhn

The treatment of the Jewish race upon the earth today does not just happen It is in the plan and purpose of God. Let us first establish the fact that this race of people is God's people, chosen of Him. We, of course, shall base this establishment of fact upon the Scripture, for that is the only sure Word in these changing times.

God said to Abram: "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:2, 3). Also in Gen. 17:19, "Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him." Then, in Lev. 26:9, 12, "For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you . . And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people."

As children oftimes are, so were the children of Israel disobedient. In such circumstances, chastisement is necessary — the amount, type, and extent of which are determined by the inflictor. So, says Jehovah (Lev. 26:23, 25, 32, 33): "And if ye will not . . . but will walk contrary unto me . . . And I will bring a sword upon you . . . . and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy . . And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste." "And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee" (Deut. 28:37).

Now, let us look into the 20th century and see some current things which are occurring and which involve this race. Quotations which follow are taken verbatim from the "News of the Week" column in a Jewish weekly "The B'nai B'rith Messenger" dated Oct. 4, 1940:

3,000 JEWISH SOLDIERS BARRED FROM HOMES

Three thousand Jewish soldiers, recently demobilized from the Rumanian Army, were barred from returning to their homes in northern Transylvania by the Hungarian Government, it was reported in Belgrade this week. Northern Transylvania was ceded to Hungary by Rumania at the insistence of the Axis Powers. When the Jewish soldiers returned to Transylvania they found Hungarian soldiers at the new border, who turned them back at the point of bayonets.

All Jews engaged in commerce in Bohemia and Moravia have been barred from their posts since Oct. 1, when the provinces were absorbed into the Third Reich, according to a radio report from Hague, picked up in London.

ANTI-SEMITISM FOLLOWS FRANCO'S AXIS ALLIANCE

Spain's alliance with the Berlin-Rome-Tokio Axis has resulted in a new anti-Semitic campaign throughout Spain, instigated by Gen. Franco's own Fascist Party, it was reported in Lisbon this week. Latest demand by the Fascist Party is that the Government repeal all legislation, adopted while Spain was a republic, protecting the civil rights of minorities.

ITALY ORDERS EXPULSION FROM ALBANIA

Italy has ordered its puppet Government in Albania to expel the Jewish population within the next few months. There are approximately 150 Jewish families now in Albania.

BERLIN JEWS, FEARING ATTACKS, CANCEL SERVICES

The Jewish community of Berlin this year is dispensing with high holiday services in synagogues. In previous years, Jews, men and women, attending Rosh Hashonah services, were attacked by gangs of Nazis when they left the synagogues. The Nazis charge every year that Jews conspire against Germany during high holiday services.

The following bespeaks the fact that the Spirit of God is dealing with these hearts unbeknown to them to prepare for their future task of building up their land ("And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, and desolations of many generations" Isa. 61:4). Quoting verbatim again from this Jewish weekly:

FRENCH RABBIS PONDER PROBLEMS

Rabbis of un-occupied France gathered last week at Lyon to discuss the increasingly tragic problems confronting French Jewry.

The conference concerned itself for the most part with the question of the Jewish youth. It was decided to encourage children to form social, religious and athletic organizations, to help organize agricultural schools, and to establish youth camps. Speakers agreed that the Jewish youth would be best prepared for the future if they knew farming and other trades.

The final quoted portion following shows that, in spite of all the hardships, affliction, and tribulation, their leaders have not lost hopefulness and offer encouragement in these dark days and for those which they feel will yet confront them.

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this title deed; open it and give the benefits to His people, that they may take them; feed upon them; appropriate them; live by them; preach and teach them and build themselves up in the most holy faith.

God told Ezekiel to "eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak to the house of Israel" (Ezek. 3:1). To 'eat' the word is to study it, digest it and receive it into our very life; to make it the subject of all our hopes and prayers and living. When we thus receive and appropriate the title to our inheritance, we are to pass it on. John was to "prophesy again before peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings" (v. 11).

It was sweet as honey in John's mouth As he first glanced over it and saw the happy ending and the glorious promises, it was sweet and brought joy to his heart; but as he began to study it more carefully and digest the message he saw the terrible wrath and sorrow that must come before that glad day, and it was bitterness to his soul.

God's Word is always sweet to the earnest soul, but it costs bitterness to be a full souled believer.

PALESTINE COUNCIL ENCOURAGES WORLD JEWRY

Exhorting the millions of Jews now suffering under brutal Nazi domination not to give up hope but to keep their eyes and their hopes fixed on the haven to be afforded them by the Jewish National Home, the Vaad Leumi (Jewish National Council) sent New Year's greetings this week to all Jews in the Diaspora, encouraging them to hope for better days in the year 5701.

"And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the Lord of hosts their God . . . . and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place . . . In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem . . . . And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him" (Zech. 12:5, 6, 8, 10).

Jesus ("neither is there salvation in any other . . ." Acts 4:12) said in Luke 21:17, 24b: "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake . . . and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Be it know to you, O Israel, that the "times of the Gentiles" is fast closing. Jesus, the Christ, will soon return. Rev. 1:7 and Zech. 13:6—"Behold, He cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him . . . . And one shall say unto Him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then He shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."

This Jesus is Savior and Lord. Christ is your Messiah. Hear, O Israel! "Even so come, Lord Jesus"

THE JEW

"To the Jew first" (Romans 1:16)

(Written by a Christian Jewess, age eighteen years)

Scattered by God's almighty hand,
Afflicted and forlorn;
Sad wanderers from their pleasant land
Do Judah's children mourn,
And e'en in Christian countries, few
Breathe kindly thoughts towards the Jew!

Yea, listen, Gentile—you who love
The Bible's ancient page;
And let your pure compassions move
To Israel's heritage—
Who traced those glorious lines for you?
Each sacred writer was a Jew!

And think how as the years went past,
And nations rose and fell;
Though clouds and darkness oft were cast
O'er captive Israel,
The Oracles of God for you
Were kept in safety by the Jew!

And when the great Redeemer came
For guilty man to bleed,
He did not take an angel's name,
No—born of Abraham's seed,
Jesus, who gave His life for you—
Your Lord and Savior—was a Jew!

And though "His Own" received Him not,
And turned in pride away;
Whence came the Gentiles' happier lot—
Were such more just than they?
No! God in pity turned to you,
Have you no pity for the Jew?

Go then, and bend your knee and pray
For Israel's chosen race;
That they may own Messiah's sway,
And be restored by grace.
Go, for a debt of love is due
From Christian Gentiles to the Jew!

MICAH

By Arthur Malles

Micah tells us in the first verse of his book that the Word of the Lord came to him in the days of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. Under Jotham and the king before him, Uzziah, prosperity reigned. A rich class was created who oppressed the poor, even being protected in their crime by the rulers and false prophets.

The following king, Ahaz, abandoned himself to the most desperate iniquity. The Assyrians came in and forced Judah to pay tribute, making a heavier burden for the already oppressed peasant. The impiety of Ahaz was so great that he was not even allowed burial in the sepulchers of the kings of Israel.

Hezekiah, successor of Ahaz, was very unlike him. He purged the nation of idolatry, restored the true forms of worship, and asserted the independence of his kingdom from Assyria.

It was in the midst of these conditions that Micah prophesied.

The Judgment of Jehovah upon the House of Israel for Their Sins (Hos. 1-3).

Micah prophesied against both the northern and the southern kingdoms of Israel, as we read in v. 1: "concerning Samaria and Jerusalem." Chapt. 1 deals with the northern kingdom in general and the city of Samaria in particular.

In 1:2 we read, "Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord God be witness against you, the Lord from his **holy** temple." God's holiness, contrary to the teachings of "new" theology, is the basis of His judgment. Because He is holy He cannot away with the corruption of His chosen people, and punishment must come.

From v. 6 to the end of the chapter Micah foretells the destruction of the city of Samaria, capitol of the northern kingdom. "Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof." Modern travelers testify to the precisely literal fulfillment of these words, saying that the valley adjacent to the hill of Samaria is full of the stones which once had a place in her houses and idol temples. Its stones are tumbled down the hill on which the city stood to fill the valley below, and the very foundations on which it stood are laid bare!

The reason? V. 9, "For her wound is incurable." God is merciful, long-suffering and loving. He has demonstrated these facts in his dealing with rebellious humanity. But there comes a time when a man's "wound" becomes "incurable." The **only** cure for the wound of sin is the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Refusal to accept this cure results in an incurable sin. Just as God demonstrated His wrath in the utter destruction of the sinful city of Samaria, just so will He destroy eternally in hell one who is not under the blood of Christ.

The prophet denounces the oppression of the poor in chapt. 2. The wealthy men who had suddenly become rich under Uzziah were infatuated with their quickly gained wealth, and had become greedy for still more gain. "And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

Apparently Micah's rebuke brought some retort from the people, and he replies in the last of v. 7, "Do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?" How true today! If God's Word offends you, tramps your toes, remember these words of Micah. To those

who are walking **uprightly** His words do **good.** And remember who was complaining in this case.

The last two verses present a pleasant picture to the people of Israel. "I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel." Today Israel is scattered all over the face of the globe. They have no home. But one day God is going to regather Israel. A foretaste of this regathering is before our very eyes today. The Jews are going back to Palestine. Although they still do not believe in Jesus Christ as their Messiah, He is coming soon in person to be their king. Then they will believe. One day He's coming, O glorious day!

Micah turns to the rulers in chapt. 3. These rich exploiters of chapt. 2 could not have oppressed the poor had they not been protected in their crime by the rulers whom God had appointed to safeguard the rights of the poor. In v. 2, 3 he compares this exploitation to a cannibal feast; "Ye **princes** of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment? Who hate the good and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron."

Behind the idle rich and the corrupt politicians, Micah pointed out the false prophet. "Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err." Living in the bounty of the idle rich and basking in the favor of a depraved government, the false prophets found it easy to justify the wicked for a reward, to wink at their vices and to share their cannibal feasts.

The last verse of this chapter foretells the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. "Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest." Again divine judgment is pronounced against sin. Just as completely as Shalmaneser the Assyrian overtook and overthrew Samaria, so was Jerusalem captured and beaten down to the ground by the conquering armies of the Romans in 70 A.D.

A Graphic Picture of the Restoration of the Jews Under their Messiah (Hos. 4, 5).

Chapt. 4:1-5 contains some thrilling and valuable facts concerning the kingdom Christ is going to set up at His coming. Whole messages could be preached on these verses alone, but we will be able but to mention the more important and interesting details.

A mountain in the Bible is a symbol for a great earth power or government, and a hill of a smaller one. The kingdom will be set up "in the latter days" at Jerusalem. The rule of this kingdom will be universal. Verse 3 tells us that the predominate characteristic of this kingdom will be **peace.** This verse is often used today in the interest of "world peace" without recognition of the fact that the "he" referred to is none other than our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, Who must be enthroned at Jerusalem before that millennium peace can come true.

In the light of present day happenings v. 4 is very interesting. Today we see and hear so much of the economic insecurity. How long you will have your property or your job is only a matter of speculation. The laborer is fighting the capitalist and calling him a crook for stealing his wages. The last few years we have seen the worst in our history. Veritable wars were fought. Labor and capital were at odds **again.** Someone was getting cheated. **But,** this situation will not remain in the kingdom which Christ in Person will set up! Verse 4 presents every man sitting under his own vine and fig tree without fear of oppression or loss of property. This is an ideal picture, not only of peace, but also of the equal distribution of wealth. But we cannot have the kingdom until the King comes.

Israel is reassured in v. 6-8 of her regathering as a nation. "I will gather her that is driven out." Although they are scattered and some lost today, when Christ brings His kingdom He will regather them to Himself.

But in v. 9, 10 we have a picture of darker hue. "For now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even unto Babylon;" For 70 years Israel labored in bondage in Babylon in fulfillment of this prophecy.

At the end of the period of the great tribulation which will be ushered in by the rapture of the church, the awful battle of Armageddon as described in 4:11-5:1 will take place. The nations will be gathered to the great battlefield to fight against the God of heaven when Christ shall come with all His saints and will defeat His enemies with the word out of his mouth. "Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion. But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they his council: for he shall gather them as sheaves into the floor." How foolish to fight against God! The lessons from history should convince any man of this, but if they are not sufficient, then God will give him one last reminder at that awful day of battle.

One of the four great prophecies relative to the birth of our Lord is found in 5:2. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting." Interesting is the exactness of the Holy Spirit. The child was born in Bethlehem, the Person Christ Jesus existed from all eternity. It was 700 years after this prophecy was made that Herod was referred to it when he inquired where Christ was to be born.

There are people about us today who scoff at the idea of the second coming of Christ in the flesh. They say that preachers have been saying this for hundreds of years, and it never has happened yet. God does at times foretell future events hundreds of years before they come to pass. A thousand years is as a day with Him. It was so with the birth of Christ. But it is only His grace that gives that time so men may have a chance to repent before it is too late.

The remainder of chap. 5 tells us more of the conditions of the kingdom as it will be when Christ comes again to set it up. "And this man shall be the peace." World peace is not possible without the Prince of Peace. The remnant of the Jews are to be regathered. "And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.—Heb. 4:13

many people as a dew from the Lord." Until the regathering they are to be preserved, never to perish. But then they will no longer be the downtrodden people as we know them today, for Micah says, "And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver." Then God will purge them from all their sins. "I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers: Thy graven images also will I cut off . . . and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands."

Finally, "I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen such as they have not heard." God is going to punish the nations that have persecuted the Jews. We need to remember that today. God's Word still holds that the nation that curses the Jew will be cursed, and the nation that blesses them shall be blessed. Spain got her curse; Germany has her curse coming; may America never be so foolish as to disobey God's plain command!

Israel Under Conviction for Her Sins (Hos. 6, 7).

God's controversy is presented in 6:1-5. "O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me." He reminds them of their deliverance from Egypt, of the leaders He provided, and of ways in which He demonstrated His righteousness to them. Now what's wrong? Why all this rebellion and sin?

Israel replied in v. 6, 7 that they had been doing the best they could. They came and bowed themselves, they offered burnt offerings and offerings of oil—they had done all they could. But God replied, "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly before thy God?" Mere empty formality means nothing to Me, I see your hearts. You outwardly do all these things, but your hearts are far from Me.

Some writers have very mistakenly gone to the extreme of saying that the priestly-sacrificial system had no place with the prophets and was by them abandoned. This is not true. The sacrificial system was divinely appointed to be continued and fulfilled in Christ. One of the last things our Lord did was to make ready for the passover, of which He was Himself the slain Lamb. Micah was condemning the mere meaningless performances of these ordinances. God does not delight in the doing of these ordinances, but in the spiritual attitude of the doer.

When we come to chap. 7 we find Israel under conviction for her sins and confessing them. "Woe is me . . . That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire:" Micah's confession and intercession of v. 7 to the end also voices the heart of the remnant of the Jews in the last days. "Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me . . . . I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him."

In answer to the prayer of the remnant, God is going to exalt His people. "Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, where is the Lord thy God?" The nations that mistreated her "shall lick the dust like a serpent . . . they shall be afraid of the Lord our God, and shall fear because of thee."

Verses 18 to 20 are a beautiful benediction to the book. "Who is a God like unto thee that pardoneth iniquity and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old."

What beautiful faith! Micah knows his God is above all gods, and is able to forgive sins, even to the point of blotting them out of existence. Does he doubt or question any of God's promises to Israel? No, for he says "Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob." God's Word is settled in heaven. He has never failed to fulfill a promise. Israel has been promised blessing, deliverance and forgiveness of sin in turn for faith in God. She will get them! But we too may claim forgiveness of sins, deliverance from their power, and blessing in the Lord Jesus Christ through faith in Him. If we believe, God will bring it to pass!

HIGH PRIEST OF OUR CONFESSION

(Heb. 3:1)

1. **Consider His Person—Son.**

   Heb. 1:5 "My Son."
   Heb. 4:14 "Jesus the Son of God."

2. **Consider His Office—High Priest.**

   Heb. 7:17 "Thou art a Priest."
   Heb. 8:6 "a more excellent ministry."

3. **Consider His Offering—Himself.**

   Heb. 7:27 "he offered up Himself."
   Heb. 8:3 "of necessity, somewhat to offer."
   Heb. 10:10 "offering of the body."
   Heb. 10:12 "offered one sacrifice."

4. **Consider His Work—Intercession.**

   Heb. 7:25 "save to uttermost."
   "make intercession."
   Heb. 2:18 "able to succor."

5. **Consider His Place—Heaven.**

   Heb. 8:1 "right hand of throne."
   Heb. 8:2 "true tabernacle."
   Heb. 8:4 "not on earth."
   Heb. 9:24 "into heaven itself."

5. **Consider the Characteristics—Divine.**

   Heb. 2:7 "merciful and faithful."
   Heb. 4:15 "sympathetic."
   Heb. 5:1 "can have compassion."

7. **Consider His Beneficence—Practical.**

   Heb. 4:14 "hold fast."
   Heb. 4:16 "come boldly."
   Heb. 10:22 "draw near."

—R. S. Beal.

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

PLEASANT GROVE EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

Greetings in the name of Jesus to our fellow-churches.

For the second time this year Pleasant Grove has been wonderfully blessed in revival. This time Rev. R. Paul Miller was the Lord's instrument of service and he is certainly being used of the Lord. What a satisfaction it is to know that the Lord is answering the prayers of the church! How marvelously He does work! Truly Bro. Miller through the Lord's power is a church founder and reorganizer.

Bro. Miller arrived in Iowa County, Ia., on Tues., Sept. 12, to begin evangelistic services that evening Attendance increased daily except for a service or two. Interest grew, spiritual power increased, prayer services increased in number and spiritual fervor. Prayer was made by name for the unsaved of the community. Over 30 families were remembered each evening at prayer.

The invitation to accept Christ was first given on Sunday night after souls began to realize their need. By the end of the week 18 had accepted Christ. On the second and last Sunday came the climax. Bro. Miller had been making the plea for church renewal. 46 came to the altar either for confession or spiritual blessing and reconsecration. The house simply broke down to rise in spiritual strength. It was a wonderful day. Services closed that night with a total of 64 accessions.

On the preceding Saturday night the church through Bro Miller's influence voted to purchase an improved 40 acre farm adjoining the church lot for parking space and a parsonage. We now feel as Bro. Miller expressed it, "We will go to town." The church is looking forward now to a full time pastor before many months slip by. With 20 or 25 families in the community in spiritual need this field is indeed a veritable unreaped harvest. Please pray for that harvest.

We have previously written in the church paper about cooperation of surrounding churches. It was no less evident on this occasion. No less than seven churches cooperated, some lending a large portion of their attending congregation, having dismissed their own services. The young people also cooperated in a fine way.

On Friday night, Sept. 27, Bro. Miller was back to show his home mission pictures which are truly a blessing and inspiration. They are doing so much. What are we doing?

On Saturday a beautiful and impressive baptismal service was held at a lovely pool alongside the public highway, at which service 22 were baptized. In the evening ten of that number were received into our church fellowship. We feel sure others will come later.

The Lord truly has blessed our church. Please pray that the church may "let go and let God" work out His own plans through us that souls may be won for Him; that serving spiritual food shall always be the purpose for the existence of the Pleasant Grove Church.

Mrs. John R. Myers, Cor. Sec'y.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

He held the lamp of truth that day,
So low that none could miss the way,
And yet so high to bring in sight
That picture fair, the world's great Light,
That gazing up, the lamp between,
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

He held the pitcher, stooping low,
To lips of little ones below,
Then raised it to the weary saint,
And bade him drink when sick and faint.
They drank—the pitcher then between,
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

He blew the trumpet soft and clear,
That trembling sinners need not fear,
And then a louder note, and bold,
To rouse the souls in Satan's hold—
The trumpet coming thus between,
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

But when the Captain says, 'Well done,
Thou good and faithful servant, come,
Lay down the pitcher and the lamp,
Lay down the trumpet, leave the camp,
The weary hand will then be seen,
Clasped in those pierced hands — naught between."

IN THE SHADOW

DOOLEY, Henry R., was born near Martinsburg, Pa., Oct. 10, 1856, the son of Thomas W. and Nancy Replogle Dooley.

For more than 60 years he was a faithful member of the Church of the Brethren and of The Brethren Church, having been a member of the First Brethren Church of Washington for more than 40 years. For many years he held the office of deacon, and brought honor to that office and to his Lord by his clean Christian living, his life of quiet service, and his constant kindliness and courtesy.

It was his greatest pleasure to be in the house of the Lord as long as he was able to attend, and his words of testimony, especially at the communion services, will long be treasured. He was called home, to be with his Lord, on Sept. 20, 1940, at the age of 83 years, 11 months, and 20 days, his good wife having preceded him in 1925.

He is survived by the following children: George Homer Dooley, Mrs. Nancy Birch, Henry Clay Dooley, Mrs. Edith Evans, Mrs. Laura Macauley, Mrs. Sue Hubbard, Mrs. Ruth White, and Mrs. Josephine Brooks. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He loved his Lord, and was ready to meet him. Those who knew him best will bear witness of his life, in the words of the Scriptures, that "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Funeral services by the writer, assisted by the Rev. Harold Dunning.

Thoburn C. Lyon.

The heroes of old "stopped the mouths of lions," but unhappily far too many who profess to know the Lord cannot stop their own mouths from "evil speaking" concerning others who do not belong to their particular church group. The heroes of old "quenched the violence of fire," but the doubtful heroes of modern warfare indiscriminately drop incendiary bombs to start fires in the homes of innocent people. The heroes of old "escaped the edge of the sword," but a world that has forgotten God, gropes through "blackouts" looking for bombproof shelters.

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MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR

On their respective birthdays, the names, favorite Scripture verses, and prayer requests of pastors, missionaries, and others in the brotherhood engaged in Christian work, will appear under this head. Please see that each member in your society is assigned one of the following names for daily prayer. Assign a different name to each member weekly. If you know of others whose names should have appeared this month, please notify The Editorial Office Sec'y of The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. at once.

Nov. 3—Rev. R. I. Humbred, pastor at Martinsburg, Pa. Prov. 3:6. Requests prayer for the printed page (over 23,000 of his books dealing with Scripture are in circulation); that his church will continue to be a lighthouse in that section of the country; and for their young people who are doing definite Christian work.

Nov. 8—Rev. Chauncey B. Sheldon, missionary in Africa.*

Nov. 8—Mrs John Squires, wife of pastor at Wooster, O. Col. 3:17. No requests submitted.

Nov. 10—Rev. Homer A. Kent, professor at Grace Theological Seminary. Prov. 3:5-6. Requests prayer for the young men of our church who have to face the problem of conscription now or in the near future; also that the Lord will continue to meet the material needs of the students of Grace Seminary.

Nov. 12—Mrs J. P. Kliever, missionary in Africa.*

Nov. 12—Rev. Raymond Blood. II Cor. 5:21. Requests prayer that the Spirit of the Lord will work mightily in those with whom he has ministered the past several weeks, that in these last days, they may become profitable servants of Him Who has established them as His children.

Nov. 13—Dr. Louis S. Bauman, pastor at Long Beach, Calif. Isa. 42:4. No requests submitted.

Nov 13—Rev. Orville A. Lorenz, pastor at Meyersdale, Pa. Jn. 3:30. No requests submitted.

Nov. 16—Mrs. Wayne Baker, wife of pastor at Sterling, O. Ps. 103:1-3. Requests prayer that the Lord will send a real desire to see souls saved to His children everywhere.

Nov. 19—Rev. Ernest F. Pine, pastor at Juniata, Pa. Requests prayer that The Brethren Church might have the greatest year of soul winning in its history, and that through renewed emphasis of the need of being born again many will confess Christ as their Savior

Nov. 21—Miss Mabel Crawford, missionary in Africa. Requests prayer for Miss Meyers and herself in their work of teaching in the Bible School and of translating the New Testament and preparing it for printing.

Nov. 25—Rev. Hill Maconaghy, missionary in South America. Requests prayer that the children who have accepted Christ in the children's meetings may grow in grace and be good witnesses for Him in spite of opposition; also that more souls may be saved through their ministry.

Nov. 30—Mrs. Wm. Clough, wife of pastor at Uniontown, Pa. Jn. 14:1-3. Requests prayer that many souls will be won for Christ in their revival campaign to begin Nov. 10

REQUESTS PREVIOUSLY DELAYED IN THE MAIL

Miss Ruth Snyder, under appointment as missionary to Africa. Requests prayer that she may be able to speak French by the time she leaves Quebec, and that her life may be a testimony in this very unreached territory.

*Apparently correspondence concerning prayer requests has been delayed or lost due to war conditions. Pray that the needed supplies may reach the missionaries, that the doors to the gospel may be kept open, and that those waiting to go to the field may soon secure passage.

New Books For Your Library

Books reviewed in this column we consider fundamental to the Christian standard, although there may be some small portions with which we do not agree or, of which we cannot approve. In such instances we shall call attention to that with which we are not in accord.

Books reviewed here may be procured from The Brethren Missionary Herald Co., 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

New Radio Songs and Choruses, by Loveless, is **new.** The latest choruses will be found there, also several lovely solos, duets and quartettes. Among the choruses you will find, "To Know Him and to Make Him Known," the theme song of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha; "After All He's Done for Me;" "I Love to Hear His Voice;" "All Because of Calvary;" and many others. If your stock of choruses needs to be replenished, here is a book you should be sure to get. Single copies 30c, 5 or more 25c.

The heroes of old "out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." But the heroes of 1940 are reversing the picture. They are permitting the aliens to turn to flight the armies of the righteous. Everywhere is retreat because of lack of faith. Where a handful contend for the faith, a thousand run from the battle as though the God of our **faith** heroes had died. For one Caleb, for one Joshua, who say "we are well able," a multitude of fearful, faithless ones see only "the giants, the sons of Anak" of opposition. For one who contends for the faith, for one who believes the **Word** of the **Lord** and acts upon it, hundreds are turned to flight by the armies of modern Amalekites, Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites, Canaanites, fifth columnites, and other Ites.

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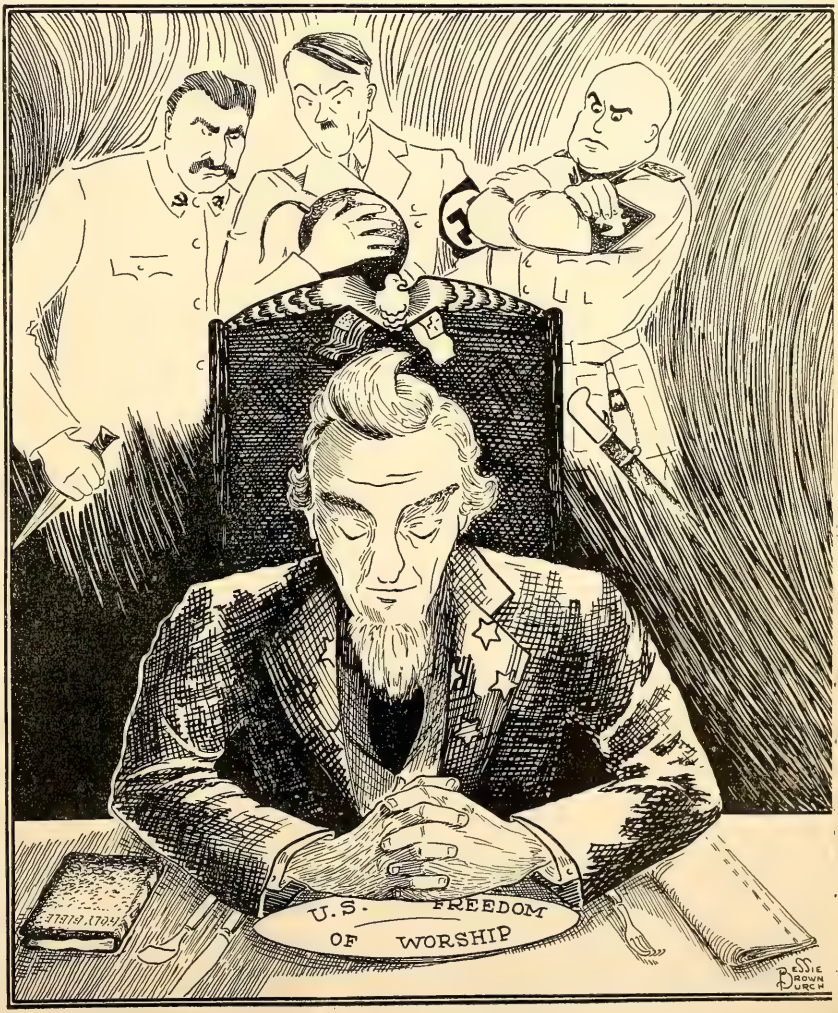

EDITORIALS

By Louis S. Bauman, Editor

An Exceedingly Interesting Document Revealing the Meaning of Historic Brethrenism

Upon another page, an exceedingly interesting old document will throw some light upon the true meaning of that phrase, "historic Brethrenism," that has been heard upon the lips of so many "Brethren" recently. It will assist true Brethren in understanding the attitude of the men who brought The Brethren Church into existence as a separate denomination.

The document is of very special interest at this time, for two reasons:

First, because it gives light upon the attitude that real Brethren assume toward human government. In this critical hour, that needs to be carefully studied. It is to be noted that those who brought The Brethren Church into being were not what the world today calls "pacifists." For instance, they did not condemn all war as "legalized murder." They did not take the position that a nation belonging to this world system is never justified in taking the sword. They did hold, however, that the child of God whose "citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20) is a different spirit from the spirit that controls the unregenerate nations of earth, and that they are a different "manner of men." War in the world of unregenerate men, may become a terrible necessity. Christ never taught that the dead should not be buried, but He did instruct His own disciples to **"let the dead bury their dead"** (Lk. 9:60).

Brethren should ever keep in mind that criticism of the government that takes the sword to defend human liberty, and even our right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, may be criticism that is utterly unchristian and undeserved.

Secondly, this document throws light upon the subject of a Christian dragging his brother into the courts of the unregenerate nations, rather than to lay their cause before the saints.

How is it, we wonder, that some "Brethren" can pose as being sincere "conscientious objectors" in the matter of going to war, and are not sincere "conscientious objectors" in the matter of going to law with their brethren? The principle is the same This **may** prove to be a very interesting query when some Brethren stand before the civil authorities one of these days in an attempt to prove themselves to be **sincere** "conscientious objectors." Think **that** over! Apparently, some "Brethren" are "conscientiously" opposed to fighting Hitler, but have no "conscientious" convictions on fighting their brethren.

Dr. Gribble Writes to "Friends at Home"

In this issue we are printing three letters from Dr. Gribble. Mails are very uncertain these days, and sometimes letters written as much as a month apart will arrive on the same day, and on several occasions regular mail has passed up air mail on its trip to the homeland.

These letters from Mrs. Gribble will be of great interest to our readers. We feel, for the sake of a clear understanding, however, that we should call attention to several of Mrs. Gribble's statements.

First, Mrs. Gribble speaks of 'the cablegram recently received permitting vacations in Africa only;" and that this caused Miss Emmert to give up coming home on furlough. We know that Dr. Gribble would never intentionally misrepresent the facts. Nevertheless, this statement might lead astray from the facts.

The fact of the matter is that the cablegram in question was **advisory** only, and advised missionaries whose furloughs were due that if they could find any possible way to get home and wished to take their furloughs at this time, that the board would not object, for they were entitled to their furloughs For months the board has had $3,000 in the hands of the Presbyterian Missionary Board Treasurer at Kribi, subject to the order of any missionary whose furlough is due.

But, due to the utter helplessness of the board in the matter of securing return transportation for missionaries now at home on furlough, and also due to the tremendous dangers in ocean travel at the present time, the board **advised** the missionaries in Africa to take their vacations in Africa if possible. The board has offered to pay all exenses for such vacations. Mrs. Gribble chose to take her vacation in that way.

The interpretation of a cablegram that the Secretary-Treasurer received recently, signed "Emmert," was a bit uncertain, but it requested the Board to send $1800 to Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo; and if our interpretation of the cable was correct, it was to provide for the transportation of Miss Emmert, Mrs. Kennedy and Kenneth Sheldon in returning to the homeland. The money was immediately placed at the disposal of Miss Emmert. It is possible that

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even now they are en route home. It would be very unjust to the board for the church to gain the idea that it is compelling any missionary to remain in Africa overtime. **If any missionary, whose furlough is due, does not come home at this time, it isn't because the board refuses to permit them to come or fails to send them the necessary funds for transportation.**

Again, Mrs. Gribble says: "All outcoming missionaries should get the necessary visas before leaving New York." The fact of the matter is that no steamship company will take a passenger these days who does not secure in advance a proper visa; and if anyone wishes to know how difficult it is to get a visa into any French territory in these days, let him try to secure one. **If he can find a way, the board will appreciate any information as to the route they took to find it.** It is one thing to get a visa into British territory. It is quite another thing to get a visa into French territory. The board has been officially advised by French authorities that if a missionary wants to get into French territory, it will be well for him to stay out of British territory. That is, do not try to get into French Equatorial Africa via any British possessions. We are hoping this attitude of the French counsels will change.

And it must be understood that it would be a far easier thing to bring missionaries home to America (in which case we would have whatever help the United States government can give) than to send the missionaries from America to a French possession in Africa (in which case the United States government would be unsympathetic.)

As we write these words, we have our own Miss Elizabeth Tyson, missionary on furlough, who lives in Philadelphia, under orders to make trips to New York, to Washington, and to keep on the outlook in her own city; consulting with steamship companies, with foreign legations, and with the State Department, to learn of the very first opportunity possible to send missionaries to the relief of the overworked missionaries in Africa. Moreover, we have the Foreign Missions Council of North America, who should know, if anybody knows, of a way whereby missionaries can be sent across the seas—we have the great concern on the watch to report to us instantly if they learn of anything that will help us solve our problem.

Dr. Gribble further says: "The fact that traveling is difficult in these times does not mean that it is impossible." We thoroughly agree with that statement, if by it she means "impossible" **within the will of God.** "With God, all things are possible." It was absolutely possible for God to take the thorn out of Paul's flesh, **but He didn't.** We may not understand the ways of God in permitting doors to be closed so tightly to missionary progress in this world crisis, when missionaries are so greatly needed. Nevertheless, it is quite probable that the all-wise God knows some things about the immediate future that we do not know!

Mrs. Gribble's letters also reveal the sad depletion in the number of our missionaries on the fields, and she wonders how we can save closing up one or more of our stations during this world crisis. One thing sure, we cannot solve that problem by bringing missionaries home when they cannot be returned. Therefore, the feeling on the part of the board is that, unless positive health reasons compel, our missionaries should take their vacations in Africa at some place that they themselves may choose, and at a place from which they are sure of being able to return to their stations. However, in this matter the board refuses to command. It can only advise.

The experience through which our Society is passing is the experience through which every foreign missionary board is passing these days, and French Equatorial Africa is not the only mission field in which these difficulties exist. The devil seems bent on closing every missionary door in the world. However, God is still on His throne. In the meantime, the saints of God in the homeland need to spend much time on their knees in behalf of the mission boards and the missionaries working under their direction.

C. F. Yoder Returns to Active Service In Argentina

Reliable reports, confirmed in a letter to the editor from Elder C. F. Yoder, inform us that he is returning to Argentina to open up Brethren missions in the cities of Cordoba, Rosario and Buenos Aires. He is to be supported by the Missionary Board of The Brethren Church, more commonly known as the National Home Mission Board. This board was chartered to do both home and foreign mission work. It seems that this board was unaware of its mission under the charter until about two years ago. It now expects to carry the gospel into pagan and heathen lands, as well as to the cities of North America. We congratulate it, and wish it every possible success.

The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church has done work in both Rosario and Buenos Aires. It found the work in both these great cities to be very expensive unless done on a scale so small that it would scarcely make an appeal to the people in those two magnificent cities. Buenos Aires is known as "the Paris of South America." However, The For-

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eign Missionary Society would have continued its work in those cities had it not been for the fact that from the standpoint of Protestant evangelization there are no two cities in Argentina better provided with the gospel of the grace of God. Anyone who wants to know of the Christ, or who wants a copy of the Scriptures, knows where to get the same in either of those cities. We understand the same is true also of Cordoba. Therefore The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church decided to withdraw from those cities, and to spend its entire resources available for work in the Argentine in wholly unevangelized communities.

However, if the theological beliefs of the president of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church are correct, and trine immersion is absolutely essential to salvation, then these three great cities are in desperate need of the saving message.

That water baptism is essential to salvation, we believe to be an error. Nevertheless we do not believe that anyone wll be excluded from heaven merely because he has fallen into that error. Therefore we are sincere when we say that we wish the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church every success as they preach Christ and Him crucified in these great cities of Argentina.

"Light From Bible Prophecy"

Many have written the editor asking whether or not the series of articles that have appeared from his pen in The Sunday School Times during the year past could be secured in book form. (These are the articles to which Mrs. Gribble makes reference in her letters from Africa, printed in this issue.) We are pleased to say that these articles have been revised and brought up to date, from the standpoint of the current events to which they refer, and are, as we write, on the press in New York. The book should be ready for mailing by the time the readers of **The Brethren Missionary Herald** shall be reading these editorials. The book will contain about 170 pages. The price is $1.00. It can be obtained from the editor himself, or from the Sunday School Times Co., 325 N. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; or direct from the publisher, Fleming H. Revell Co., 158 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Thanksgiving Offering

Before another issue of the Foreign Mission Number of **The Brethren Missionary Herald** will go to the mails, the Thanksgiving offering within The Brethren Church for home missions will be a thing of the past. That offering is lifted on Thanksgiving Day.

We know that every member of the Foreign Missionary Society is earnestly praying that the largest offering for home missions ever received in The Brethren Church will be taken this coming Thanksgiving Day. The time grows so short between now and the coming of our Lord when we must leave all earthly treasure behind, that we cannot but feel we are working for the eternal interests of every member in The Brethren Church, when we urge them to lay up as much of their treasure in heaven as they possibly can. And if giving to the support of the fine group of men—largely young men—who are the home missionary pastors of our churches, and who are preaching the gospel of the grace of God in all of its fulness and richness, is not one way of laying up treasure in heaven, then we know of no way whereby it can be done. There are many ways of laying up treasures in heaven, and this is certainly one of the best of them.

Perhaps The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church is not altogether unselfish in urging so strongly a great offering for home missions, for home missions builds the churches that become the foundation of our foreign work. No home missions, no foreign missions.

The marching orders of the Master are too plain to be misunderstood. First "Jerusalem"; then "Judea"; then "Samaria"; then "the uttermost parts of the earth." And, by the way, our successful home mission churches are even now among the foremost of the churches in their contributions to foreign missions.

God bless you, Bro. Miller, and the fine board of men that are working together with you. You had "the greatest year ever" in 1939-1940. Here is a prediction that 1940-1941, under the blessing of God and the leadership of the Holy Spirit, will be better still.

"GLORY"

Keep me from seeking glory on this earth.
  While life may last
Help me to pay for years misspent from birth,
  For time flies fast.

Use me as Thou would'st have it best for Thee
  To help some one
Climb up and o'er the mountain tops to see
  Thine only Son.

Give strength to bear when trials swamp my soul
  And swirl around
My fainting heart, and let Thy spirit whole
  In Thee be found.

Help me to sacrifice in gratitude
  Because of love
Thou poured upon me oft in sorrow's mood
  Through stars above.

Feed me as Thou hast done on dreary waste,
  When I did cry,
O, God, help me to help, and keep me chaste,
  Till I shall die.

Keep me from seeking vain things on the earth
  Or idols crave.
Be with me when I leave this old world's mirth.
  And near my grave.

SAM SIMMONS.

"HISTORIC BRETHRENISM"

AN EXCEEDINGLY INTERESTING DOCUMENT, REVEALING ITS MEANING

(NOTE: Dr. Alva J. McClain has loaned the editor a very interesting and valuable document that came into his hands through some aged sister in California. This is "The Brethren's Almanac for The United States, for the Year of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, 1871, published by H. R. Holsinger, Tyrone, Penna."

In this old Almanac, under the title, "REMARKS UPON COURTS," there is reprinted a translation "FROM THE 'HIGH GERMAN AMERICAN ALMANAC' FOR THE YEAR 1760, PUBLISHED BY CHRISTOPHER SAUR, AND WAS WRITTEN BY HIM AS A PREFACE TO THE LIST OF COURTS TO BE HELD IN THE DIFFERENT 'STATES AND TERRITORIES'."

Certainly, if there is any such thing as historic Brethrenism, we here possess some of it; for who can deny that the voice of Christopher Saur, the printer of the first Bible that was ever printed in America, and one of the most famous worthies of the Brethren movement from its very beginning, is any other than one of the most authoritative voices within the realm of "historic Brethrenism"?

These "REMARKS UPON COURTS" ought to be read with exceeding great interest. PROFESSING TO BE "historic Brethren," and TRULY POSSESSING the spirit of "historic Brethrenism" that enables one to be strong enough and big enough and spiritual enough to live according to its teachings when temporal possessions are at stake, seem to be two different things.

Anyhow, if anyone wants to know the position of the fathers who made Brethrenism historic, this document certainly reveals it; and in these momentous days we quote the same in full, and pray that it may help all Brethren to live up to their professions and to be truly Brethren.—L.S.B.)

REMARKS UPON COURTS

Inasmuch as through the fall of man everything became so desperately corrupt, that men will no longer be governed by the Spirit of God, (which is a spirit of love and peace,) but are continually bent upon defrauding and deceiving one another, exercising injustice, withholding just dues, and even destroying one another's lives, as it is daily witnessed, therefore, God, in the wisdom of his counsel, thought it good to appoint governments, and into their hands has delivered the sword for the punishment of the evil doer, and the protection of the good. See Rom. 13. And where a government answers these designs of God, there it is right for believers to be subject to such government as the apostle commands in the same chapter. The token by which such a government may be known, to which such obedience is due, is also set forth by the apostle in the 3d verse of the 13th chapter: "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the powers? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same." Now where a government is thus administered, so that the pious receive its protection and praise, which never transcends the limits of the Divine law, nor attempts to exercise authority over the consciences or religious views of its subjects, unless acts deserving of punishment should be committed, ever seeking to maintain peace and union; bearing the sword, but compelling no one to use it against his conscience; he that resisteth such a government, "resisteth the ordinance of God. And they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

Should, however, a government not be constituted according to God's ordinance, hating and envying the just, praising and protecting the evil, exercising authority over the consciences of men, imposing on them unchristian deeds, and the carnal sword, (which Christ has commanded to be put into the sheath,) to be subject to such a government, would be nothing else than rejecting the master and obeying the servant; to such Peter and John replied without a violation of conscience, (Acts 4:19): "Whether it be right in the sight of God, to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye."

According to the original text of Hebrews 11:3, it reads: "Through faith we know that the things which we see, became of the things which we do not see." Hence all visible things, whether good or evil, are an offspring, or antitype from the powers of light or darkness, and are swayed by them. So also governments established according to divine appointment, together with their ministrations, are typical of the judicature of Christ and his saints at that great day when all shall be judged in righteousness, at which great court, or judgment day, shall appear, not only all men, as Paul says; (2 Cor. 5:10;) but even angels themselves shall be judged (I Cor. 6:3).

And as Christ the true Head of all believers humbled himself before He ascended, suffered before He reigned, was condemned and put to death before He comes to judge; did not appeal to secular powers for protection or redress when upbraided as Beelzebub or prince of devils; "reviled not when He was reviled, and when He suffered He threatened not, but committed all unto Him who judgeth righteously;" hence the true followers of that blessed Head are commanded not to "judge before the time," gladly leaving over **this** ministration to its servants and allowing them to represent the figure, but they themselves the substance; and where the servants, or as they are termed in Rom. 13:4, the "ministers of God," rule well, there the children will also rejoice together.

We are therefore under obligations to thank God, that here in Pennsylvania we have such authorities that grant and protect liberty of conscience, and have on several occasions bravely defended those liberties when we were in danger of losing them, for which God will certainly be their rewarder. But that many acts of injustice and violence are perpetrated, against the advice of the authorities, not only by ungodly citizens, but by under officials, who love bribes, and pervert right, almost daily experience teaches. It would indeed be desirable that men would accept the advice of Christ and His apostles, rather to suffer than to contend at law. "And if any man will sue thee at law and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also." "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Rom.

12:19. And whosoever suffereth wrong for Christ's sake, hath the promise of receiving "an hundred fold again." Matt. 19:29.

Should, however, the objector say, "My faith is too weak for these things, and for such things no one is prepared without faith; and if we do not appeal to the civil authorities and make use of the law, which is ordained of God and designed for our benefit, we are in danger of being wronged out of what is justly our own; and circumstances differ widely and cannot all be measured by the same rule," etc., then I answer: It is well spoken, for hereunto faith is demanded, for without faith these things cannot be fulfilled; but is not faith required in the performance of every Christian duty? For "That which is without faith is sin." Rom. 14:23. And the fear of suffering the loss of goods by honoring the doctrine of Christ, "and exercising himself in godliness, cannot possess him that has faith, for he knoweth that without the permission of God neither men nor the devil have power to harm him, and should God permit it he is content that His will shall be done, knowing that it will work for our good: for "godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life, that now is and that which is to come." I Tim. 4:8.

As to circumstances being so diversified that all may not be squared by the same rule, I partly admit, yet no circumstance is so extraordinary that by faith we may not meet the opprobation of God. But this I say, and will prove it by the Scriptures, that it is a great shame for professors of Christianity, and members of the same church, to sue one another at law before the civil authorities, for they thereby plainly manifest that their teachers and superintendents, and deacons, and in fact their whole society are destitute of that wisdom which qualifies men to decide in worldly matters, as Paul says, I Cor. 6:5-7, which read carefully.

Such professors give plainly to understand that they love their temporal goods more than their undying souls, seeing they entrust their souls to such to whom they will not commit the adjusting of their temporal difficulties. Should, however, the contending parties belong to different societies or religious professions, it would be advisable that each select several men and pledge themselves together to abide by the decision of those men, and thus in a short time, and at a trifling expense, the most important contests could be disposed of. It is consistent with sound reason that neighbors, being acquainted with all the circumstances on both sides, are more competent to decide cases than strangers who have not that acquaintance, and whose judgment frequently must depend upon statements made by unprincipled tattlers, who for money will make right appear wrong, and wrong right. And then after the parties have spent more in lawing than the matter in dispute was worth, and continued the suit for years, after all it is not unfrequently settled by arbitration.

It is evident that lawyers are seldom at enmity with each other, but frequently decide cases between themselves beforehand, and if one gains a case this time, he must allow the other to gain the next, whether right or wrong. Hence they may justly be compared to a pair of shears, the blades of which seem continually to be cutting each other, but really they cut only that which comes between them.

In Pennsylvania alone, more than ten thousand pounds might be saved annually, if men would refrain from contending at law, and have their disputes settled according to the foregoing plan. But he that is not pleased with this method, and would rather choose the way of retaliation than of amity, will find information below of the time and places set apart when and where the vindictive may impeach one another.

(Then follows a list of Courts.—Ed.)

After quoting the above document, the editor was struck with its remarkable ending. While the "List of Courts" was not printed in the document, yet apparently the document ended in a way as much as to say: We have given you the will of God, as set forth in the Scriptures, to guide your feet when issues arise between brethren, but if any of you cannot live up to this teaching and are determined to "choose the way of retaliation" rather "than of amity," here is a "List of Courts" where you can go to satisfy the "vindictive" old man within you and proceed to "impeach one another."—L.S.B.

ILLUSTRATIVE JOTTING
CHARLES DARWIN AND THE BIBLE.

The following little account by Lady Hope of the death of Charles Darwin, the evolutionist, is stirring. It is a most wonderful narrative, and contains the account of a great and terrible tragedy.

Darwin is propped up in bed, and he looks out over the lovely landscape as the sun is setting. He is reading—**the Bible!** Said Lady Hope: "I made some allusion to the strong opinions expressed by many persons on the history of the creation, its grandeur, and then to their treatment of the earlier chapters of the Book of Genesis.

"He seemed greatly distressed, his fingers twitched nervously, and a look of agony came over his face as he said:

" 'I was a young man with **unformed ideas.** I threw out queries, suggestions, wondering all the time over everything; and to my astonishment the ideas took like wildfire. People made a religion of them.' "

TWELVE PRECIOUS P'S IN EPHESIANS I

1. Peace (V. 2)
2. Places (V. 3)
3. Predestinated (V. 5)
4. Pleasure (V. 5)
5. Praise (V. 6)
6. Prudence (V. 8)
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8. Promise (V. 13)
9. Possession (V. 14)
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11. Power (V. 19)
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THE LAMB OF GOD

Typefied	Gen. 4
Prophesied	Gen. 22
Applied	Ex. 12
Personified	Isa. 53
Identified	John 1:29
Magnified	Rev. 5
Glorified	Rev. 22

—Unknown.

Dedication of the First Kabba Village Chapel

By Eld. Orville D. Jobson, Supt. of African Brethren Missions

In the early days of the work when Bassai was the only station in our French Equatorial Mission, Bro. Gribble used to talk about our line of advance in reaching the tribes of Western Oubangui-Chari with the gospel of salvation. His vision in those days was a station in the Laka-Kabba tribes to the north of Bassai as our next move. He spoke often of this unusual group of people and especially about a number of them whom he had met on his travels. He admired their splendid physique, just as every one who sees them does, and he longed for the opportunity to reach them with the gospel.

Before our first year together had come to a close, Bro. Gribble was looking forward to opening our next station among these people. But shortly afterwards he took a trip to Bangui—several months before he was called home—and on this trip he turned his eyes upon Yaloke's village, in the Banou tribe, as our next immediate station. This station was opened in 1924 by Bro. Hathaway.

However, the desire to reach the Kabba had become a part of my being, and shortly after the homegoing of Bro. Gribble I made my first contacts with them. There is no doubt that our love for the different tribes in those early days was the Lord leading us to the unreached parts of His vineyard. Interest in the Kabba people became a mission burden, and in 1925 Bro. Sheldon made a trip thru the tribe with a view to opening our third station. At this time, however, the government was building an auto road thru parts of the tribe, and the changing of village sites to the new road made the location of a station very uncertain. The Kabba station was then postponed and our third station was opened among the Gbea tribe at Bellevue, in 1926.

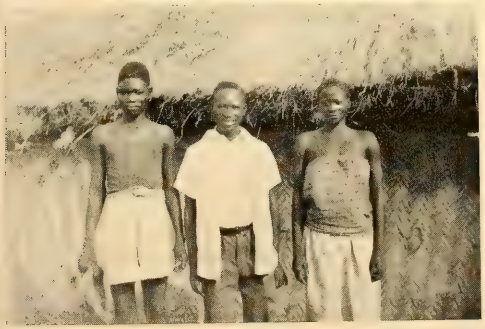
In spite of this delay our prayers unceasingly ascended to God's throne for a station among the Kabba. In 1928 I made a trip thru parts of the tribe, made new contacts, and promised them that one day the Lord would send them a messenger.

Again in 1932 we covered parts of the tribe, and one of the old chiefs chided me, that our promise had not been fulfilled. Then three years later when the Morrills came to the field, we saw the possibilities of reaching the Kabba people for whom we had prayed since 1922. Most gladly did we take time from our Bassai duties to locate a site and build a temporary home for Kabbaland's first messengers of the gospel, for thus we were helping to realize our prayer of the years, "Lord send us laborers for the Kabba tribe."

This little introduction will help you to realize some of the joy that was ours when, on a recent trip to Paoua, some 30 miles south of our Kabba station, Bro. Kliever asked me to assist him in dedicating the first Kabba village chapel.

Bedam is one of the three new village points that have been opened in the Kabba tribe, the others being at Benamkor and Bedaya. These are centers from which Bro. Kliever expects to reach three-fifths of the tribe. Two of the workers at these points have been in the Central Bible School at Bozoum for two terms. The worker at Bedam is a Laka-Kabba, who first came to us in 1927 and enrolled in our first French School class. Here he accepted the Lord as his Savior and was baptized April 27, 1933. For a number of years Joseph had a checkered career—hesitating between serving the Lord and serving mammon—but in 1936 the Lord laid His hand upon him and sent him to a Kabba village in the Bassai field as a self supporting evangelist.

In 1939 he was transferred to the Bekoro field, where he has grown in grace and in the knowledge of the Word under the ministry of Bro. Kliever. It is quite fitting that he should be the evangelist at the first Kabba village chapel to be dedicated. At last he



Joseph Bondounga, Evangelist at Bedam Chapel, standing between his wife and a young helper.

Chapel at Bedam, photographed on day of dedication

has found God's place for him, and our prayer is that Joseph shall be faithful to the promise of his youth to serve his own people in the gospel of Christ.

It was a dry, hot afternoon when we loaded a group of the Bekoro Christians in the mission truck to go to Bedam for the dedication. It was May 19th. Upon arriving, Bro. Kliever hung a brake-drum from an old mission truck in a nearby tree, and Joseph beat the call to church, and the people began to gather.

The chapel building is a crude structure of poles and grass. A mat on one side forms a protection from the wind; the other side and both ends are entirely open. The floor was unpounded dirt. There was a pedestal—made especially for Jake Kliever—I couldn't see the first three rows. It consisted of a pole in the ground with a box lid nailed on top of it. There were a few left-over building sticks on the men's side, and they were utilized as benches. The women sat on clods of dirt or on the ground. But the best part is that this chapel was built by the Christians themselves, and that speaks for a more definitely indigenous spirit than if it had been constructed with brick walls, paid for from mission funds.

The service was short. The singing, message, exhortation, and dedicatory prayer lasted barely an hour. There was nothing unusual about the service, but somehow the Lord crowned me with a particular joy. What I was seeing that day represented the efforts of the Kabba people to provide a place of worship for themselves, and to reach their fellow tribe members. All of our prayers have not been answered for this people—no, not by a wide margin—but what we saw gave us cause for real rejoicing, and filled us with courage to pray thru until the Lord has gathered a great church to Himself from among the Laka-Kabba peoples.

May the Lord add His blessing upon the efforts of His servants in this field—missionaries and native workers—encouraging their hearts and giving them joy as they labor for Him.

On the way back to the station, the group of Christians that we took along to the dedication, stood in the back of the truck and sang heartily one gospel song after another. I could not help comparing the heathen singing that I first heard, when I spent my first night among this people. What a difference. Surely, "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation."

A STRIKING TESTIMONY.

Heinrich von Heine, a Jew, half German, half French, a man of flashing wit, a brilliant writer and poet, a confirmed doubter, one day took up a Bible and spent most of the day in the unwonted task of reading.

"What a Book!" he exclaimed, as he laid it down; "vast and wide as the world! rooted in the abysses of creation, and towering up beyond the blue secrets of heaven. Sunrise and sunset, birth and death, promise and fulfilment, the whole drama of humanity are in this Book!"

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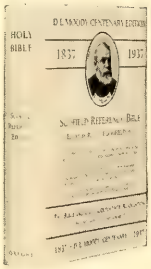

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YALOKE BIBLE CONFERENCE

By Floyd W. Taber, M.D., F. E. Africa

It began with the missionary pastor flat on his back; continued by the evangelists going crazy; and ended with a love-feast, 45 baptisms, and five weddings.

On returning home from Bekoro, after welcoming Donna Marie Kliever, I found **three very important jobs** staring me in the face, all of which **must be done** within the next two weeks, and **any one of which was more than I could possibly do right in that length of time.** The easiest of the three was the Bible Conference for native workers.

The Lord had to show me that **I was not nearly so important as I thought I was.** He put me in bed with an infection arising from a sore on the ankle, and kept me there until **all the important jobs were done without me.**

Dr. Gribble and Miss Emmert did exploits. In addition to all their regular work, and all of mine, and taking care of me, they brought frequent messages to the Bible Conference. But it was simply impossible to find time to attend the business sessions and guide the native church in plans for the work.

We have been wondering all along how soon the native church would be ready to carry on, so the missionaries could move on to unoccupied fields. What would they do if the entire responsibility fell on them, with no missionaries to guide them?

By force of circumstances, we got a partial answer to that question. **The native church** was left to face its problems **alone.**

When there is enough money, the evangelists supported by native offerings receive from 50c to $1.00 a month. But much of the time this is cut, for lack of money. The last pay before the conference, they received just two-thirds. In the face of this shortage, they **decided to send twelve new workers into the field and divide their money with them.**

I began to wonder if it would not be a good thing for the Lord to **keep** me in bed! But possibly after He teaches me a few more lessons I will go crazy too, and then He can let me get up without danger to the native church.

THINK IT OVER

The Word "easy" occurs only once in the New Testament and then in connection with "yoke".

INTERESTING COMMUNICATIONS FROM DR. GRIBBLE

Steamship "Fondere," Oubangui River
July 12, 1940

Dear Friends at Home,

The long talked of South African trip is at last a reality. I left Yaloke July 8, spent July 9 in Bangui for business, and embarked July 10 upon this boat. Miss Emmert is not with me. This is owing to the cablegram recently received permitting vacations in Africa only. This has been a great disappointment to me. I feel especially sorry for her, as she is very tired after four years of service . . . . .

I am traveling with a party of missionaries from our neighboring mission who are especially kind and congenial. I enjoy the two households and the children, but it is an especially gracious provision of the Lord to have permitted me to travel on the same boat with Miss Lindeman. We have much in common and are very congenal.

We expect to arrive at Brazzaville July 17. We then have considerable business to attend to, cashing drafts, exchanging money, getting new passports and visas, and securing passage on our next boat. The next boat, belonging to the company Unatra, makes the voyage upstream on the Congo and Kasai rivers to Port Francquis in eight days. Of course we do not know how long we may be delayed at Leopoldville. Upon our arrival at Port Francquis we expect to travel by rail to the Cape, making probably only one stop at the frontier. The time required for the trip from Port Francquis to the Cape is seven days, three of which are spent in the Belgian Congo and four on the South African railways.

Once having arrived at the Cape, our first business will be to see the American Consul, pick up mail and funds which we hope will be awaiting us there, and make out plans accordingly. As for myself, I expect to go to some missionary home or boarding house in Cape Town or suburbs.

In these days it is extremely difficult to obtain visas. I therefore consider myself very fortunate to have my passport already visaed for my return to Oubangui-Chari. I also have a detachable visa to attach to my next passport, as this one will be expiring before my return. We are armed with our certificates of vaccination, and will probably have to get sanitary passports in Brazzaville before crossing into Congo Belge. I also have an authorization from the governor of Congo Belge to cross his territory. All out-coming missionaries should get the necessary visas before leaving New York. There will probably be no difficulty in getting the British visa. The Belgian and French visa must be obtained from the respective governor generals of the Colonies, and application should be made to the French or Belgian Consuls at home, to obtain these visas from the Gouvernor General.

The fact that traveling is difficult in these times does not mean that it is impossible. Everyone who is called by the Lord into mission fields should buckle

on his armor and sally forth, ready to live or to die, according to the will of God, being satisfied that life or death will be for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus (Rev. 1:9).

One of my trunks is almost full of manuscripts. I am sure the time will not hang heavy on my hands in South Africa, for there I hope to complete the book started on my furlough, if possible. I would be glad if you would pray that the Lord may provide a secretary for my use in South Africa, if it be His will. Then I would be able to do work more quickly, as the manuscripts are now in such a shape that much can be accomplished by dictation. We have a wonderful Lord, and although we do not see how prayers can be answered, we know that He can and does answer prayer. He Who is the Creator is not dependent upon any created thing or being, but chooses His own instruments. Hence, it is often that the very weakness of the instrument enhances His glory.

Many times I marvel that I should have been called to the position of privilege and responsibility which awaits some missionary in South Africa at this time of crisis in traveling. Again, I pray that in this case also the very weakness of the instrument may enhance His glory, and that a safe and inexpensive route to the unevangelized colonies may soon be opened.

In our own mission the need is great. There is yet a brief respite for the preaching of the gospel in Oubangui-Chari, but forces are few and weak. Since May, 1938, with one exception, no missionaries who have gone on furlough have been able to return. At the present time we have six posts manned by 15 missionaries, four of whom are overdue for furlough. Eleven divided by six gives less than two as a quotient. The result is inevitable. Unless we have reinforcements soon, one of our stations at least must be closed or manned by a single missionary, and that a lady.

Will you not join with us in praying that God Himself will thrust forth volunteers in this extreme crisis of our work? Will not you who are volunteers, lift up your heads in this time of darkness and discouragement, and pray that for you there may be open doors to go forward? Will not you who are members of our churches, like the Spartan mothers, send forth your sons and your daughters with the injunction to return with their shields or upon them? Will not you who are donors rejoice in the privilege of giving more largely now than ever before, realizing that the time is short indeed? Whether you pray, whether you go, whether you give, do it heartily as unto the Lord, believing that in Oubangui-Chari the church will soon be completed and the coming of our Lord hastened.

We have been lax and slow. On every hand the men are dying for causes infinitely less than our own; dying to add luster to names far less glorious than that of our Lord; dying without hope of that glorious immortality which is ours; expecting nothing but a resurrection unto damnation. Why should we, who are assured of the glorious resurrection unto life, halt and hesitate before making that final charge, which the church must make in order to complete her ranks?

And now, dear friends, I commend each of you to Him Who is our hope. We have long expected this hour; interpreters of prophecy have long since proclaimed it. The darkness of the hour is but a harbinger of hope—not a hope dim, ill-defined and impersonal, but a hope definite and personal, even our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There are perhaps no sadder words in the Bible than these: "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" Shall He find in you, shall He find in me, that faith which is the victory? Let us encourage one another to love and to good works. F.N.G.

Leopoldville, Congo Belge
July 31, 1940

Dear Readers of The Brethren Missionary Herald:

Back at Stanley Pool again, on the Brazzaville shores on which we did that long waiting of 18 months in 1918-19. This time we have had a wait—a much shorter one—on the Leopoldville side. We had thought traveling upon the Oubangui River to be a thing of the past in our lives as for more than 12 years we have traveled in and out, to and fro, by the Cameroons. But things have changed. Now it is the part of wisdom, if not of necessity, to pass again by way of Brazzaville and Leopoldville, where our very kind American Consul, Mr. Patrick Mallon, resides.

As far as the Oubangui-Chari Mission is concerned, I traveled down river alone. Missionaries from the Mid-African Mission were however traveling by the same opportunity, viz: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leachour and three children, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fogle and one child, as well as Miss Esther Lindeman.

I am enroute to South Africa for a brief rest; the others were enroute to America. After considerable red tape and many difficulties, the two families named above, accompanied by Mr. Metzler and family who were also waiting at Leopoldville, have seized

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Snappy SERMON STARTERS

All Christians are called by a new name or names. Here are a few of them found in the scriptures:

SAINTS ..... because of holiness
BELIEVERS ..... because of faith
BRETHREN ..... because of love
DISCIPLES ..... because of odedience or learning
SERVANTS ..... because of work or ministry
PRIESTS ..... because of worship
WITNESSES ..... because of testimony
CHILDREN ..... because of position or relationship
SONS ..... because of privileges and possessions

What is the measure of your Christian life along side this array of names that God has given to us? Are you living true to each name by which God has called you?

upon an unprecedented opportunity to make their way to New York. The S. S. Leopoldville of the Belgian Line was sailing on short notice to New York itself, for the **first** time. Whether or not it will continue to ply between New York and Matadi, we do not know; but while it does so, it affords a marvelous opportunity for missionaries to go and come. (Note: We heard of the possibility of securing passage on this boat for our outgoing missionaries. As we were trying to secure reservations, we received notice that all further sailings of this ship were cancelled—L.S.B.).

Miss Lindeman chose to continue with me to South Africa, where she hopes to embark either on one of the steamers of the American-South Africa Lines which ply regularly between New York and the Cape, or upon one of the steamers of the President Line. These boats require from 22 to 30 days for the passage.

What seemed like an insuperable difficulty confronted me when I reached the City of Brazzaville. All my money was in French francs. I could obtain no lodging on the Brazzaville side, and it was therefore necessary for me to go to Leopoldville where the Union Mission Hotel is located. But French francs are at present not legal tender in Congo Belge, and no bank will exchange them. Furthermore, it is necessary to leave our French money on the French side.

Through the kindness of Mr. Metzler and also of Mr. Coxhill and Mr. Carpenter, what at first seemed like impossible difficulties have been overcome. Parties needing the French francs have taken them off our hands instead of receiving them direct from their mission boards or employers in America. The dollars, which are negotiable anywhere, were received in a providential manner—some through the American Consul, some through private friends, and some through chance acquaintances. Upon Mr. Metzler fell the responsibility of caring for these negotiations.

Finally, something more than two-thirds of the amount formerly held in French francs has been received in Belgian francs or in dollars, and I am enabled to continue my journey to the Cape, where I expect to spend something less than six months; after which I hope in the providence of God to return to Oubangui-Chari. I was able to purchase a return ticket from Leopoldville to the Cape at considerable reduction, with a maximum duration of six months from Leopoldville.

Pray at this time for our missionaries waiting to return, for candidates waiting to be thrust out, for our board, that wisdom and grace may be given them in directing the movements of our missionaries during these troublous times. Pray also for our tired and worn out missionaries on the field—especially for the Sheldons, Mrs. Kennedy and Miss Emmert who furloughs are overdue—that the way may be opened for them to rest. Pray for me, as I hurry back to Oubangui-Chari without seeing your faces, that I may be enabled to relieve **some** to rejoice in the homecoming. Address me % American Consul, Cape Town, South Africa—**F.N.G.**

Andrew Murray Missionary Home
20 Bellevue St., Cape Town, South Africa
August 19th, 1940

My dear Herald Readers:

Once more I write to you, having reached the end of my journey.

I will now resume the narrative in diary form for the month of August to date, feeling that the new and varying experiences through which I have passed may be of interest to some of you.

August 1st

Spoke tonight at the Salvation Army meeting at Leopoldville. There were more than 800 present at 5:00 p. m. As I do not speak Lingalo, I spoke in English through an interpreter. Great interest was shown. . . . . The Salvation Army is to be commended for the evangelistic, medical and educational work it is carrying on at Leopoldville.

August 2nd

A red letter day—our first plane ride! Having an unusual burden of prayer, I arose at 4:30. The "last inevitables" were soon arranged, and after prayer we partook of an early breakfast, entered the waiting bus, . . . and were driven to the airport. Tickets having been previously arranged for, there remained nothing to do except the weighing of the excess baggage, of which only 20 kilograms is allowed in addition to the regular 20 kilos free. We "took off" at 8:00 a. m. I did not expect an accident, but we had one. At first I did not know that we were tipping and swerving in an unusual way, but presumed I was just getting my money's worth! Soon, however, it was apparent that we were making a forced landing, and we were all greatly relieved when it was made in safety and we taxied back over the turf to the airport. Here we found out what had happened. We had collided with two huge birds which had riddled our wings. A huge hole in one, a smaller one in the other, had doubtless caused the tipping and the swerving which seemed so ghastly. Some time was now consumed in making repairs, after which we took off again and reached our destination—Luluaburg—without further accident. The birds proved to be of a species hitherto unknown in the vicinity of Leopoldville. The impact with the plane caused

Found in Our Mail

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"This magazine is certainly wonderful. We enjoy it immensely." H.L.M., Pennsylvania.

their death, and the exclamations of wonder as their carcasses were inspected were universal. . . .

August 3rd

By 7:30 we were on the train. Reservations had been made for us, but our compartment was occupied by three train men. They insisted on going; we demurred. Notwithstanding, they went out and stood in the corridor. Belgian and South Africa second class compartments "seat and sleep 6." We moved over to the window, after which with many apoligies they returned. There really was no other place for them to go until another car was put on at 5:30 that evening. They were much interested when we started a game of anagrams, and insisted on making suggestions. This opened the way for us to speak to them of Jesus. May the seed have been sown on good ground.

August 4th

We spent a fairly comfortable night in our bunks, where we settled nicely soon after we had the compartment to ourselves. Most of this Sunday we were alone. We felt the afternoon heat terribly for two days, and were glad we were continuall going South into cooler climes.

As the train pulled into Luene, we saw a mulatto family waiting to board it. Mulattos belong to a distinct class in this part of the Congo and in British territory. We knew they would be traveling second class also, and wondered just where they would be. We soon found out the wife and baby were to share our compartment for the night. We were just preparing our little supper, which we had the privilege of sharing with them, as they had none. As the mother was not well, we gave her one of the lower berths. We were now four, and had a feeling that we were "complet." But no! At nine o'clock the porter came in and made up a berth for a fifth passenger, for whose appearance, however, we waited in vain. At 2:00 a. m. the porter came in again and removed the bedding. Evidently we were not quite so popular as we had thought!

August 5th, 6th, & 7th

After this somewhat disturbed night we were glad to be reaching Elizabethville, our destination. . . . . We arrived finally to find our friends, Bishop and Mrs. Springer, awaiting us. . . . . We had to remain in Elizabethville two nights and a day. Both days, however, we were invited to the Methodist mission for tea, and the time passed very rapidly. We were happy to find that the Hotel Albert gave a missionary reduction.

We left on the morning of the 7th. Bishop and Mrs. Springer saw us off at the train and loaded us down with reading matter, which was very acceptable.

We were now bound for the Belgian frontier and had been told to prepare to pass customs at Sakania. But we did not understand that we were to change trains there, and were much amused at a lady getting in our car who was bound for Elizabethville. But in our superior(?) wisdom we thought **we** were right, and it was only at the **last** minute, just as the train on the other track was leaving for Sakania, that we were finally persuaded to change! What an example of that spiritual blindness and perversity which refuses to believe that it is on the wrong track; sometimes, alas, until it is too late!

An hour later we arrived at Ndula. We knew we had to change here, but had quite a time effecting this. We found we were assigned to a compartment with a Dutch lady and her little boy, and at last at 11:00 p. m. all four of us subsided for the night.

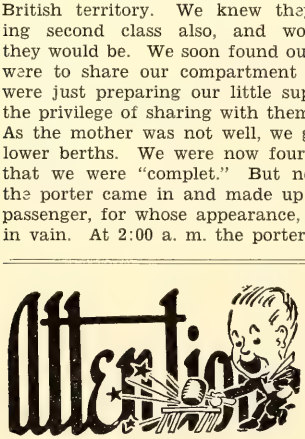
August 8th

All day on the train! Since it was a day without incidents, I might relax sufficiently to say that Belgian and South African second class trains remind one somewhat of freight trains at home, with one or more cabooses attached! They make a similar speed, also! I am wondering whether it would not be better economy to go first class! One would save so much time—and food!

August 9th

Livingstone! What a thrill about the name, and even the place! By previous arrangement, we left the train in the early morning, took first a bus, then a boat, then a double trolley, and arrived at the famous Victoria Falls. They are magnificent and beautiful even in the dry season, although they are reputed to be twice the volume in the rainy season. **Now** the falls are a series of magnificent "chutes." **Then** they are one grand mass of mighty roaring waters. The spray, like smoke, can be seen for many miles. What a thrill Livingstone must have had on first beholding them!

Arrangements had been made for lunch at the hotel, which a South African seriously assured me was larger than any in New York! While this was a natural exaggeration on the part of one who had never seen New York hotels, it **was** a fine hotel for Africa! The best thing about it was the hot baths,



Los Angeles, Calif.,
Sept. 28, 1940.

Mr. Leo Polman
Dear Sir:

Our W.M.C. of Southern California would like to give out envelopes for The Brethren Missionary Herald at their district meeting held the last of October.

They want to stress a Brethren Missionary Herald in every home at that time. So I was told to ask you to send us about 1,000 envelopes if possible. This will take care of the envelopes for the whole district and we will see that all churches are supplied.

Yours in His Service,

(Pearl McNeil),
Dist. Sec'y of W.M.C.
Los Angeles, Calif."

thrice welcome after weary days on the train. We joined our train again at Victoria, and next morning found ourselves at historic Bulawayo.

August 10th

Another change! . . . . . We have already entered winter, and the winter of a high plateau. Most of us had taken cold, and felt sight-seeing would be out of the question. Yet, we had 12 hours in Bulawayo for that very purpose!

Sitting shivering by the open fire, nothing could have surprised me more than to hear a gentleman's voice saying: "Is Dr. Florence Gribble in the room?" Turning, I saw a very earnest looking young man, who introduced himself as the Baptist Minister in Bulawayo. A friend who had passed through on the train a week previously had left her card, with my name and information necessary! We gladly accepted Mr. Edmund's invitation to dinner, and were soon introduced to wife, family and friends. What kindness to extend to complete strangers like ourselves!

At Elizabethville we had learned that we might be required to deposit L5 (at present, something over $20) at Mafeking, the "border" town in Bechuanaland where one enters the Union of South Africa. Now Mr. Edmunds told us of another cloud which hovers over Mafeking. If our papers were not in perfect order, we might have to get off at Mafeking and wait until all could be regulated! I am afraid we did not feel the weight of this on Saturday as we did on Sunday when the hour of our judgment came.

In Rhodesia and in South Africa one is always asked as to denominational affiliations. The Edmunds were no excepton. But when I responded "Brethren," it did not cause the usual confusion in **his** mind. Someone present responded: "Is it the same as the 'Brethren' in Cape Town?" Another said: "Are you a member of the **Garangouze Evangelical Mission?"**

"No," I said, "we belong to the——"

'Is it not the same denomination as that to which Dr. Bauman belongs?" interrupted Mr. Edmunds.

"Yes," I responded, surprised at having the matter so quickly and thoroughly elucidated.

"We all read Dr. Bauman's articles in the **Sunday School Times,"** responded Mr. Edmunds, "and we are thoroughly in accord with his teachings."

Here in Cape Town, too, I find the same experience. Dr. Bauman's articles have made an open door for our denomination among South Africa fundamentalists.

Among others, however, I have found that confusion still exists. The **A.M.I.**, a company similar to Cook's who booked us thru from Leopoldville, wanted to give me half-fare on the train as soon as they heard I was a "Brethren." This of course I could not accept, as our Society is not among the listed societies eligible to half-fare in Belgian Congo. In South Africa one must be **born here** (I had almost said "a native") before one is eligible to half-fare.

The Edmunds took us back to our train. Customs Declarations were passed soon after, as well as Immigration Blanks. We were told that the "visit" would occur Sunday morning after breakfast.

August 11th

True to his word, the officer appeared. Our blanks had been diligently filled in. Miss Lindeman, my traveling companion was the first to present hers. The officer perused the detailed information thereon, then asked for my papers,, passports, etc. Turning to Miss Lindeman, he said: "I must ask you to get off at Mafeking." "I cannot hope for a better fate," I thought.

"I will bring you a permit," he said, "but you must deposit five pounds because your Society is not listed." This money he explained to me would be returned to me at Mafeking. Why the difference? Simply because I had my ticket to exit. Miss Lindeman, naturally since she was going home, had none. When I perceived at Leopoldville that I was not eligible to missionary discount, I decided to avail myself of the advantages of a return ticket, knowing nothing of the fact that it would be my passport **into** the Union. Miss Lindeman's ticket to America was to be provided from her headquarters in America—allright when once **here.**

This is just one more evidence of what we have been perceiving all along—that funds for American missionaries returning home from French Equatorial Africa via Leopoldville should be sent in care of American Consulate at Leopoldville. For, had my friend had the **money to purchase her ticket** to New York, she would have had no trouble. There was nothing to do but for her to get off the train. It was a sad parting for those who had traveled together for nearly five weeks. She went to the hotel, and, it being Sunday, to church. She met kind Christian friends who invited her to their home. The next morning she telegraphed the American Consul, who immediately arranged with the Immigration Boards at Mafeking and Cape Town; and she was permitted to proceed, pending the carrying out of certain formalities. She arrived in Cape Town, 36 hours after I did. What a kind being an American Consul appears to Americans traveling abroad!

Very faithfully yours,

FLORENCE N. GRIBBLE

MATHEMATICS IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM

Principle One, Addition, (II Pet. 1:5-7).

Principle Two, Subtraction, (I Pet. 2:1, 2, 3).

Principle Three, Division, (II Cor. 6:17, 18 cp., Isa. 52:11).

Principle Four, Multiplication, (2 Cor. 9:10).

Conclusion, Rule of Three, (1 Cor. 13:13).

A. S. Pearce.

"MISSIONARIES' MISSIVES"

Miss Mary L. Emmert wrote the editor from Bangui, F.E.A., on July 10. Her letter reveals the truly sacrificial spirit of all our missionaries in these days of stress and trial. The physical bodies of some of our missionaries are certainly in need of rest. This letter reveals the fact that the soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ are not outdone by the soldiers of the kingdoms of this world in the matter of possessing the spirit of "standing by the guns" until someone comes to man them and keep up the fight. Surely, we in the homeland, because of sacrificing a few dollars to provide the wherewithal for these missionaries, have utterly nothing wherein to boast in the way of sacrifice for Christ. From Miss Emmert's letter we quote:

> "If the way eventually opens up for going and returning, then I would rather take my furlough in the homeland as usual. If, on the other hand, there seems to be no likelihood of a change for the better, it would then be time to take a rest somewhere in Africa if thought best . . . I feel that I should not want to go home if it were impossible to return; and so I am willing to stay on another year or so, if necessary and if the Lord leads. We shall continue to look to Him, Who alone is able to lead us."

Chauncey B. Sheldon, under date of July 8, 1940, wrote the editor a very interesting letter. Knowing the desires of all the members of The Foreign Missionary Society for every possible bit of news as to how our missionaries are faring in these troubled times and as to what they are doing on the field, we quote for their information a portion of this letter written from Bellevue, par Bossangoa, French Equatorial Africa. Brother and Sister Sheldon are two missionaries who are also sadly in need of rest, but they are "standing by the guns" at present in Africa. Let us hope that someone will be sent to their relief. We quote:

"World conditions are anything but pleasant these days, and each time the news arrives it seems worse than before. One just doesn't know what will be the end of all of this upheaval. But we as Americans have had nothing, compared to the anguish of heart of the French, Belgians, and others in this land. A Belgian couple that we know had had no word of their aged parents; others have wives and even children back there, and don't know whether they are still alive or not. Such anguish as is caused by the evil of one man's heart! Unless he repents, he will get his punishment one day. Only those who put their trust in God can have peace in this world of unrest. We pray that, whatever comes to pass, this land will remain open to the gospel. That is much on our hearts.

"During the past weeks we have been much in prayer about our furlough. So long as the missionaries at home did not return and the need on the field was so great, we just couldn't get peace about going home. We had decided to postpone our going even before your telegram arrived. But we had planned to send Kenneth home with Miss Emmert by way of South Africa. He is now 13 and should be in regular school. We had written to John Brown School in Arkansas and were arranging for him to enter there in September. Then, when your telegram arrived Miss Emmert of course decided not to go. It has been a disappointment to us that he could not go on, but the Lord knows all about it and He will work it out for us. . . . If the Lord does not open the way for others to come forth and for us to go on furlough, pray that He will give strength to tired bodies. . . . .

"The world is in great distress, but we praise the Lord that His Word is going forth and souls are being saved. Children are coming to the classes and learning to read the Word. The Acts of the Apostles in Gbea has been finished, and we feel that the infant church needs this book, but how are we to get it printed? The British and Foreign Bible Society did this work so efficiently before, but it looks as if they wouldn't be able to do it now. I suppose we will have to inquire of the American Bible Society as to whether they would do it or not. Pray that we may be able to get the book in the hands of the people soon.

"We are praying for you during these days that you may have wisdom from on high for the many problems you have to face."

THE GIFT

He'd spend his dimes for candy,
  He'd spend some more for gum,
And give it not a second thought—
  'Twas such a trifling sum.

He'd spend his dimes for this and that,
  For pleasure and for mirth,
And never miss those dimes he spent—
  He'd had his money's worth.

Then when on Sunday came the time
  For him to give his gift,
He'd drop a dime into the plate
  And think 'twas quite a bit.

Oh that the Savior would have come
  And showed this thoughtless man
His pierced hands, His wounded side,
  Marred by the hands of man.

How shamed this sinful man would feel!
  How small the trifling sum
Beside the Gift God gave for us—
  His own beloved Son.

—Robert Sharp.

BOZOUM PRAISE AND PRAYER NOTES

Ps. 50:15, "And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." What a glorious privilege is ours to be able to call on One Whom we know has delivered, and is still able to deliver! We praise the Lord for the peace and joy He gives in these dark days.

At our 1940 New Year's service a number of the Christians promised to memorize one verse of Scripture a month during the year. In January we began with Mt. 6:33; in February, Heb. 11:6,7. March we added Rom. 6:23. For April we choose 2 Cor. 8:9, and now we have I Pt. 5:10. We praise the Lord that our people are hiding God's Word in their hearts. It has been a real source of blessing to us to hear them recite these verses day after day. Remember to ask the Lord to keep them faithful until twelve rich and helpful verses have crowned their year's effort.

Mr. Jobson just returned from Baiboukoum and reports a real victory, for which we praise the Lord. Last month we asked you to keep Baiboukoum before you as an object of prayer. God heard prayer, and 40 were received into the waters of baptism. This group of believers have been having services daily since Noel started his work among them last January. Communion service was held on Sunday, also a testimony meeting in which all praised the Lord for the blessed privilege of hearing the way of salvation. They said they never knew they were sinners until they heard the gospel. One member was chosen to come to the Bible School this year to learn more of the Word. Another was chosen to pastor the flock until an evangelist comes to them, as Noel has now returned to Bozoum to attend the Bible School. We know you will remember this church at Baiboukoum. The enemy will be quick to throw his darts at them and try to destroy their new found joy. Let us be faithful in remembering them daily at the throne of Grace.

Pray for our missionaries who are due for furlough, but due to war conditions are not permitted to sail. The Lord is able to renew their strength day by day. Also continue to remember our missionaries at home who are waiting to come to the field. Truly, these are troublesome days, but may we keep looking up. God is on the throne, and our times are in His hands.

We have seen French Equatorial Africa throw its gates wide, wide open to the gospel. Let us continue to pray that they may not be **closed.** Truly, the fields are white unto the harvest. Pray for the Christians in Oubangui Chari that they may not become discouraged.

Yours in Him,

CHARLOTTE JOBSON.

Dear Bro. Bauman:

Am sending the prayer notes. We greatly need your prayers and the prayers of the brotherhood at this time.

You of course know the serious condition of France and her colonies. May we as missionaries have wisdom given from the Lord.

We do not know if air mail reaches U.S.A. or not, but are committing all to Him.

God bless you. In Him,

CHARLOTTE JOBSON

New Books For Your Library

Books reviewed in this column we consider fundamental to the Christian standard, although there may be some small portions with which we do not agree or, of which we cannot approve. In such instances we shall call attention to that with which we are not in accord.

Books reviewed here may be procured from The Brethren Missionary Herald Co., 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

TEACHING THROUGH WORSHIP

By Ann Morgan

154 pages; cloth; price, $1.50

In this book, Mrs. Morgan has embodied 58 interesting and helpful programs for teaching worship to Junior-age boys and girls. Each program consists of order of worship, superintendent's talk, handwork and poster suggestions. The stories and outlines given adhere for the greater part to the main and all-important theme of our need of Christ the Savior Who died for our sin. The teacher or superintendent, of course, as in any aid to teaching, has the prerogative of adding or omitting as he sees fit.

It is quite evident from a perusal of this book that it would work beautifully into any program for Juniors, especially in the Christian Endeavor group.

Since at this age, boys and girls are most pliable, it seems only fitting that reverence and worship should be indelibly impressed upon them. Such, I am sure, Mrs. Morgan had in mind in preparing this book and we do not hesitate to recommend its extensive use.

—G.G.K.

PELLETS FOR PREACHERS

The public activities of four professions are rolled up in one, plus the financial shrewdness of a promoter, the social tactfulness of a society leader, the shrewdness of an honest politician, the wise penetration of the man with the sociological sense, and the holy zeal of an aroused Old Testament prophet.—Prof. G. W. Fisk.

PREACHING is truth through personality. — Philips Brooks.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL TO CONVENT

By Mrs. Paul Dowdy

Mrs. Dowdy

There are in Rio Cuarto two little girls who have had some experiences which few children ever have, and I imagine that very few would like to have. Their father is a real Christian but their mother is a wicked, sinful woman. The mother has tried everything possible to keep the father from living a life of real testimony for the Lord Jesus. She has also tried to lead her little girls away from the Lord Jesus.

Last November, the mother left the father and the two little girls. Can you imagine your mother going to another house to live and leaving without kissing you or your daddy good-bye? This mother did just that. However, the little girls didn't seem to miss her much for their father had always done more for them than their mother.

Yes, God had given them a good Christian father, who took them on his knees and told them of Jesus. He told them many more beautiful stories of the Bible. He also took them to Sunday School. They loved to hear these beautiful stories and always enjoyed hearing them again. They are very intelligent and learned very quickly the golden texts for each Sunday.

One day the mother came to see her little girls and asked to take them for a walk. But when it became dark she had not yet returned them. The father began to hunt them. When he could not find them, he told the police. They hunted two and a half months for them but could find them nowhere. Then one day both the father and mother had to go to the court house for a trial before the judge. The mother brought the little girls. Although the father was glad to see the little girls, yet he was sad to see that their attitude toward him had changed.

During those two and a half months that the mother had them hid, they had been told that their father was not a good man and that the Sunday School where he took them was a bad place to go. They were taught that they should have nothing to do with their father and that when the judge should ask them what they wanted to do, they should ask him for the permission to be put in a Catholic school. Immediately they were sent there. In that Catholic school they are taught that the people who attend the Brethren Sunday school are just animals. For a month the father was allowed to enter and see them every day but now the teachers do not like to allow the little girls to see their father. The father asks us all to pray that he may be able to get his little girls out of there and put them in a school where they will be taught to love the Lord Jesus and once more enjoy the beautiful Bible stories.

Won't you pray for them too?

SONG THE AFRICANS SING

How would you like to sing some hymns just as the Africans sing them? First we will tell you how to pronounce the words and then we will give the songs. If you will study one song out carefully before learning the others, you will find the pronunciation of the others much easier.

ou before i or a has the sound of w
ch is sounded like sh
ai as in aisle
e as in get
i as in machine.
a as in papa
o as in go
ou without an i as in soup
last s in Jesus is silent
dashes indicate the syllables.

Very early on Sunday morning, boys leave their huts and go out to neighboring villages to bring people in to hear the "good news" that day. They may sing as they go a very appropriate hymn, "Bringing in the Sheaves." Perhaps you would like to join in the chorus—

Ba ngai-li oui-li, ba ngai-li oui-li,
Se-le 'le te des-sa, ba ngai-li oui-li,
Ba ngai-li oui-li, ba ngai-li oui-li,
Sele ele te des-sa, oui-chi ga-ra oui.

When they have gathered from far and near, they will sing again and hear the story of God's love. No doubt they enjoy singing the great children's favorite, "Jesus Loves Me." This is the way they would sing it.

Se-le Je-sus ko-a mi,
Mbe-to ke Nza-pa to oui-ne d-e;
Je-sus ha ngai-li ho mi,
Ngai-li oui-ne ke Nza-pa.

Chorus:

Se-le Je-sus ko-a mi,
Se-le Je-sus ko-a mi,
Se-le Je-sus ko-a mi,
Mbe-ti ke Nza-pa to oui-ne d-e.

As they learn of this love which includes them, they want to remember it all the way. If you asked them what song they would like to close with, they would probably say "Take the Name of Jesus with you," for this is their favorite. Let us listen as they sing:

Je-sus Christ ne Bi-me ke Nza-pa,
A te-no di sene nou,
A de de-mo ne-da oui-li,
A ous-sou oua-ra pas-sa.

Chorus:

A fi-e, a tou-nou,
A ne-no de li-zane me;
A fi-e, a tou-nou,
A mo-no-tou-ni dou-me.

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"The Only Cannon that Makes Men Free"

—Courtesy Ft. Wayne (Ind.) News Sentinel

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NOTICE TO PASTORS ON THE DRAFT

Brother Russell D. Barnard has prepared the finest statement, that we have ever seen, of the position of the Brethren through the years, on the subject of war and non-resistance, for use by our drafted men in presenting their claim for exemption on the basis of conscientious objection. It has attached a certificate for signature of pastor and church secretary required by the draft boards. This certificate can be adapted to each case as desired. Brother Barnard is to be commended for this fine piece of work at this timely hour.

We suggest that pastors send for a copy and make up certificates of their own after this model. These of course were made up for use by Brother Barnard's own young men of his Dayton Church. Brother Barnard's address is 1900 W. Third Street, Dayton, Ohio.

OUR COVER CARTOON

While the world's peoples are leaping at each other's throats; while nations are falling and disappearing in a day; while the spirit of antichrist spreads over the earth, crushing the people of Christ; while our own nation in alarm turns to arms to save her; we must the more earnestly preach the Word of God as the only way out, we must preach Christ as the only Savior. The cover cartoon from the Fort Wayne News Sentinel is a most timely message to America's people.

GARIBALDI WARNED YEARS AGO THE BIBLE WAS "THE ONLY CANNON THAT WOULD SET ITALY FREE." IT'S THE ONLY "CANNON" TODAY THAT WILL SET THE WORLD FREE.

LADIES, HAVEN'T YOU FORGOTTEN SOMETHING?

Brother Sewell Landrum reminds us that clothing has been very slow in arriving this year. The need is now. Has your Women's Missionary Council sent clothing bozes down yet this fall? Perhaps you have enough for a box of your own. Send boxes weighing up to 70 pounds by parcel post. It is best to send them that way for it makes quicker and more accurate delivery this way than any other. It is also cheaper. Ladies of The Brethren Church, this is one ministry that we count on you alone to render. Don't forget us down in Kentucky this season. The real need is now!

Send everything to Sewell Landrum, Lost Creek, Ky.

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Principle One, Addition (II Pet. 1:5-7).

Principle Two, Subtraction (I Pet. 2:1, 2, 3).

Principle Three, Division (II Cor. 6:17, 18; cp., Isa. 52:11).

Principle Four, Multiplication (II Cor. 9:10).

Conclusion—Rule of Three (I Cor. 13:13).

—A. S. Pearce.

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By R. Paul Miller, Editor

The Great Sign of Wars

Professor Sorokin of Harvard University is quoted in the Alliance Weekly to the effect that,

> "War in the 20th century has reached a total eight times greater than all the preceding centuries." He says that during the last 2500 years, so an analysis of 962 wars and 1615 internal disturbances shows, the 13th century citizen had 6,500 more chances to die peaceably in his bed than his descendant of the 20th century. He showed that during this period Spain had led the world in warfare, being at war 67% of her history. France followed next with 60%, England with 56%, Russia 46%, Italy 36%, Germany 28%, and ancient Greece 57%.

The significant thing to note is that today every man faces 6,500 hazards of meeting a violent death due to war sweeping over the earth to one hazard faced by an average man in the 13th century. The developments of the present world situation must be exceedingly embarrassing to those who have laughed at the prophetic utterances of our Lord in Matthew when He said in the 24th chapter that

> "Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars**** all these things must come to pass but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places."

Those who have sung the little ditty that the world was getting better no matter what folks said are eloquent by their silence. It is not for those of us who have believed the words of Daniel, when he said "wars and desolations are determined unto the end," to shout "I told you so." That is silly. It is not for us who have believed Ezekiel, when in the 38th and 39th chapters of his book he described a whole world of nations at war at the close of this age, to glory in its fulfillment and our exoneration. It is for us to work and pray and testify as never before because we also believe that the night is coming on apace. It is for us to cause our hand to "cleave to the sword," and to work intensely day and night to save every precious blood-bought soul we can. It is for us to give for the cause of Christ in every way as never before, for next year we may not be here to do it. Why? Our Lord is coming. He said, "When these things **begin** to come to pass, **then** look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh" (Lk. 21:28). Christian, with our blessed hope, you can work and sing while the world falls to pieces. Sing, Christian, sing!

Their Last Fight

Right after writing the above paragraph on war, the following incident from the World Dominion came to our desk. It is so gripping and so encouraging for those of us who have been praying that somehow someone may be able to reach the boys in the armies of the dictators with the gospel of Christ before that awful carnage sweeps them into eternity, that we felt that we could do nothing better than reprint it here for all of our readers:—

THEIR LAST FIGHT

One of the strangest tales we have heard recently was told by an eminent Finnish engineer, who, as an officer in General Mannerheim's army during the revolutionary period, took part in the recapture of a town:

Among the revolutionary prisoners placed under his care were seven who were to be shot at dawn. They were kept in the basement of the town hall, where his men stood in the passage with their rifles at the ready.

The victorious soldiers taunted their prisoners and their reply was to swear and beat the walls with their bleeding fists, or to call for their wives and children whom they were to leave for ever when morning broke. To everyone's astonishment, one of the men doomed to death began to sing, rather waveringly at first, and then in a stronger voice, which filled out until it became natural and free:

> Safe in the arms of Jesus,
> Safe on His gentle breast,
> There by His love o'ershadowed,
> Sweetly my soul shall rest.

When he finished, everyone was quiet for a few minutes, until a wild-looking individual broke out with: "Where did you get that, you fool?" Koskinen answered quietly: "You ask where I got this song. It was from the Salvation Army. I heard it three weeks ago!"

Then he rose to his feet and continued: "It is cowardly to hide our beliefs. The God my mother believed in has now become my God also. I cannot tell you how it happened, but it has happened. Last night, as I lay awake, I saw my mother's face before me. It reminded me of the song I had heard in the Salvation Army. Then I prayed—like the thief on the cross—that Christ would forgive me and make me ready to stand before Him whom I shall meet soon."

Koskinen's face shone as he continued to describe his new experience, and the soldiers were listening to what this red revolutionary had to say. Presently there were two red soldiers down on their knees, praying for each other, and before four o'clock in the morning all Koskinen's companions had followed his example and had begun to pray.

The change in the atmosphere was indescribable. Some of them sat on the floor, others wept quietly, others talked of spiritual things. Someone remembered those at home and an hour of intensive letter-writing followed. The soldiers on guard began to sing with those who were guarded.

The town clock struck six! Between two rows of soldiers the condemned men marched to the place of execution. They sang Koskinen's song, and when the lines had died out, the lieutenant gave the word: "Fire!": and we inclined our heads in silent prayer as the seven red soldiers entered their last fight.

—From World Dominion.

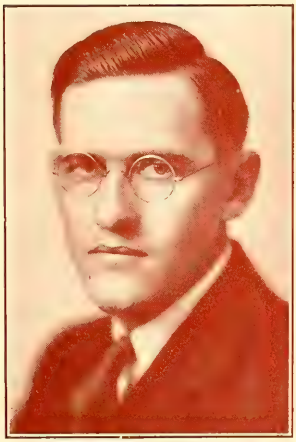
Snappy
SERMON STARTERS

Threefold Invitation: To the guilty (Isa. 1:18); to the weary (Mt. 11:28); to the thirsty (Jn. 7:37).

The Needs of 21 Mission Points---

What Do They Mean to You?

W. H. SCHAFFER, Treasurer, Home Missions Council, Ind.



Rev. William Schaffer

After a colored pastor had preached a sermon on the theme, "The Water of Salvation Is Free" (Isa. 55: 1), one of his members asked him, "How come, parson, if you says 'de watah ob salvation am free,' do you all de time plague us for money?" The parson gathering up all of his dignity arose to the occasion with this apt reply, "Rastus, its true, de 'watah ob salvation is free but somebody's got to pay de pipin'?" Are you going to help pay for "the piping?"

Before our Lord returned to glory He gave the responsibility of carrying on His work to His disciples. Today we are enjoying the privileges and blessings of His gospel because 11 of them did not fail Him. Are you counting yourself with those 11 men or are you willing to sell and betray your Lord for your own selfish gratifications? The Lord has given us the responsibility of 21 home mission points and we dare not fail Him! He would certainly not place under our care these responsibilities if He knew we did not have the ability to care for them. He is testing our faith in His promise to be with us in this great work of evangelization unto the consummation of the age. As we read the news of the day and hear it broadcast and then turn to God's Word for the answer, there is no doubt but that the consummation of this age is not far hence.

We should like to present to you what we consider **the three greatest needs of our home mission points. The first** of these greatest needs **is prayer:** your prayers, my prayers; the prayers offered in public, the prayers prayed in the secret closet, prayers of faith, prayers with conviction; prayers that bring answers according to His will. Our mission pastors and laymen covet your prayers. What a power—if every day each one of us would remember each mission point to our Lord in prayer, naming some particular need as we may know of it in that church!

The second greatest need is giving of life—Consecrated and dedicated lives of young men to the ministry of the Word. Our preaching is lacking something if it does not produce results in lives laid upon the altar with these words sung from the heart, "I'll go where you want me to go dear Lord, I'll say what you want me to say, I'll be what you want me to be." Our mission points need churches which can produce young men with a vision of the Lord Jesus Christ calling them to enlist in His service. Brethren churches not in existence 10 years ago, yes, less than that, are producing successful home mission pastors for new Brethren churches. If you want to watch something very interesting, keep an eye on our home mission churches in this respect.

It may seem peculiar to some people that we should put **giving of money as the last of these greatest needs.** Undisputable facts reveal the following: Congregations which have given to The Brethren Church most of her foreign and home missionaries and pastors are missionary minded churches and missionary minded churches are praying and paying churches. God has no stingy children. "For God so loved the world that He gave . . . ." Giving to the Lord's work is a natural attribute for His born-again children. An attribute is a quality. Do you have the quality of giving? God is not depending on the children of this world to support His program but He is counting on His blood-bought children to do it. Your offerings in God's sight will not be measured in the amount you give but by what you have left after you have given.

And now, one more very important matter. Let us be constantly reminded that **the time to meet these three greatest needs in NOW!** Give of what you now have as the Lord lays upon your heart and trust Him to supply all your future needs according to His riches in glory.

A LAYMAN'S HINT TO PASTORS

Ministers, who in their sermon delve into subjects with which they are not thoroughly familiar were taken to task today by Roger W. Babson, widely known economist, a lay delegate to the convention of the national council of the Congregational Church.

Mr. Babson suggests what he believed to be the most important reason more laymen do not attend church and followed with other suggestions for discussion, the adoption of which might remedy the indifference.

"More laymen would go to church if they were sure of getting real help and inspiration," said Babson. "The church, however, does not satisfy the religious emotions of the laymen. He does not care to go to church to hear discussions of the League of Nations, prohibition or other subjects.

"Laymen go to church to worship and to get wisdom, courage and inspiration. If ministers would confine themselves to these things, their churches would be crowded to the doors."

—Roger Babson.

The Macedonian Call of America

ROY A. PATTERSON, President of Brethren Home Missions Council

"And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Mecedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us" (Acts 16:9).

Mr. Patterson

Paul was a man of visions. His intimate and close fellowship with the Holy Spirit bore fruit in similar messages and open manifestations, which throughout his life directed his course and plan of life and gave him comfort in times of peril. Before the worth while things of life, whether physical or spiritual, first the vision, then the call.

The vision did not confront this great missionary of the Christ as an inanimate object but as one possessed of all the human emotions, desires and needs of soul and body, such as you and I meet in our daily contacts: neither was this man different in his soul's needs than the needs of the throng in which we find ourselves day by day. The cry was a representative cry of souls needing the Christ. It was a cry of distress, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

"And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel unto them" (Acts 16:10).

I think I can see Paul leaping to his feet in the stillness of that night, in the burning certainty that God had spoken and that the entreaties of that vision should be answered.

No one then or since has been able successfully to maintain this answer to have been made in a desire of self glorification or for personal gain. The souls saved and the spread of Christianity, which followed, are the eloquent expressions of divine approbation and sanction.

Shall we now dismiss this incident as being one embracing the pages of Holy Writ telling forth the experiences of a zealous man of God who long since has ceased his work? If we have the same kind of eyes with which to see as had Paul, and we have; if we have the same kind of ears with which to hear as had Paul, and we have; if we have the same kind of persuasion to serve Christ and bring souls to Him as did Paul, and we should have, then this story will grip us anew as God calls the Brethren churches of America to a great ministry.

Our hearts are filled with unbounded joy when we think of His blessings of the past year, praises and thanks fall from our lips when we consider how you, living in all parts of this great America, saw the vision and heard the cry for help. To this cry you responded with your gifts of more than $24,550.00. Did this gift pay dividends? We commend you to a careful study of The Home Missions Council literature which will soon be in your hands. Here you will get the story far better than we can tell it.

We must not dwell too long, reflecting upon the past. Other visions are appearing before us; others are calling, "Come over and help us." Throughout our land, the cry is not too many messengers of the cross, but for more consecrated, trained and devoted young people to see the visions and hear and answer the calls. The cry is not that we have too many churches but that we shall have more houses of prayer.

May we straightway seek to go forth into the new fields of America, concluding that God has called the Brethren churches to a great ministry. Pray about your Thanksgiving offering for home missions. Let the Lord direct you in your giving.

More Important Than Unity

Unity among Christian believers is precious and vital. Our Lord prayed for it: "That they all may be one" (Jn. 17:21); and our Lord's prayers are always answered. There will be final and eternal unity among all true believers; and there is a present unity among all such, for Christ is the life of all, and all are members of his body. But while fallibility and sin continue among believers, there are times when outward unity may become a snare and even actual sin. This is a Scriptural truth not always recognized by those Christian leaders of today who put unity above all else.

John Nelson Darby recognized it many years ago. In his comment on II Tim. 2 he wrote: "The unity of the assembly (church) is so precious, it has such authority over the heart of man, that there was danger, when failure had set in, lest the desire for outward unity should induce even the faithful to accept evil and walk in fellowship with it, rather than break this unity. The principle therefore of individual faithfulness, of individual responsibility to God's established, and set above all other considerations; for it has to do with the nature of God himself, and his own authority over the conscience of the individual. . . . And let those who name the name of the Lord separate themselves from all evil. . . . To maintain in practice the possibility of union between that name and evil is to blaspheme it!"

It is just this failure that has snared some evangelical denominations and foreign mission boards to affiliate themselves with other groups of professing Christians in "union" movements or organizations at home or in foreign mission fields at the expense of fidelity to God's Word—and the resulting disaster has been tragic. It is in protest against such "union" movements in denominational boards that independent mission movements have come into being. Uncompromising union with God's revealed truth is our only safety against compromising union with all forms of unbelief.—S. S. Times.

"What The Home Missions Council Is Doing"

ACROSS THE NATION

with our secretary

The Clayhole Parsonage Is Going Up

On October 7th actual work began on the erection of the new Clayhole parsonage. The secretary was down there on the 4th and 5th, and got as many arrangements made as possible toward the starting of the work. At that time the basement was just about excavated.

We have been most fortunate in obtaining Brother Wesley Miller of Goshen, Ind., a contractor and builder, to take his crew of men down there and put the house up in as short time as possible. He drove down with his trailer full of tools ready to begin work on Monday morning. He kept things moving, and within two weeks the house was under roof. When it rains he and his men go over to the church building and work on the finishing of the interior of that building which is not yet completed. So all things work out fine.

The electrician was sent down from Berne and he took along a floor sander that could be operated by a 32 volt current. As the power line was not yet in, we were wondering how we could sand the oak floors that cover the house. Hand scraping would be an endless job. We believe the Lord led us to this outfit, for we never heard of one like it before. The electrician is wiring both the church and the parsonage at the same time.

The plumbing work is being done by our Brother Wesley Baker who is a member of our Dayton Church. While we are paying for the fixtures, yet he and his men are donating the time it takes to do the work of installation. We plan to have a furnace there and he will install that at the same time. It is this kind of help that is enabling us to get this house up for the very low price planned.

From Brother Barnard we have received word that the Dayton church is assembling a lot of nice furniture for this new house and we hope that by the time the place is ready for occupancy that we will have sufficient equipment to start Brother and Sister Landrum out with things fit to go with their new home. Everything should be completed by the 1st of December.

The lumber in the building has been sawn out of logs which Brother Sewell Landrum bought on the stump and had hauled to the mill. Accompanying is a picture of loading the logs at the highway. This makes it much easier to get good lumber at a lower price. Two of our brethren from the Berne, Indiana church, hauled the mill work down for us and saved us much that way. In fact we have had the finest help from every side in this work.

One of our Dayton women has offered $50.00 toward the drilling of a new well. This work is now going on and we are waiting to hear what kind of a flow we will get. We cannot buy a pump for it till we know whether it will take a deep well pump or a shallow well pump.

We are hoping to be able to place a furnace under the church building at the same time we put in the furnace in the house. For the last two Sundays the preaching service had to be dismissed because it was too cold for the folks to remain. We do not have the funds for this item, but we are praying that by the time the work is finished, we will have enough on hand to pay for it.

The Home Mission Pictures

By the time this column is read, the work of showing the home mission pictures to the brotherhood will be about over. We expect to finish with them the day before Thanksgiving, except for a couple of places which could not be reached before that because of other situations. A duplicate set of pictures was obtained and has been shown out in the California churches by Brother Paul Bauman.

The pictures have been making a profound impression on our people wherever shown, and we pray that in some way the real passion that lives in the hearts of our mission pastors and their people, and in the hearts of the directors of the Council, shall be conveyed to all. If they may be used in some way to move the hearts of our people to lay our greatest offering at His feet at this Thanksgiving time for the spreading of the gospel here in America, we shall not regret the hard work it took. If only we may do a greater work for our Lord Jesus before He comes, and see the Brethren churches rising up to their best work for Him, we shall be satisfied. And we are sure that He will be satisfied also.

A New Brethren Church at Osceola

Brother Robert Hill, a student at Grace Seminary, has been caring for a group of Brethren at this place for several months. The work has grown right along in spite of the handicaps due to not having a place appropriate in which to meet. The people have now purchased a corner lot and have their plans drawn for a new building. They have arranged for a loan to finance the work and expect to have their building up before cold weather really gets here. Souls are being saved right along and there is every reason to believe that a fine church and congregation will be realized here before the first of the year.

Loading logs for the new Clayhole (Ky.) Parsonage

W. M. C. Helping in Kentucky

MRS. W. A. OGDEN, Vice President, Brethren Home Missions Council

After hearing of the work in Kentucky and the great opportunity presented by that field, we have longed to visit it and know more about conditions there. That dream of several years was realized this year when we were permitted to take a trip thru that part of the country on our way home from National Conference.

Mrs. Ogden

Upon entering the state we were immediately impressed with the beauty of it. The rolling hills were covered with trees, grass, and beautiful homes, the latter presenting an indication of the wealth of that part of the country. After several hours of driving the scene changed. We had reached the mountainous region with its thickly wooded green slopes, beautiful with vegetation, but the homes were quite different. We were made to believe that here the majority of the people were not enjoying prosperity and plenty but were able to exist on the bare necessities of life. A woman slowly making her way down the road carrying two buckets of water proved that their houses do not have the simple conveniences that most of us enjoy today. The well was not even on her own place but along the road at quite a distance.

One thing that attracted our attention was the schools, so closely located along the highway. Some of them were the rudest of buildings, others more modern, the finest one being the two story brick building at Clayhole where Brother Clyde Landrum is the principal. Over 200 children attend this school and we were made to wonder where they all came from. Along with their regular educational program these children are taught to sing the songs and choruses that we use in our Sunday Schools. They are also taught the Word of God and memoriize portions of the Scripture. We were glad for the privilege of visiting such a school as this.

Where were the churches? There is **one** that stands out as an oasis in a spiritual desert. A white church by the side of the road looms up as you approach, and presents an inviting appearance. This is our new Brethren Church at Clayhole where Brother Sewell Landrum is the pastor. He and his wife with their children are our missionaries in that vast field where the gospel is so greatly needed and where it is appreciated by those who have been reached.

These dear ones who are so capably fitted and willing to serve in this field must be provided with a house, a shelter from the approaching winter, a home that will be an example to those about them. What a wonderful Christian spirit has been evidenced by the life of our missionaries, proving that they have learned "in what-so-ever state I am therewith to be content," never complaining regardless of circumstances.

When the Women's Missionary Council learned of this need for a parsonage we gladly accepted the challenge for this project, believing that by so doing we are having a share in preaching the gospel in Kentucky. "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for Him". In attempting this great task, we are looking to Him for the means and He will abundantly provide.

Many councils have responded to the appeal for warm clothing and in this way have helped to prevent the suffering from cold this winter. Much discarded clothing is of real benefit when cleaned and mended. Women of our churches have gathered hundreds of pounds of such material and have spent hours in willing service to prepare it for use. It is sent with the prayer that every garment will be the means of bearing a testimony to some soul.

Have you been indifferent to the need, or are you, too, helping to preach the gospel in Kentucky?

DEAD WEIGHT

"I've been a dead weight many years,
Around the church's neck
I've let the others carry me,
And always pay the check.
I've had my name upon the rolls,
For years and years gone by;
I've criticised and grumbled too;
Nothing could satisfy."

"I've been a dead weight long enough,
Upon the church's back.
Beginning now, I'm going to take
A wholly different track.
I'm going to pray and pay and work,
And carry loads instead;
And not have others carry me
Like people do the dead.

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Frank Coleman
Waterloo

Earl Studebaker
Modesto

Phillip Simmons
Fremont

In Abraham's most glorious hour, in his severest trial, it is said of him, "Wherefore, **God did prove Abraham.**" It was in this hour, we believe, that Abraham reached his highest experience with God. We believe that it was here that Abraham glorified God more than at any other time. To have failed at this point would have meant failure all the way down the rest of his life so far as God was concerned.

The Brethren Church stands today at a tremendous place in her history. We believe that today God is giving The Brethren Church the chance to prove herself. We have been going through our severest trials, and we are also facing our greatest opportunity to glorify God. We believe that He wants to know some things about us as a people. He wants to know—

If we really believe that all men outside of Christ are lost men. It makes a lot of difference whether we believe that men are merely ignorant needing education, or errant needing merely reformation, or whether they are hopelessly hell-bound sinners needing regeneration. Settle it once and for all in your heart that men outside of Christ are without a chance throughout all the ceaseless ages of eternity unless they receive Jesus Christ as their Savior, and that it depends upon you to get that message to them, and it will make a heap of difference in the way you apply yourself to the task

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the souls of men they are reaching? Will we
for an offering that will enable us to reach
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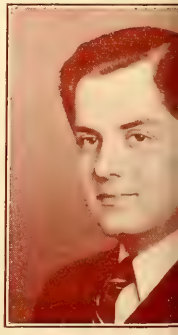

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great message of salvation for Nineveh, and failed God by running away and seeking to escape his responsibility so marvelously and graciously accorded to him of all men. The Brethren churches are facing a similar test. With this great and only message for a lost world, will we follow Jonah off to Tarshish and devote ourselves to the things of this world and this life, avoiding the "high calling of God in Christ Jesus?" Israel as a nation was trusted with a high commission from God. They despised it, and as a result they have become the tragedy of the world.

Will we as a people rise up to the opportunities that God is now showering upon us? Will we enter the open doors He has unhooked for us to pass through with the gospel in these dark hours that close the age? America is our mission field! In two short years God has given us 18 actual mission fields besides three fields in which we have started an organization. Beyond these, five additional fields are waiting for consideration. In the fields we have already entered, last year we had the greatest harvest of souls in our history.

Each year we have increased our fields and our offerings. Each year God has blessed us with more souls and more fields to enter. With such an experience behind us, God wants to know what we as Brethren will do about it in 1941.

Ernest Pine
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Tom Hammers
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e Sacrifice?

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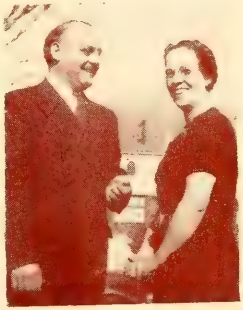

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World Conditions Demand More Home Missions

By FRANK COLEMAN

In a recent editorial in the Saturday Evening Post there appeared the following, which sums up the condition of today's world: "How ready are we to see what is taking place in the world? A moral debacle of frightful proportions. All law between nations breaking down. No treaty worth the paper that has helplessly received the writing except there is on both sides of it equal gun power." Lawlessness reigns supreme! And it was our Lord Himself Who, in summing up the condition of the world at His second coming, said, "And because lawlessness (Gr.) shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matt. 24: 12). The lawlessness of the world is proof that our Lord's return is near. How brief may be our future ministry of reconciliation we can only guess, but surely it cannot be long.

How important, then, that **more home missions** become our watchword. With the dawning of the Daystar casting ribbons of light into a darkened world, betokening the fast approaching end of this age; with men unreached; with millions of children who have never been privileged to hear the name of Jesus save in cursing; the call is for more, and yet more, and still more, activity at home and abroad.

The call is for **more home missions** because the breakdown of moral and civil law has reached alarming proportions in our own land. The only antidote is in our hands—the binding of men with the chains of love through the preaching of the blood of the cross, the bringing of men into bond-service to the Lord Jesus Christ through the redemption that is in Him alone. This we must do, ever widening our horizons, never retrenching, until this land shall have been evangelized or our Lord shall have come.

The call is for **more home missions** because it is from the home base that ambassadors will go to the farthest reaches of the earth, there to storm the battlements of this world's prince and plant the banner of the cross in sin-cursed soil, calling men out of the bondage of night into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. The need of the world in its lawlessness is not the strong arm of man, but yielded men and women who will declare in all the world the strength of the arm of the Lord. Its need is not for more law, but for representatives of the eternal God who will declare the absoluteness of the authority of His Word wherever there are rebellious souls. Its need is not for more armies to police the lawless world, but for emissaries from the cross of Calvary who will preach the redeeming love of God, that by the miracle of regeneration lawless men may become subservient to the Redeemer's law of love. And these can come in increasing numbers only from a home base that is ever expanding.

The darkness of the morning hours is fast deepening. The world's night will soon be at its blackest, when all the forces of hell are let loose upon a world from which the saints shall have been removed. These are the days for us to bestir ourselves and "awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night's far spent, the day is at hand." Today is the day for **more home missions,** tomorrow may find us in the heavenlies, giving account before the judgment seat of Christ.

ABOVE—A view of the new Clayhole (Ky.) Parsonage and Church. LOWER LEFT—Brother Wesley Miller and carpenters working on the parsonage. LOWER RIGHT—Drilling the well.

Home Missions Answer to U. S. Danger

By WILLIAM CLOUGH

When Jesus Christ was here on this earth, He went about all the cities, teaching and preaching the gospel, healing the sick, casting out the demon spirits, and doing good in every place. When He saw the multitudes of the people gathering in every place, He was moved with compassion for them. When He looked out upon the world, He saw men, great numbers of men; He saw them like fields. I remember He spoke to His disciples and said, "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest" Behold, I say unto you, "lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto eternal life."

Yes, the Savior saw them, great numbers of them out there in the world, going to hell; and He called to His workers and said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Then He said to those disciples, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest," and next we hear him instructing the **twelve** and sending them out, and next we hear hear him instructing the **seventy** and sending them out. And, if I understand the message of the New Testament, I hear the same word being spoken again, to every blood-bought, blood-washed, born-again man, "Look on the fields, they are white unto harvest, Go and gather them in." This is the work of home missions, and home missions is the only answer to America's great need today.

The First Picture

As we gaze upon this multitude that Christ brings before our eyes today in this Bible message, we see men, men of all walks of life and in all professions of life, men who stand before men and men who stand before God, a representative group not only of the day in which Jesus lived on this earth, but of our day as well, for men have not changed. Human nature and the human ills are the same in every age. If any change, the change has been for the worse. Oh I know the old cry of the world, but the cry of the world is not the **truth.** Men are not getting better, the Bible says so and men prove it to be so. "They shall wax worse and worse," and "because of sin, the love of many shall wax cold." Ah, this is a cold old world in which we find ourselves today.

Going back to the time when men were so corrupt and vile in the days prior to the flood, Jesus makes the comparison and says, "As it was then so shall it be in the days of My coming." That multitude that faced Christ in this picture truly represents another group, that great multitude that we face today, who will soon stand and face Jesus Christ. As we gaze upon them we see sick ones, those who are possessed with every disease, both physically speaking and spiritually speaking, even possessed with demons. Looking upon them, you can't help but notice: they are fainting; they are scattered; they have no shepherd. Yes, they are fainting and many of them are dying, no one to care for them! No one who cares, and as fields they stand! They are falling, and home missions is the only answer. What will we do about it? The blessed fact here is that they face Christ, and as He looks over them and looks on them, He has compassion; and in every place and in every case **my Savior** cares.

You who profess to **know Christ,** have you seen this multitude of men, women and children in their need before you in this world today? God not only help you to see them today, but give you a burden to help them and to carry to them through home missions this blessed Christ Who alone can meet the need.

As Jesus Saw Them

He saw them in their sin. That's how you and I need to see them today: dying in their sin, dying for a little of love, and a little of that you say you have for **Jesus.** How can we love Him, and not love those for whom He died?

You will remember the poor man who had fallen along the roadside as he travelled down from Jerusalem. The thieves of the world took him for an easy mark. They robbed him, they beat him, they stripped him, taking his money and leaving him wounded and ready to die. That's the old world's crowd for you, if you please. When a man is down, all they want is what he has and when they have gotten it, they leave him. What happened? There came the priest, there came the Levite, and others, but they all passed him up. Poor man, no one cares for Him! But by and by the **good Samaritan** came along, and this **good samaritan** helped him. You know the full story, and told in brief it's just this: That good Samaritan saved his life. Thank God, that good Samaritan is Jesus Christ—and only Jesus Christ can help and will help the fallen, and how many have fallen! Oh God, for Jesus' sake lay upon every true Christian heart today this message, "To help someone out and on to Christ."

As **Jesus** saw these multitudes, He saw them in all their need, but **He saw them ready to give up and ready to follow Him.** I know He saw them ready to follow because when He spoke to the workers He said, "The harvest is plenteous, the fields are white unto harvest." This means they were ready to be taken. They wanted someone to lead them.

Jesus placed the responsibility on His disciples. He said "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." If there were those who would go, many would be taken and gathered in.

Often times when the grain is ripe and golden and ready for the reaping, if it is neglected, a storm comes and there is a great loss. There is an awful storm ahead for this world. It's the storm of God's wrath and judgment. Today the fields stand white and ready. Oh that God might help us to help home missions in its task of saving them before the storm breaks!

They That Make Excuse

These always speak first and speak loudest. In this Bible lesson we hear Jesus meet that excuse by saying, "Say not ye there are four months and then

THINK IT OVER

SCARS FOR CHRIST MEAN

STARS WITH CHRIST.

(See Matt. 19:29)

cometh harvest." With Jesus there was not four months left. This work must not be delayed. The time is short now. Let not another one say (One that bears the name Christ-ian), "I am busy. I have too much work to be bothered with the winning of men to Christ, I will later on." But the Lord knows; yes, the Lord knows, He knows you, and the many excuses you have made this long while. But God answers today and says, "Not so, there is not four months ahead. The harvest is already white, and today is the day of **salvation.**" Now is the accepted time, and there are those out there before your face, who if you fail to help to Christ today, will be lost. They will go down in the ocean of sin and on to their eternal death in the lake of fire. God help every one of us to lay everything aside and sacrifice and give them a chance today.

How wonderful that Christ has compassion! Many of Christ's people are too much engaged in the things of this world to have compassion. Oh friend of Christ, find time to help in making the great rescue of some soul who is plunging down in sin at this very moment.

The Laborers Are Few

Christ sent them out. He sent the 12, He sent the 70, He wants to send you and me. The call comes, "Who will go for us?" Will you answer with the prophet, "Send me?"

I believe the greatest opportunities are before the church today. Never in all the history of the church was there such a time for soul winning as today. That picture of the whitened fields, and a plenteous harvest comes before every one today. It comes in such a wonderful meaning as never before. Great numbers, great multitudes, men and women of all walks of life! Some are high up, and some are low down, but the grace of God is sufficient in every case; and I believe many of them are ready now to follow Jesus and identify themselves with Christ and His church—if the laborers will go. With such pressing problems as face a world of sinful men today, with the distress of nations and with only a dark future ahead, there is a heart longing for something better. Millions are thinking. They have tried everything the world, the man, and the devil has to offer—but no satisfaction has come. Christ is the answer, and home missions with its message of Christ is the answer, Oh God help the church and each one in the church to help before it is too late. With a world that is crashing unless God intervenes, rivers will flow with human blood in the not distant future. God grant that every member of The Brethren Church shall with home missions stand together in the work of saving men until Christ shall come back.

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James S. Cook, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa.
Frank Coleman, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT

Lodging and breakfast will be provided for those coming from other churches. Other meals may be taken at any of the excellent restaurants in Waterloo.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Opening Service

2:00 to 4:00 P. M. Registration and assignment of lodging.

Evening Service

7:30 Congregational Song Service
Devotions ..... Rev. Miles Taber
8:00 Bible Lecture ..... Rev. Charles W. Mayes
"The Jew the Puzzle of the Ages"

SATURDAY, NOV. 23

Morning Session

8:00 Women's Missionary Council
9:00 Devotions ..... Rev. R. H. Kettell
9:10 Business
10:10 Moderator's Address ..... Rev. James S. Cook
11:00 Address ..... Rev. Charles W. Mayes
"The Sunday School, the Church at Study"

Afternoon

2:00 Devotions ..... Rev. J. Frank Meyers
2:10 Address ..... Dr. R. T. Ketchum
"The River That Ran Uphill"
3:00 Business
3:45 Women's Missionary Council

Evening

7:30 Young People's Hour ..... Rev. Harold S. Parks
8:00 Bible Lecture ..... Rev. Charles W. Mayes
"What Happens to God's People When Christ Returns?"

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Morning Service

9:45 Pre-prayer service
10:00 Bible School ..... J. Frank Meyers, Supt.
11:00 Worship Service
Sermon ..... Frank Coleman, Pastor
"The Seamless Robe of Christ"

Afternoon

2:00 Devotions ..... Cleve Lewis
2:15 Bible Lecture ..... Rev. Charles W. Mayes
"The Battle of Armageddon"

Evening

6:30 Young People's Service ..... Vernon W. Schrock
7:30 Song Service
Bible Lecture ..... Rev. Charles W. Mayes
"The Reasonableness of God's Plan of Redemption"

U.S. Needs Home Missions Rather Than More Schools

ROBERT CREES, Pastor, Waynesboro, Penna.

Throughout the past 50 years the United States has become more and more education conscious. In the "good old days" not very many young people completed the eighth grade. Today most of them finish high school. Formerly, college and university graduates were scarce. Today, they are plentiful. Yesterday, educational standards were low. Now, they have been raised by state laws, and in some sections of the country liberal minded educational standardizing and accrediting agencies are making it almost impossible for the small denominational college to exist.

Throughout the past 50 years the United States has become more crime conscious. Formerly, crime was largely confined to the large cities. Now it rides rampant through country districts in high-powered cars. The use of alcohol has increased since prohibition was repealed. Jails and penitentiarys are full and overflowing. It is a dark outlook.

Throughout the past 50 years the United States has become less and less Christian conscious. Oh, yes, we are "religious conscious"—but without Christ. There is talk of getting together, but it is organic union without spiritual unity. The true Christ has become almost forgotten. He has been driven out of the large colleges and universities. While education has been enthroned, Christ has been dethroned. We have lost our spiritual balance. Think of it—an average of 25 hours per week in the secular school and of one hour per week in the Sunday School! Twenty-five hours for the head and one hour for the heart. Twenty-five for now and one for eternity. Twenty-five hours for the body which will some day turn to dust six feet under the ground, and only one solitary hour for the soul which lives through all eternity!!

There are more pagans in the United States today than there were 50 years ago, in proportion to the population. We are going forwards scientifically, and going backwards spiritually. What America needs today is not more schools, but more churches that teach and live the Word! If we do not awaken and continue an aggressive home mission program to help establish a righteous foundation, our civilization and education will crumble and fall about us. Americans are fast losing their sense of sin and of the righteousness of God. They are deifying man and defying God. They hold to reason rather than to revelation. They worship the creature more than the Creator. Some of the most highly educated people manifest the greatest spiritual ignorance.

Today men are talking of "getting together." Programs are put on in various cities by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, featuring friendly discussions on the one platform by representatives of the Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant viewpoints. In that way "men" are getting together, but leaving God out of the picture. We need less round-table discussions and more heart-rending confessions as, "Lord be merciful to me a sinner!"

Russia and Germany today have education, but without the purifying influence of the Christian faith, their education has degenerated into a barbaric campaign to destroy faith by disseminating lies through propaganda.

May God give us a great vision for home missions!! It is the need of the hour. It will save the nation by saving individuals. And what we need is not just "more churches," but more churches that stand true to the faith in these days of apostasy!!

DARWIN'S LAST HOUR

The following little account by Lady Hope of the death of Charles Darwin, the evolutionist, is startling: it is a most wonderful narrative, and contains the account of a great and terrible tragedy.

Darwin is propped up in bed, and he looks out over the lovely landscape as the sun is setting. He is reading—**the Bible!** Said Lady Hope: "I made some allusion to the strong opinions expressed by many persons on the history of the creation, its grandeur, and then to their treatment of the earlier chapters of the Book of Genesis.

"He seemed greatly distressed, his fingers twitched nervously, and a look of agony came over his face as he said:

"'I was a young man with **unformed ideas.** I threw out queries, suggestions, wondering all the time over everything; and to my astonishment the ideas took like wildfire. People made a religion of them.'"

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AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

Grace Brethren at Flora Lay Cornerstone

Praise the Lord for His marvelous works among the children of men! Sunday, Oct. 20, marked an important milestone in the history of the Grace Brethren Church of Flora, Ind. It was on this day that the church observed the cornerstone laying ceremony of its new building. The stone could have been laid long before, but there was a delay on the part of the engravers. The Lord granted a lovely day and many friends and Brethren gathered from far and near to witness the ceremony.

The service was set for 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Brother Ralph Rambo, one of the board members of the Home Missions Council, was present with his good wife, Sister Rambo. Prof. Herman A. Hoyt and the Rev. Hugh Hall, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kewanna, Ind. assisted in the ceremony. The services opened with the singing of the Doxology and an invocation. The entire assembly then sang, "How Firm a Foundation." Brother Hall at that time read a Scripture lesson and led in prayer. After the choir sang "The Church's One Foundation" Brother Hoyt delivered the message of the occasion. His text was the inscription on the stone, "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood" (Rev. 1:5b), and his subject was, "Once Lost, but now Loved and Forever Loosed." The speaker pointed out how God through Jesus Christ loved fallen humanity. This love was so intense that the only begotten of the Father became man, went to the cross, there shedding His life blood, and thus appeasing the wrath of God against the sinner. By faith in the finished work of Christ the sinner is transformed into a saint, and so he is forever loosed from the guilt and penalty of his sin. All who were gathered heard the message of the gospel in no uncertain tones.

After the message the actual ceremony of the cornerstone laying took place. Brother Rempel, the pastor of the church officiated. He briefly referred to the symbolism of the stone, typifying the solid Rock, Christ Jesus, Who is the Chief Cornerstone in the foundation upon which the universal church is built. Very fittingly he placed a Bible and a number of documents of the church, such as a history, a membership list, a copy of its constitution and other papers, into a box prepared for the preservation of these items under the stone. At this point the stone was lifted into the niche and the head mason of the construction crew masoned it into place. Brother Hoyt pronounced the benediction and the assembly was dismissed. Many remarked how impressive the entire service had been.

After the services the doors of the church were opened, and friends and visitors were admitted to view the inside of the building. The church is rapidly nearing completion and the congregation is hoping to commence meeting in it on the 3rd of November.

A blessed time in real Bible study is anticipated with the coming of Dr. Beal. His two week's Bible conference will open on the 3rd of November. At the end of the two week's meetings the church will gather on Monday night of Nov. 18 to observe the fall communion. May we report from here that God is wonderfully blessing the work. Our attendance is steadily growing, and with the increase in attendance our church is growing numerically and spiritually.

Again we request that Brethren in all places pray for our work, and not for ours only but for all missions points, that God's will shall be done, that souls may be won to Christ, and that the return of our blessed Lord may be hastened.

HENRY REMPEL, Pastor.

Winchester, Virginia

We have completed one of the finest years ever in our history. Recently we had a revival among our members that put us on a completely new working basis. Brother Schneider led us in a real victory revival and campaign for souls. There will be several

Laying the Cornerstone at Flora, Ind., Oct. 20, 1940

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

Missionary Story No. 4

THE FAMILY THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY

By MRS. HERMAN KOONTZ

"Today," said Miss Bryce, smiling at her children, "I am going to tell you a truly-true story about a family. I can't tell you the ending because the story is still going on, but we can guess that it will be happy.

"In this family there are a father, a mother, and five children, two boys, and three girls. It should have been a happy famliy, for the father was pleasant, affectionate, and hard-working; the mother was loving and kind and made the home pleasant; the children were bright and good-natured. But unfortunately, this home had a terrible enemy—liquor.

"It was the father who kept falling into this temptation of drink. And when he drank he was no longer pleasant and loving; he was cross and surly. Of course the liquor used up all the pay check, and then there was no money to pay the rent and to buy food. So the family was always in debt. The mother became discouraged because she could never get ahead; she could not even clothe her family properly; she could not buy coal for winter so that her children could be warm and comfortable. Worst of all, one of the little girls needed an operation, but there was never any money left over for that. You can see that this happy home became an unhappy one because of just one sin.

"However, down the street from this family there lived a very wonderful man and his wife who belonged to one of our mission churches. They loved the Lord Jesus so faithfully that they went about leading others to Him. They became acquainted with our family and persuaded them to go to our mission church. There the father was saved, the mother re-dedicated her life, and several of the children gave their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Now a new life began for all of the members of this little family. They moved to a better neighborhood. The little girl's health became better because she was able to have a doctor's care. One of the bigger boys went to the young people's camp.

"Of course all this did not come at once. At first the father slipped once or twice, but his new friends helped him and he learned to trust the Lord so that the power of drink was broken at last. Even when he was without work for a short time he did not become discouraged, but took what jobs he could get until the shop opened up again.

"I have said this story is not finished yet because I believe that as the children grow older they will turn their lives over to God for full time service wherever He may place them. So once again your prayers and offerings have reached out through a home mission church to bring others to Christ.

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baptized tomorrow and received into the church membership.

During the year we were busy with a Jewish Bible Conference with A. B. Macklin, a Bible conference with Dr. A. T. Reid from Cincinnati, a prophetic conference with Dr. L. S. Bauman. We also entertained the district Bible conference. This was a new experience for us, as it was the first time we felt that we could care for the group.

Rally Day was observed last Sunday. We had 117 in attendance.

The Winchester School of the Bible opened its third term in our church with over 90 enrolled. It usually takes on new members as we continue. Wonderful results have come from the school. A lady told me last night that she never heard of the rapture before hearing our teacher, Dr. Baker, explain about it.

An excellent seven room parsonage has been completed, which is a great help to the pastor and his wife. As you can see we tried to use good judgment and build for the future. Some pastor and family will certainly be glad that it is this large.

Our financial strength is better than ever before. We were able to release the District Mission Council of $100.00 and possibly soon can start to release the national council. We have increased every item on our budget.

Today I learned of a new radio station to be constructed and established here. We shall have a part on the program and look forward to buying some of the time for our own use.

The church will help in establishing a work in Front Royal. We are about 20 miles from the city and realize the tremendous importance of going in there now.

Pray for us at Winchester as you must have prayed before. Also remember to pray for an opening at Front Royal.

NORMAN UPHOUSE

"GLORY"

Keep me from seeking glory on this earth,
  While life may last
Help me to pay for years misspent from birth,
  For time flies fast.

Use me as thou would'st have it best for Thee
  To help some one
Climb up and o'er the mountain tops to see
  Thine only Son.

Give strength to bear when trials swamp my soul
  And swirl around
My fainting heart, and let thy spirit whole
  In Thee be found.

Help me to sacrifice in gratitude
  Because of love
Thou poured upon me oft in sorrow's mood
  Through stars above.

Feed me as thou hast done on dreary waste,
  When I did cry,
O, God, help me to help, and keep me chaste,
  Till I shall die.

Keep me from seeking vain things on this earth
  Or idols crave!
Be with me when I leave this old world's mirth
  And near my grave

—Sam Simmons.

Remember The Brethren Call to Prayer

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1940

Never has there been a time when Brethren as a people needed to cast themselves before the Lord in prayer as in this hour

FIRST, that we shall not "leave our first love." The danger of any people in times of great stress and struggle is to lose sight of Jesus Christ. Like Peter, they look at the storm waves instead of the Lord. We must keep our eyes on Him.

SECOND, that we shall be kept from a spirit of bitterness over the unhappy and unfortunate occurrences of the past.

THIRD, that we shall be wholly absorbed in the future and the fact that we have much to do in a very short time.

FOURTH, that we shall prove worthy before God of the wonderful opportunities He is giving us to reach new fields for the gospel.

FIFTH, that He will raise up many young men of ability with hearts afire for Christ to enter these new fields and to take them for God.

SIXTH, that He will send in the $30,000 needed to care for our 21 mission points and the new fields just starting. The Thanksgiving Offering is our only time to provide this need.

SEVENTH, that the Directors of the Council may have the wisdom of the Spirit of God in the many perplexing and difficult problems that are constantly arising in the accomplishing of this work.

EIGHTH, that sufficient additional Jewish Conferences shall be held yet this year to enable us to provide for our Jewish Mission in Los Angeles.

ABOVE ALL THINGS PRAY THAT OUR FATHER GOD SHALL BE GLORIFIED IN US AS WE HOLD UP THE GOSPEL IN THE CLOSING HOURS OF THIS AGE.

Program

AFTERNOON SERVICE:

Hymn—"Jesus Shall Reign."

Scripture—I Thessalonians 1:2-10

Hymn—"The Name of Jesus"

Message by the pastor:
"Brethren Missions, a Life-line to the Perishing in America!"

Distribution of Home Mission folders
(Place the names of the mission pastors and their fields on a blackboard.)

Time for prayer by all

Hymn—"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

EVENING SERVICE:

Hymn—"O For a Thousand Tongues."

Scripture—II Corinthians 9

Special music—"He Died Not In Vain"

(Duet for Mezzo Soprano and Tenor)

Message by pastor or a member of Council:
"The Challenge of God to the Brethren Church in 1941!"

—or—

"The Presentation of an Unchanging Christ to a Changing World through Brethren Missions!"

Free discussion with the pastor of the needs in Brethren home mission points, followed by a season of prayer by all.

Hymn—"Harvest Time."

—Prepared by Arnold Kriegbaum.

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Pearson's Sailor Work

It has been arranged to have four articles throughout the year from our Brother Claude H. Pearson, 261 West Tenth St., San Pedro, Calif. about his work of world wide witnessing aboard ships. We herewith present the first of the articles.—Ed.

Here is a literal interpretation of Mk. 16:15—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" right here in our own denomination. The forthcoming articles will deal with: "A Day on the Ships," "Our Foreign Activities at Burma and Korea," and "How the Work is Maintained."

It is fascinating to watch a huge ship loosed from her moorings push gracefully out to sea. Decks are crowded with passengers waving and shouting farewells, flags are flying, sirens blowing, giant engines chug rythmically, and great clouds of smoke roll out of the smoke stacks. It is a thrill you long remember.

There are many kinds of ships—passenger, cargo, oil tankers, lumber boats, mighty war vessels, and numerous fishing and smaller pleasure craft. In Los Angeles Harbor alone between six and eight thousand dock and sail every year.

A ship may be likened to a floating hotel, a block long and from five to eight stories in height. It needs every sort of employee: captain, deck officers, engineers, electricians, plumbers, stewards, cooks, boatswains and sailors. It is in control of one man, the captain or master, as he is sometimes called. His word is law, he is the Mussolini of the ship. Every boat, large or small, has to have these. On the small boats one man may have several jobs but all we have named are needed.

Startling Facts. 90% of these men seldom, if ever, go to a church or mission. Their work is such that they cannot. They are confined to small steel walled cabins, often overcrowded.

Pearson's Sailor Work is that of going on board these ships and giving the men the gospel, sometimes by holding a meeting, but mostly by personal work, home entertainment and correspondence.

Bibles, Gospels, Scripture portions and very choice magazines, pamphlets and tracts, printed in his own language (some 16 languages) are given to the sailor personally or placed in the room, on a desk, under a pillow on his bunk or in the mess room. All are given freely, nothing is sold.

The sailor is a man who reads and re-reads anything and everything he can get his hands on; so when we hand a Belgian, a Frenchman, a Japanese or an Englishman these, we know they will be read. God uses His Word and when a man is several thousand miles away from home, lonesome, homesick, worried right now, discouraged, and often bitter, it is a joy to give him the story of the Lord Jesus Christ and deal with him about his soul.

Our next article will describe a day on board ships.

CLAUDE H. PEARSON.

FIRST THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

By GEORGE WASHINGTON, 1789

"NOW, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these states to the services of that great and Glorious Being, who is the beneficient Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in the rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation — for the single and manifold mercies, and for the favorable interpretation of His providence, in the course and conclusion of the late war."

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OBJECTIVES FOR 1940-1941

1. Four major offerings:
   September, October, November — Our National Expense Fund. Need $920.
   December, January, February — Bozoum Seminary for native evangelists. Need $800.
   March, April, May — Grace Theological Seminary. Need $500.
   June, July, August — Home Missions. Need $500.
2. Scrap books made for mission study.
3. Daily prayer cards for home and foreign missionaries.
4. That we encourage daily Bible reading with number of chapters reported at each council meeting.
5. That we encourage definite witnessing to the unsaved on the part of every Council.
6. That we urge our women to aid in getting The Brethren Missionary Herald into every home in the church.

EDITORIALS

Shall We Cry?

Over our local radio station a daily program is given in which a woman and two men read recipes sent in by listeners. One of the men intersperses some piano music, and a check for $1 is sent each day to the person sending in the best recipe. On days when the mail has brought few recipes one of the three will put on a crying act, pleading for more recipes—and it seems to be effective, for a few days at least.

Now we have no radio station from which to reach our women—but, ladies, this column will serve as Station W E E P — and we are crying to you to send in more news items about your district rallies, your local Council doings, any original plans, or letters received from missionaries, so that we can make these columns more interesting. The editor hears a rumor that a district rally has been held, or a statement is made incidentally in a letter that some Councils are doing fine work along certain lines. Now, if we were a novelist, we might make up a story out of this, but, being merely an editor, we must await reports more definite.

Nor do we have any dollars to offer you—we can only promise that our God will surely reward any service done for Him or any testimony offered to inspire others to serve Him better.

May we hear from **you?**

O Ye of Little Faith

Last night we wrote the foregoing editorial; this morning the mail brought us reports from two district rallies. You see we have no radio station, but we have a God who hears before we ask, who sees before we write, and who loves us better than we know. Praise the Lord!

Rom. 8:28 is again pertinent. This month we were given an extra week in which to send in the manuscripts for our W.M.C. number, and behold, the Lord lays it upon the hearts of two district secretaries to get their copy in real early for the December number!

Where to Procure Material For Your Scrap Books

We understand that a large sheet carrying the pictures of all missionaries may be obtained from our literature secretary, Mrs. Lilly Monroe.

It is also rumored that copies of The Brethren Handbook of Missionary Facts may be secured from Dr. Louis S. Bauman. We are not informed as to price on either of the above items. The supply of the Handbook is perhaps limited, so it will be a case of first come, first served.

Memorial Notice

We have received word of the passing of our sister, Mrs. Vern Hartlerode, assistant secretary of the Peru, Ind. Council, into the presence of her Lord. Her death occurred on Aug. 29, 1940.

We have also been notified of the promotion to glory of our sister, Mrs. Sara Butterbaugh, a member of the Dallas Center, Ia. Council. We do not know the date of this sister's death.

We know, with the Apostle Paul, that "to depart, and to be with Christ . . . is far better." Yet we know that such departure always leaves behind sorrowing hearts, and to these the hearts of our women go out in sympathy, knowing that our loving Lord will comfort and sustain them.

PRAYER REQUESTS

National Prayer Chairman: Mrs. Arthur Carey, Rittman, O.

Let Us Pray:

1. For our foreign mission offering for Bozoum Seminary, which is the objective for the next three months.
2. For The Brethren Missionary Herald, that subscriptions may be multiplied and its ministry be always to the glory of God.
3. For our foreign missionaries, especially for the

situation in Africa; and for the native Christians that they may grow in grace in these trying times.

4. That the zeal of our women may increase; that new Councils may be formed; and that the work may go forward, even exceeding last year.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER MEETING

Subject: **Glorifying God by Proper Christmas Spirit**
Song: "O Come All Ye Faithful"
Scripture: Matt. 2:1-11
Prayer
Business
Prayer Circle using printed requests
Song: "Joy To The World"
Topic: "God's Unspeakable Gift" by Mrs. Mayme Barmore, Whittier, Calif.
Topic: "Keeping Christ in Christmas" by Mrs. Ray Runyon, Los Angeles, Calif.
Special Number: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Topic: "Christmas in the Argentine" by Mrs. Loree Sickel, Long Beach
Benediction

(Above program by Mrs. W. A. Ogden, vice president)

Found in Our Mail

An Interesting Item from Flora, Ind.

Just a news item from the W.M.C. at Flora, Ind. Our W.M.C. held a special meeting on Oct. 15 at the home of Sister Axie Myer for the purpose of making "sock dolls" for the mountain children through our Mission point at Clayhole, Ky.

We made 36 dolls and are having another special meeting or two until our goal of 100 dolls are made. We made and sent 20 last year and the Landrums told us that since the field had become so much larger they could use many times more. We also packed three boxes of clothing.

MRS. MABEL FLORA, Sec'y.

Report of East Central District Rally

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus to all the W.M.C. officers, members and friends from the East Central District W.M.C. Rally at Canton, O. on Oct. 18.

After a covered dish dinner presided over by the Canton ladies in a very efficient manner, the ladies all gathered in the church auditorium, while Mrs. Rose Byers played several numbers on the organ.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. A. Y. Robinson, president of the Canton Council. The opening song was, "Rock of Ages."

Mrs. R. W. Lape, vice president of Canton Council had charge of the devotions and chose I Cor. 13 for her Scripture reading.

A vocal duet, "If He Abide with Me," sung by Wilma and Nellie Magers of the Danville Council, was followed by a very inspirational lesson on Psa. 23 with the visual-aid board by Miss Anne Sutek of Canton. The Lord has blessed Miss Sutek with an unusual ability in the use of the visual-aid board.

Mrs. Rose Byers then sang, "Is Your All on the Altar?

Mrs. R. E. Gingrich, our district president, then had charge of the business session, at which time the plans and objectives for the coming year were discussed. We were sorry to receive the resignation of Mrs. John Aeby as vice president, because of their leaving for Fort Wayne, Ind. Mrs. Arthur Carey was chosen to succeed Mrs. Aeby. While waiting for the report of the tellers the group sang the chorus "Saved To Tell Others," which has been chosen as the Council chorus for the year.

Our next rally will be held at Rittman on the third Friday in January. Mrs. Aeby dismissed the meeting.

The following Councils were represented: Canton, Danville, Ellet, Middlebranch, Rittman and Sterling.

NELLIE MAGERS, Sec'y.

Eastern District Women's Missionary Council Fellowship

The women of the Eastern District met for their second annual Missionary Council fellowship at the Waynesboro Brethren Church Oct. 22-24, 1940. Fifty-one women registered at the services and a fine spirit and attendance was manifested. There were visiting women from Winchester, Va., Hagerstown, Md., and Fort Wayne, Ind.

The Council program opened each morning in the main auditorium of the church at 8:30 A. M. The sessions were presided over by the president, Mrs. R. D. Crees. Each morning the service opened with an inspirational song service and devotions, led by Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, Mrs. A. V. Kimmell, and Mrs. R. D. Crees. Special music by Miss Pauline Seitz of Philadelphia, who brought a message in song at one of the morning sessions, was enjoyed.

The missionary Council had the pleasure of having Miss Elizabeth Tyson, one of our own missionaries to Africa, as the speaker two mornings. Her messages were not only interesting, but encouraged in a new way in the hearts of the women an interest in soul-winning and personal work.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Orville Lorenz; Vice-President,

THINK IT OVER

Any coward can praise Christ, but it takes courage to follow Him.

Mrs. Wm. Schaffer; Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Pine; Treasurer, Mrs. Carl Seitz.

An invitation was accepted to attend our Spring Rally at Vinco, where the Women's Missionary Council there will entertain the Eastern District Missionary Council Rally.

At the closing session Mrs. Leo Polman led a discussion of the objectives for the coming year and a period of open discussion followed which was helpful to all. A feeling of sincere appreciation was felt for the messages of Miss Tyson, for the help Mrs. Polman gave the Councils, and for the fine hospitality of the Waynesboro women.

MRS. ERNEST PINE, Sec'y.

Rally at Fort Wayne

The second meeting of the Indiana District Brethren Women's Missionary Council was held in the First Brethren Church at Fort Wayne, Ind. on Fri., Nov. 1, 1940.

Meeting opened at 10:00 A. M. with group singing led by Mrs. Leo Polman. Mrs. Bertha Stevens, Fort Wayne, led the devotions, using for her Scripture Eph. 2:1-10. A vocal solo was rendered by Mrs. Grace Rambo of Winona Lake, Ind. A review of the objectives was given by Mrs. Polman, after which an interesting open forum was conducted. A report from the registration committee showed 85 in attendance. Morning session closed with prayer by Mrs. Polman, after which a delectable favorite dish meal was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session opened at 1:30 P. M. with group singing. The nominating committee reported and the following were elected to serve the District for the ensuing year:

Pres—Mrs. Leo Polman, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Henry Rempel, Flora, Ind.

Secretary—Mrs. John Stuber, Peru, Ind.

Treas.—Mrs. Alton Witter, South Bend, Ind.

Prayer Band Chairman—Mrs. Sam Anderson, Roann, Ind.

A ladies' quartet from the Ft. Wayne church sang a number, and readings were given by one of the members from the Dayton Council.

Mrs. Homer A. Kent, Winona Lake, Ind., National W.M.C. President, then gave an enlightening missionary address, following which a skit entitled "The Missionary Barrel" was presented by members of the Junior and Senior Councils of the Peru church.

An offering was taken amounting to $9.12. Plans were made for the next rally in Dayton, O. The dismissal prayer was voiced by Mrs. Kent.

MRS. JOHN STUBER, Dist. Sec'y.

The SISTERHOOD of MARY and MARTHA

"To know Him and to make Him known"

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Mail all bandages to First Brethren Church, 10th and Dauphin Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

Goals for Year 1940 and 1941

1. Twelve devotional meetings using suggested material.
2. Bible reading: The four Gospels and the Acts.
   Junior reading: John and Mark. 50% membership completing Bible reading.
3. Membership project.
4. Cabinet meetings in fall and spring.
5. Bandages sent to bandage Sec'y by July 31, and at least one other benevolent work during the year.
6. Offering sent to financial secretary by Jan. 31 and July 31 for administrative purposes.
7. Two thank offerings received during the year and sent to financial secretary. These may be taken any time during the year to be sent in at the same time as the regular offering.
8. An offering sent to financial secretary by July 31 for fund for the higher education of missionaries' children.
9. An offering sent to district secretary by May 31.

We Need Your Cooperation!!

Only a small percentage of societies have responded by sending information regarding officers and members to the general secretary. It is important that we have these facts. As you know our Sisterhood is getting a new start this year, and the new officers have many difficulties to face. Each member of each society must do her part. Are you doing yours?

Along with the names and addresses of your officers, send your questions, news items, and any plan which your society may have that you think would be interesting to the rest of us. We also appreciate

any suggestions or ideas that will make our department more helpful to all the girls.

We Welcome this News from Waynesboro, Pa.

At the East District Fellowship Bible Conference of The Brethren Church at Waynesboro, Pa. the Sisterhood girls were entertained at a banquet on Wednesday evening, Oct. 23. There were 53 girls and patronesses present, with 20 guests, all of whom enjoyed the program. Following the banquet the girls sang several choruses and learned the chorus which gives the theme of the new year's work. The theme is: "To Know Him and To Make Him Known." That is our goal in this district for our new year's work.

A duet was given by Miss Lucille Margin and Miss Elaine Berringer, accompanied by Miss Eunice Berringer. Following the musical selection, we took up the business of the meeting. The new business, in charge of Mrs. O. Lorney, consisted of the election of officers. They are as follows:

President, Larue Malles, of Waynesboro; Secretary-Treasurer, Marian Dilling of Martinsburg; Patroness, Mrs. K. Ashman of Mundy's Corner.

We were very fortunate in having with us, our national patroness, who brought us a very inspiring message. The meeting then adjourned.

Important Announcement:—

Ship all bandages to the First Brethren Church, 10th and Dauphin Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. Send any questions or information concerning the bandages to address of the bandage secretary given above.

We are working and hoping to have membership cards, and other useful and needed information for you soon. Please be patient and do your best until we are completely organized.

In this Christmas season may we as Sisterhood girls think more of God's generous gift of His beloved Son and our Savior than of giving and receiving as the world does; more of giving of our time, talents, and love to Him who indeed has given His all for us.

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DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

'Tis not enough to know the Lord,
'Tis not enough to faith His Word,
We need His passion in control,
His yearnings burning in the soul.

Choruses or Christmas carols
Prayer
Hymn: "It Pays to Serve Jesus"
Scripture: Rom. 12:1-2, Ps. 96:3, Matt. 28:19, Mk. 16:15, Mk. 10:28, Lk. 5:11, Lk. 14:33, Lk. 18:29-30
Prayer circle: Each one participating
Special number
Topic: This month we hear from one of our missionaries on furlough, Bro. Clarence L. Sickel. Remember Bro. Sickel and his family in your prayers; also the South American field.

Being God's and Serving God

"Whose I am and whom I serve" (Acts 27:23).

This sentence from the lips of the apostle Paul is worthy of being used as a motto by every Christian. First, "Whose I am" — to be God's. Then "Whom I serve — to serve God. First belonging to God, dedicated to His name, given over to His ownership. Then, "Whom I serve" — consecrated to His cause, kept for His use, made over heart and hand to His service. To be God's and to serve God—who could imagine a higher ideal!

Dedication — Being God's

I was once an outcast stranger on earth;
A sinner by choice, and an alien by birth.
But I've been adopted, my name's written down,
An heir to a mansion, a robe and a crown,
All glory to God, I'm the child of a King.

Being God's. Do we realize what it means? Being God's implies a full giving of ourselves to Him, a solemn setting ourselves apart to Him. The person who thus gives himself to God cannot go on serving the world, and the flesh. He is God's and God's alone. His whole life must be given over to the end of glorifying God. Too many of us are like the great cathedrals of Argentina, dedicated to God in name only. Let us picture one. It is a beautiful building architecturally. Two massive doors mark the entrance. Inside is semi-darkness. Worshipers entering before us dip their fingers in holy water beside the door, cross themselves devoutly, and slip off to kneel before a holy picture. Down the long depth of the nave stands the altar—the cross above it—soaring toward the great cathedral window. Candles, scores of them, flicker their uncertainty. Threads of incense scent the air. Along the wall are pictures and images of the Virgin Mary and many saints of the church. Before these, men, women, and children kneel in worship. A mass is said. Priests richly gowned stand before the altar; chants—in Latin—are entoned. The worshippers depart, dipping their fingers in the holy water as they go. This is a temple dedicated to God, but in all of

its services and its rich trappings He is not found. He is overshadowed by countless other things.

Many years ago something like 40,000 people stood on the shore and watched the launching of a ship. It was the St. Louis. Most of the stays that held the great liner on the incline were removed, and yet she stood motionless. Then amid an almost audible hush the order was given to break away the few remaining braces, and fully released, she glided out into the waters of the Deleware, ready for service.

That should be our experience, to withdraw ourselves from the few remaining things that hinder our service for God, and turn ourselves fully to Him.

Consecration

We use this word in the active sense of devotement. There is a distinct difference between the idea of dedication and devotement. We dedicate a house to God. We devote our time to His service. In the sense, consecration follows dedication. It means the application of ourselves to God, then we devote ourselves to His cause. First, we must be God's own, then we serve Him.

We are told that a missionary physician in one of China's hospitals was the means of curing a man of a cataract. A few weeks later, 48 blind men from one of the provinces of the interior, each holding on to a rope held in the hands of the man who was cured, came to the hospital. Thus in a chain, they had walked 250 miles to the doctor, and nearly all were cured.

Does this not call to mind another picture in which we have a place? If we have come to Christ, and by faith have received Him, He has not only opened our blind eyes, but has given us the gift of eternal life. Can we, thus healed, be unconcerned as we see those all about us groping in spiritual darkness? The least we can do is to lead others to the Lord who healed us. Somewhere some soul awaits your coming with this message of healing. It may be the companion in school or office to whom you have never spoken of Christ: it may be the one who is dearest to you in the fellowship of friendship, and yet who knows not the Lord to Whom you have given allegiance; or it may be a little group in the dark and distant ends of the world who, unconsciously to themselves, await the coming of one who shall be to them God's messenger of light, life and deliverance from the captivity of sin and death. Perhaps it may be those in Argentine whose only sure hope is purgatory, and the fires of torment.

We are His. We have been given the nature of Christ. If we are "partakers of the divine nature" must we not also have a compassion for the lost like unto His?

Have you found the heavenly light?
  Pass it on!
Souls are groping in the night,
  Daylight gone;
Hold thy lighted lamp on high,
Be a star in someone's sky:
He may live who else would die—
  Pass it on!

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Business: Roll call, minutes, offering. Check on Bible reading. If you have not appointed a Bible reading chairman, do so. She should keep an accurate check on the Bible reading of each member. Christmas time is a good time for benevolent work. Kentucky needs clothing, and especially children's clothing. Read and discuss goals. Determine to meet them 100%.

We urge you to remember S.M.M. continually in your prayers.

Benediction: Ps. 145:1, 2

Above: A group of Pennsylvania ministers, and (right) their wives at a recent conference.

CHRIST

The Light of the World

A DOCTRINE OF CHRIST DEPARTMENT

By FRANK COLEMAN

BORN OF A VIRGIN

Around the doctrine of the virgin birth of Christ there has raged a storm of controversy from the very dawn of the Christian era. That storm has by no means abated in this day. For to admit the virgin birth of Christ is to admit the supernatural entrance of the transcendant God into the affairs of men, and this many are unwilling to do. Though "born of a virgin" stands in the creeds which men still repeat and to which many still subscribe, yet it is with a mental reservation or with a strange definition of terms that modern theologians and teachers of religion permit the statement to stand.

Whatever others may mean, by the virgin birth of Christ we mean that God the Father, in accord with the Son as His verbal and eternal expression, and through the coordinate operation of the Holy Spirit, took hold of a cell or seed of Mary, creating a new and distinct human nature which the Son of God took into union with Himself, becoming a unique being with two natures, human and divine, in one body. In this unparalleled way God the Son was made flesh that God might purchase with His own blood those who had sold themselves under sin.

The Virgin Birth and the Person of Christ

That God the Son should come into the world by being born of a virgin without the agency of a human father was indispensible to the perfection of His person. Let it not be forgotten that in Him were united the essential natures of both God and man. He was the God of eternity becoming also man. But God could not become man by taking a body generated by human parents. Such a union of God's person with a human person would result in a monstrosity, a double personality. More than that, it would result in the possession by Christ of a fallen, sinful human nature.

The father and the mother of a child are distinct persons, and each gives something of his own peculiar nature to the child. The result is a new personality with one consciousness and one will. Only the Fatherhood of God and the motherhood of a virgin could produce a single personality in the man Christ Jesus, with a single consciousness and a single will. By the virgin birth alone could God become man, retaining the divine nature that was His through all eternity, while taking into personal subsistance with Himself a true human nature untainted by sin.

It is a strange faith that would lay hold upon the superstructure of Christianity while denying the miraculous foundation upon which it rests. Let those who think that the doctrine of the virgin birth is easily to be dispensed with consider: If His was a human father, then Jesus Christ was born of a woman stained with unchastity and His father was unknown. His only birthright was the bar sinister. If He was not born of a virgin, but was begotten of a human father, He was a natural person, and not God. If He was not God, then He had no right to forgive sin, nor had He any right to make Himself the object of faith. If His was a natural father, then He was not the second person of the Trinity, and without God the Son there is no trinity, no triune God. If His was a natural father, he inherited a sinful nature, there was sin in Him. He was, then, under the penalty of sin and could be neither a substitute nor a sacrifice for sin—**if begotten by a human father.**

The Virgin Birth and the Work of Christ

The atonement of Christ is rooted and grounded in the virgin birth of Christ. In the manward aspect of His atoning work there were two essential requirements for His entrance into the world to redeem men. He must perfectly identify Himself with the race and become as truly human as any child of Adam. This He must do while at the same time avoiding the taint of inherited sin. He must become man; and He must become perfect man. Only from such a beginning could he consummate His work with the exultant cry, "It is finished," as He died for sins not His own. Only by assuming into real union with Himself the perfect humanity generated in the womb of Mary, through the miraculous operation of the Spirit of God, could He satisfy both requirements, becoming man, yet without sin.

It is because Jesus Christ is God's Son that His blood possesses infinite worth in cleansing from all sin. It is because Jesus Christ came into the world as Mary's son that He is related to man by nature and so can be man's true Kinsman-redeemer. Without such a relationship of nature the moral government of God could not be vindicated, nor could His perfect law be upheld. The law was suited to man, and it had a claim upon man. Man alone could fulfill its requirements. Men alone could bear its penalty. Because He was man Jesus Christ could pay the penalty of the law; because, through His virgin birth, He was perfect man He could pay the penalty for others; and because, by the virgin birth, it was God Who became man, His sufferings and death possessed such infinite value that every demand of the law was satisfied in behalf of those whom God purposed to redeem.

The Virgin Birth, The Fatherhood of God, and the Motherhood of Mary

Human fatherhood was not necessary to clothe the eternal Son with humanity. Being eternally preexistent, no act of fatherhood was required when the

Word became flesh. The Word went forth and the Spirit wrought in embodiment, and the eternal Son was clothed with flesh. He became the Son of Man by the virgin Mary, but He was the Son of God before time began. "Unto the Son He (God) saith, Thy throne O God, is forever and ever" (Heb. 1:8 with Ps. 45:6). The eternal Son needed no other fatherhood than that which He had known in the eternity before the world was, the Fatherhood of God

It is the peculiar function of the mother to embody the implanted seed. He who was "Eternal Life," Himself the Seed, received through Mary His human body and His human nature. These alone were His heritage from her.

Even His blood was His own! It is a biological fact that every embryo manufactures for itself the blood that forms its blood stream. It was indeed God's own blood (Acts 20:28) that coursed through His veins and that was spilled as the blood of atonement, the all-sufficient answer to every claim of outraged Holiness.

The Virgin Birth and the Faith that Saves

To deny the virgin birth is to deny Old Testament prophecy, the testimony of the angel Gabriel, the inspired records of Matthew and Luke, as well as the whole list of Scriptures in which the miraculous conception is implied. But more than that, to deny the virgin birth is to deny the eternal Sonship and Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the infinite value of His blood. We take our stand with the Holy Scriptures and affirm our belief in His supernatural birth. This we believe, yet it is not the article of our salvation. Not faith in the virgin birth, but appropriating faith in Christ as Savior, Sin-bearer, and Lord, is the condition of eternal life. But the only Christ we know is the Christ of the Bible, and the Christ of the Bible was born of a virgin.

IN THE SHADOW

Mrs. Jene Allen was born in the State of Illinois, but during her early infancy she moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McMahon to Flora, Ind. where she lived the rest of her life. In her early life she confessed Christ and was united with the Christian Church. Later on she joined The Brethren Church of which she remained a member until her last day. Since last spring Sister Allen was one of the very faithful members of the Grace Brethren Church of Flora. Sister Allen's health failed during the month of September. During the 9 weeks of her severe illness it was her sincere desire to be loosed from this body and to be present with the Lord. On Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. her desire was granted when the Lord took her home. She died at the age of 83 years and 7 months. Her husband, Mr. George Allen preceded her in death by about 6 years. Sister Allen is survived by 2 daughters, 4 sons, 25 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. We miss Sister Allen in our services, but our loss is heaven's gain.

HENRY REMPEL

HERE AND THERE

By Robert Culver

Dr. J. C. Beal completed a two week's Bible conference in the First Brethren Church, Cleveland, O. on Nov. 2. The next day he began another two weeks' series of meetings in the Grace Brethren Church at Flora, Ind.

Arnold R. Kriegbaum, pastor of the Third Brethren Church of Los Angeles, is now teaching a Bible class at the Compton Junior College, Compton, Calif. Prayer is requested for this work.

The Brethren Church of San Diego, Calif, celebrated Rally Day Oct. 6 with a record day as far as Church and Sunday School attendance were concerned. 130 were present for Sunday School and 143 for church. Six members were received into the church the same day.

The Senior C. E. Society of the San Diego Church is putting a good idea to practice that might well be copied by others. Every month they print a C. E. Bulletin called "Chart and Compass." In it are printed news, messages from Christian Endeavorers away at school, and plans for the future, etc.

Two Weeks Revival Meeting was begun Oct. 21 at The Brethren Church of Limestone, Tenn. with Bro. Herman W. Koontz, pastor of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. Rev. J. E. Patterson, pastor of The Brethren Church of Hollins, Va. and Rev. Edward Bowman, pastor of The Brethren Church of Buena Vista, Va. will fill the pulpit in the absence of the pastor.

Events in the Covington, Va. Church recently include: celebration of Rally Day Oct. 13, with 251 present; the substantial start of a radio fund to be used to tell the "old story" over the air soon; the installing of a neon sign, "JESUS SAVES," in three foot letters over the church, and the reading of an annual financial report, telling of the best financial year in the history of the church. $6929.11 was given to the church last year, of which over 25% was used for missions and benevolences.

The Brethren Church of Tracy, Calif. enjoyed the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jackson, pioneer missionaries to Singapore and the Malay States, Oct. 20. Included in the program was the showing of a technicolor motion picture of conditions in the place of the missionaries' ministry.

"The First Brethren Church of West Kittanning, Pa. enjoyed a four days' Bible conference from Oct. 13 to 16. Rev. P. B. Fitzwater of Moody Bible Institute was the speaker. Interesting and inspiring messages were brought every afternoon and evening."

A Jewish Bible Conference, with H. B. Centz as speaker was held in the First Brethren Church of Peru, Ind., Oct. 16-20.

"The Shadow of a Great Rock"

By HOMER A. KENT
Professor at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.

Prof. Kent

"And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land" (Isa. 32:2).

To whom else could the lovely figures of this text refer but to our Lord Jesus Christ? He is the God-man prophesied by the prophet to come into the world to be all to men that they need. There is a very definite sense in which this prophecy of Isaiah has to do with a time yet future when Christ shall come again. But surely there is much in it which has been applicable to the saints of God all down through the years and is preciously applicable today.

I. Christ Is an Hiding Place from the Wind.

When the stormy blasts sweep over the soul the Lord Jesus is our refuge. The wind in Scripture has different meanings. Sometimes it signifies judgment. As in Eph. 4:14 it is illustrative of false doctrine, the wind of Satan. There are Satanic winds blowing today which seek to blow the soul into destruction, but thank God, there is a hiding place from the wind. "A man shall be a hiding place from the wind." That Man is Christ Jesus. In Him there is a complete refuge from every stormy blast of judgment or Satanic doctrine that may come.

II. Christ Is Also a Covert from the Tempest.

Many are the tempests through which even the children of God must pass. The Psalmist David at one time passed through a terrific tempest. It is seen in the 142d Psalm. He was in a cave hiding from Saul who was seeking his very life. Out of desperation he cried, "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me." But then he flung himself upon God and said, "Thou art my refuge and my portion."

Let us do like David in the midst of the tempests of life. Sometimes it takes a tempest or two to teach us what a wonderful hiding place we have in Christ. He can speak peace to any tempest that may be endangering the little ship of your life if you will let Him.

III. Again, Christ Is as Rivers of Water in a Dry Place.

No doubt there will be a remarkable literal fulfillment of this part of our text when He comes again. But it also has a blessed spiritual fulfillment in barren hearts today. We remember how our Lord gave refreshing waters to the weary woman by Sychar's well. He has done the same for myriads of thirsty hearts since that day. Christ said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink" (Jn. 7:37). The unregenerate heart is like the Sahara Desert. Nothing grows there. It is dry and forbidding—a place of death. The regenerate heart is like the Nile Valley which is watered by a great river which makes it a fertile garden hundreds of miles in length. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Water of Life which satisfies and makes fruitful.

IV. Finally, the Text Before Us Presents Christ as the Shadow of a Great Rock in a Weary Land.

The eye of the prophet pierces the centuries and he sees a weary world: a world weary of judgment, of war, of human government; a world desperately in need of rest and refuge. Then he sees the shadow of a great Rock which appears to bring satisfaction for the need. That Rock is Christ. Many times over Christ is pictured as a Rock in the Scriptures. Isaiah 26:4 speaks of Him as the Rock of Ages. He is the Rock upon which the church is being built. Daniel sees Him as the Stone cut out of the mountain without hands which smashes Gentile dominion and becomes as a great mountain filling the whole earth.

That Rock one day was smitten for a sinful world. It endured the wind and storm of God's righteous judgment that we might not have to endure it. It was cleft in order that in its shelter we might have refuge. Are we singing with Augustus Toplady?

> "Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
> Let me hide myself in thee;
> Let the water and the blood,
> From thy wounded side which flowed,
> Be of sin the double cure,
> Save from wrath and make me pure."

If the reader of these words is not a Christian, may the desire of your heart be, as expressed by the Psalmist in the 61st Psalm, "Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I."

"LOOKING INTO"

By LEONA DAWSON COLE

There is a starry balcony
Encircling the skies,
Where angels view the Bridal Hall
With envy in their eyes.

—1 Peter 1:12.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

A True Missionary Story from Kentucky

JOY'S WISH

By MRS. SEWELL LANDRUM

"Joy, Joy," Mother called. "Joy, it is time to get up." Joy got out of bed in a hurry for was not this the day she had been waiting for? Mother had promised that she and Joy would visit Aunt Martha, and Aunt Martha lived near a Sunday School. Joy would get to go to Sunday School as she had done a few times before she had moved so far away. Joy quickly dressed and helped with the breakfast and dishes without any coaxing.

Soon it was time to get "Matt" the mule. Joy put on the bridle, saddle, and saddle bags. The saddle bags held her very best dress and some seed beans for Aunt Martha. Joy led Matt to an old stump so Mother could get on. Then she crawled up behind the saddle, swinging her legs so that both were on one side. Joy broke off a switch from a low limb and off they started, waving goodby to father and the rest of the family.

Joy rode along balancing herself expertly with her feet. She enjoyed the coolness of the morning. Near noon they came to a hill, and Joy had to hold on tight to keep from sliding off. Both got off the mule at the top as it was too steep to ride down.

Joy was thinking of Bible verses as she followed along behind. She decided she would say Isa. 53:6 if Scripture verses were called for the next morning. After choosing her Bible verse she thought about songs that she might help sing. She couldn't remember all the words of one song except, "The Bible stands though the hills may tumble!" It seemed to her the Bible was very secure, because she knew of nothing that could move that rough rocky hill.

After reaching the bottom of the hill they stopped at a house to get a drink and were invited to stay for dinner. Matt was given some corn. Everything was good but Joy wasn't "much hungry"—she wanted to get started on. The afternoon was long, and Matt's feet seemed to drag in spite of the switch. As the sun went down behind a hill, they reached Aunt Martha's house.

Joy was up real early Sunday morning with her best dress on. After waiting many hours, so it seemed to Joy, Aunt Martha said she could walk to the highway to wait for the Sunday School bus along with the neighbor's children. Amid lots of laughter and fun someone shouted above the rest, "I hear it, I hear it," and sure enough the bus came around the curve. Joy's heart almost burst with happiness. The bus rolled to a stop with many a squeak and rattle, but Joy did not hear a one or notice the scars and dents on its yellow sides. Joy held a smaller child on her lap as there wasn't enough room for all to have a seat to themselves.

Joy's eyes grew wider and wider as the bus came to a stop in front of the new church. Aunt Martha had told her about the new building but she did not expect one as beautiful as this. It was just as nice inside as out and the new seats fairly shone. What a wonderful place to learn about Jesus! Joy sang with the rest of the children, and was the first one on her feet when the pastor called for Bible verses.

In class Joy listened carefully to all the teacher said. The teacher explained how God sent His only Son, Jesus, to die on the Cross, so that everyone through His death might have eternal life, by accepting Him as Savior. The closing bell rang too soon, for Joy wanted to hear more, and it might be a long time before she would be back again. As the rest of the children marched out, Joy walked up to her teacher and said, "I wish you lived where I do, so I could have a Sunday School to go to, too.

FROM OUR JUNIOR POETS

Here is the first original poem sent us by our Junior readers. We think it deserves a place on our boys' and girls' page.

Do you ever write poems about the Lord Jesus or His work? If so, mail them to the Children's Editor, % The Brethren Missionary Herald Co., 3326 South Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

I would like to be a missionary
And travel across the sea
And go to foreign lands to teach
Of the Christ Who sets men free.

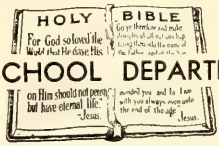
—Alyce Ann Schaffer.

OUR BIBLE CHARACTER ALPHABET

Answer to O: Og.

P was a Christian man who owned a run-away slave. Another man whose name began with P won the slave to Christ and sent him back to his master. Find the name of these two men in the book of Philemon.

Tho scoffers ask, "Where is your gain?"
And mocking say, "Your work is vain."
These scoffers die, and are forgot;
Work done for God, it dieth not!



BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

THE TEACHER'S DOZEN

(Rules for preparing a lesson)

1. Pray.
2. Consecrate yourself for this particular lesson.
3. Review the topics of the lessons for the whole quarter, and see the relationship of this lesson to the whole.
4. Read the Scripture passage to discover its contents.
5. Reread it prayerfully until you have drawn from it all you can without outside help.
6. Hunt up the Bible setting for this particular lesson:
   a. Chronologically, according to God's whole plan.
   b. Special historical setting.
   c. Geographically. Be able to locate every place in the lesson.
7. Read all the helps at your disposal.
8. Read the lesson again.
9. Find the message in the lesson:
   a. To the world.
   b. To pupils of the age you teach.
   c. To each pupil in your class. Pray for them by name to determine the message for each.
10. Decide on the method of presentation, and prepare any special materials.
11. Retire early the night before.
12. Arise early enough the next morning for an extra long season of prayer. Pray for each pupil by name.

IT WOULD BE A FINE THING

if teachers committed the text of each lesson to memory before teaching it. This would equip your mind as well as get you ready for your lesson. Never stop your Bible Study. There is no reason why you cannot be the finest kind of a Bible teacher from a technical standpoint. From a spiritual standpoint, if you do not have the message impressed on your heart, you can never give it to your class. The preeminent thing is the heartthrob of God for the heartache of the people.

NO OBJECTION TO CHRIST

A minister once announced a meeting for men in which he would give an opportunity to voice objections to Christianity. There were 27 objections voiced, among which were "Church members are no better than others—their lives are inconsistent;" "The ministers are no good;" "There are hypocrites in the church;" "Even Christians don't believe the Bible any more;" etc. The minister, after admitting that it was all too true, said, "Boys, you have objected to us pastors, to the church, to church members, to the Bible, and to other things, but you have not said one word against my Master!" Then in a few simple words he preached Christ to them as the faultless One, and invited them to come to Him in faith believing. 49 responded.

This proves that if we can get people to take their eyes off faltering men and turn them on the "One altogether lovely" there are bound to be results. Teachers might well consider the relation between Paul's successful ministry and his determination "not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified (I Cor. 2:2).

DID YOU EVER STOP TO CONSIDER—

How great the contrast between the average Bible School teacher's training and the years of study required before one is considered fit to engage in professional work?

What a short span of years one can benefit by professional services in contrast with the eternal values of Bible School teaching?

The importance, therefore, of every Bible School teacher making a constant and sincere effort to become more effective?

The disgrace of not knowing our Bibles as well as we did our textbooks in school?

RUBBER TIPS FOR CHILDREN'S CHAIRS

There is no need to be annoyed by the scraping of chairs on the floor as the children rise or seat themselves or rearrange their chairs for class. Rubber tips hammered out of an old tire casing by using a hammer and the handle bar of an old bicycle will just fit the legs of the chair, and can be fastened in place with a shingle nail.

INCREASING THE HOME DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP

A Home Department superintendent in a rural district nearly doubled the department membership by using her telephone. She merely took down her telephone book, and with the aid of several of her visitors, made a list of all the residents of the community who were likely prospects. She divided this list among her workers, and then they proceeded to get in touch with these families by telephone. The calls were made in the early even so as to find the adult members of the family at home, and were always followed up by personal calls if any awakening of interest or encouragement was given. This plan proved

not only a splendid advertising scheme for the Home Department, but for the church and church school as well.

THE CRADLE ROLL DEPARTMENT CAN ENLARGE THE BIBLE SCHOOL

The alert Cradle Roll superintendent can possibly do more toward finding prospects for the Bible School than any other person. By watching the birth notices in the newspaper, she can contact the mother before she leaves the hospital to learn whether the child may be placed on the cradle roll. If the parents have no church preference, permission will usually be given to place the child on your own cradle roll. An attractive card with a definite Christian message may be left at the time of the call, followed by a monthly message from the superintendent in the form of a tract, a touching poem, or something else that will show personal interest. Of course, a birthday card will be sent on the child's birthday. Parents cannot long continue to be indifferent toward a church which gives them such attention.

WHICH WAY ARE YOU LEADING?

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away,
In the parable Jesus told;
A grown-up sheep, that had gone astray
From ninety and nine in the fold.

Out on the hillside, out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought;
And back to the flock, safe into the fold
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.

And why for the sheep should we earnestly long,
And as earnestly hope and pray?
Because there is danger. If they go wrong.
They will lead the lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Wherever the sheep may stray,
When the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so for the sheep we earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs today;
If the lambs are lost, what terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay.—Selected.

Young People's Chorus at the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

A conjunction of events made Oct. 13 a notable day in the history of the Washington church. In preparation for the coming of our new pastor, Mr. Kent was called to introduce Bro. Schneider and to deliver the charge. Rally Day was set for that day, postponed from the first Sunday which is the usual time. The entire Sunday School was assembled in the main auditorium for the opening exercises and Bro. Schneider was introduced to the school. The number present was 433, the second largest attendance in the history of the school. Just a few more were present on Dedication Day in 1935.

At the 11 o'clock service Rev. Kent conducted the installation service using Paul's letter to Timothy as the Scripture lesson. Bro. Schneider's topic was "The Work of the Church in the Present World Crisis." At the close of the service five came forward for membership, three by letter and two by confession of faith.

In the evening Rev. Kent led in the regular fall communion service. This service was also well attended. Preparations are now being made for a series of evangelistic meetings to begin Nov. 4, with Rev. A. L. Lynn as our leader. We ask that you pray that he may be used in bringing many to a saving faith in our Lord.

AUSTIN C. MUNCH

CAMDEN, OHIO

No, we have never written any news for your magazine, but take this opportunity to greet you and tell you something about our effort at Camden, O.

Almost seven years ago we came here on a faith plan. The mission board of Ohio had dropped out and said it was no use; but I want to relate a few things that have been done. We have added five Sunday School rooms to the church, redecorated the inside, painted the outside, and put in new front doors. Three weeks ago some friend presented me an amplifier—a good one too.

During that time some 60 people have been added to the church. You say, "Not many," but it is, considering our field and that the church was shut up when we came here. There was not even a Sunday School and many of the best people had gone into other churches. We now have a good attendance with a Sunday School around 100 most of the time, a weekly Bible study class of 30 to 40 each week studying prophecy, a Christian Endeavor of 30 to 50, half of them young folks, and a women's organization.

We just closed a three weeks' revival. The attendance was good. As a result of this meeting there were six adults baptized, and 10 or 12 reconsecrations. The membership was also revived. We closed last night with one of the most spiritual communions for years.

We believe it is harder to win souls for Christ now than it has been for many years. We are not modernists. We believe what Paul said—that the world would get worse and worse—and it must not be long until

the Lord will come for His bride; and amidst a war-torn world we say, "Praise His name who bought us with His precious blood."

S. LOWMAN, Pastor, Brethren Faith Tabernacle.

ALLENTOWN, PENNA.

Inasmuch as the writer, with others, has been taken aside and soundly rebuked and severely admonished concerning his laxity in reporting the activities of the church and the blessings of the Lord upon the labor of hearts and hands, we do hereby confess our failures and assume the role of the church scribe. Seven busy months are now history since we assumed the responsibility of the undershepherd of His flock in Allentown, Pa. Permit me to say to the everlasting credit of my predecessor and this church that everything possible was accomplished to make our coming as congenial as one could desire.

The pastor was not a stranger to the Pennsylvania District, having given 16 years in serving the Lord here. Several members of this congregation have been warm friends of the pastor and family and so we were immediately among friends. Soon other loyal friends were made and we are thoroughly enjoying the blessed fellowship of His saints as we labor together. The writer was introduced to the famous hospitality of the church by being tendered a food shower the first week, which literally caused the table to groan beneath its burden.

Briefly, permit us to give a few highlights of our short ministry thus far. The first Sunday night, at the close of the day's services, eight consecrated young men approached the pastor and pledged 100% loyalty to him. These men constitute the Gospel Team . They have made good their pledge to date. Not long since six high school boys organized themselves into the "Danial League" and make complete Scriptural separation from the world imperative.

Soon after our arrival the Bible School Sup't. and the pastor worked out a unified church program for Sunday morning worship, which is proving very beneficial by eliminating duplication efforts without losing any teaching opportunity. Consequently both church and Bible School attendance have increased.

A very successful D.V.B.S. with a total enrollment of 160 was conducted with our consecrated Bible School Sup't., Carroll Parks, as director. The W.M.C. with about 30 members is proving a blessing to our women and the recently organized S.M.M. is answering a much felt need with our girls.

The services of the church are well attended and the spirit and fellowship commendable and praiseworthy. The congregation is still praising God for the blessings received from the fall communion. A regular feature of our church program includes the Junior church services conducted for and by the young people every third Sunday morning of each month. The pastor is pleased to give the illustrated object lesson. The second annual "School of the Open Bible" is in progress in our church with a total enrollment of 35 members. Those completing the course are granted credits in the Bible Institute work. We have six consecrated teachers teaching six different courses. The school is conducted from 7:00 to 9:15 each Monday and Tuesday night.

Since April 1st there have been 20 additions to the church with three more awaiting baptism.

Brethren, may we continue to pray for each other that His will may be our will and that our hearts may be in tune with His grace. We are looking for our Lord day by day and consequently are busy aiding in perfecting and completing His body the church (Col. 1:18).

Yours because of Calvary,

JOSEPH L. GINGRICH, Pastor.

DEDICATION DAY ANNOUNCEMENT

The dedication day of the new Grace Brethren Church of Flora, Ind. is set for the 1st of December. An all day service has been planned. Rev. R. Paul Miller will speak in the new church at the 10:30 morning worship hour. At the noon period a luncheon will be served to all. The dedication service is set for the 2:30 o'clock hour. Rev. Russell Barnard, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Dayton, O. will deliver the dedicatory address. Special music will be rendered by students of the Grace Theological Seminary. A great evangelistic service has been planned for the evening hour. All Brethren that are within driving distance of Flora, are cordially invited to be present at any or all of these services.

The Program Committee for the dedication of
The Grace Brethren Church
Henry G. Rempel, Pastor.

NEWS BRIEFS From Our Workers

From Bro. W. H. Clough we have this word: "The Lord continues to bless the church and the work here in Uniontown, Pa. Just a few weeks ago, an unheard of thing happened. In our regular quarterly church business meeting, about half way thru the meeting, someone passed a note to the pastor-moderator saying, 'Please be sure and give an invitation at the close There are folks here who want to accept Christ.' I gave the invitation at the close of the business and one man came to the Lord. His Christian wife came with him. They thought it was prayer meeting night, but the Lord took care of them.

We Print the Following Concerning the Revival at Leon, Ia. as it came to us:

Dates: Oct. 29 - Nov. 10.
Evangelist: Leo Polman.
Song leader: Leo Polman.
Soloist: Leo Polman.
Weather: Good until last two days, when it was very bad.
Attendance: Fair to very good.
Meals: Good.
Sermons: Better than we expected.
Visible results: 23 confessions, including 14 who confessed faith in Christ for the first time. There was a noticeable benefit to the entire congregation.
Invisible results: None that we could see.
Pastor: Miles Taber.

Has God Lost His Power?

By HAROLD S. PARKS, Pastor, Garwin, Ia.

Rev. Harold S. Parks

This question has been pondered many times in these last days. Hitler, in one of his speeches states that because the world is in such a tremendous upheaval, and wars and nations are crumbling, that God has lost His power over the earth and that Jesus Christ the Son also has lost His power.

Many today wonder about the same thing. They are asking why is God silent in all this terrible suffering and killing and destruction. They reason with themselves, "Moses was given power to release the children of Israel, Peter was released from prison, the disciples were able to heal the sick and bring back the dead; yet all this murder and God is silent. The heavens seem to be of brass." No, in due time we will witness the answer to this question. We can know why God does not intervene and stop this suffering and bring judgment upon those who are causing it. Read Rev. 20:12-15. Here you will find the answer.

As the world looks upon the church members, I am sometimes inclined to believe that they think God has lost His power in controlling the church. Of course they do not understand that church members may not be Christians. They watch every one who professes Christianity and **religion**, for they know not the difference, and say, "If this one is a Christian I don't want to be one." Remember Christ receives the brunt of the so-called Christian living today. Oh that Christians may see the importance of **living for Jesus** today!

All winter long we have had the blessed privilege of ministering to five schools, one every morning, for about half hour. God wonderfully opened the way. At the close of the term the invitation was given. Out of the 100 pupils, 40 gave their hearts to the Lord. Is God still the same God as of old? Praise His holy name, the same yesterday, today and forever!

We began a Bible School. Sixty attended. At the close of this school, the invitation was given. All came forward and 20 of them gave their hearts to the Lord for the first time. Has God lost His power?

While baptizing in the lake a group of people gathered to watch. After the service I approached a young man standing there. After our conversation and pointing him to a living Savior he accepted Christ.

I had the opportunity to visit Dallas Center but not in a pleasure car. I was to help move a family from there to Garwin. On finding out just where I was to ride, I found myself in the back of a stock truck sitting on a blanket on the floor with a young man who was to help. I will never forget that ride nor will he, for as I prayed to God for an opening that I might speak to this young man about his soul, God answered this prayer. I pointed Him to a living Christ and told him the old old story; and when we arrived in Dallas Center this young man's name was written in the Lamb's book of life. (Oh the joy of leading a soul to Christ! Dr. Torry claimed he never experienced any change in his life till he won a soul to Christ and then he says he was unable to tell you of the joy. How many are missing this joy today!) This young man came forward one Sunday morning, and praise God, his wife also came and both were baptized the next Sunday. God has lost His power **never!**

I Cor. 9:19-27. While in the Y.M.C.A. I came in contact with two young men, one black, the other white. God marvelously opened the way for personal work and these two men were led to Christ. Then we took them into the Y pool and baptized them. Does this not bring to us the fact that God has only lost His power to those who are not willing to seek His power?

The trumpet of war has sounded. Thousands are preparing for battle. If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle? Can you Christians hear the sound? Rally to the cause, the cause of Christ.

When Christ walked the earth He went out and met the individual, then they entered into the temple. Christians have the idea of church backwards today: come in the morning, go home at noon, take a joy ride or visit, and then come back for the evening. This is backwards. The church is an institution to educate the saved to go out and bring others in to be converted, and this process is to keep going.

After Andrew found Christ he went and found his own brother. Have you ever spoken to your mother, father, brother or sister? Have you ever prayed for them, or are you like the man who saw a child dart out in front of a big bus? After the child was crushed, the man said over and over again, "why did I not save him, or try to push him out of the way, and die myself?" Oh, arise out of your sleep! Awake! Everyone at every hand is either on his way to hell or heaven. How can men sleep while their fellowmen are going to the pit without Christ? How? Many are praying for the lost souls but what are they actually doing about it?

Remember God is depending upon your voice, your feet, your hands, to do the work needed to be done. How many have come short of this!

Has God lost His power? Only to the one who blinds himself, the one who is out of fellowship, and to the ones who are not willing to seek it. May we not only talk about evangelism, but be doers also.

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MINUTES OF THE 51ST GENERAL CONFERENCE OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

TUESDAY MORNING

Aug. 27, 1940

R. D. Barnard moved that the National Brethren Bible Conference yield to the Executive Committee of the 51st General Conference of The Brethren Church. This motion was seconded by Russell Williams and was unanimously passed. L. S. Bauman, member of the Executive Committee, declared the General Conference in session. C. H. Ashman was duly elected as temporary chairman. Conference Membership Committee read the initial report of 55 ministerial and 186 lay credentials for a total of 241 delegates present. This report was adopted.

Conference election resulted in the following personnel: Moderator, C. H. Ashman; Vice-Moderator, Homer Kent; Secretary, J. L. Gingrich; Assistant Secretary, Lew Grubb; Treasurer, L. T. Burkett; Statistician, Conard Sandy; Committee on Committees: A. V. Kimmell, Paul Bauman, Orville Lorenz.

A. J. McClain, in behalf of Mark Manning of LaVerne, Calif., presented a gavel to conference as a gift of the LaVerne Brethren Church. The moderator, in behalf of the conference, accepted the gift with appropriate remarks. The secretary was instructed to forward a letter of appreciation to Mark Manning and the La Verne, Calif. church.

By common consent the chair ruled that the business session close for the Bible lecture hour and then convene for the completion of the business session at the call of the chair.

WED. EVENING, AUG. 28, 1940

Business session of the General Conference of The Brethren Church met at the call of the moderator, C. H. Ashman. The Conference Membership Committee read an additional report of 3 ministerial and 12 lay credentials for a sum total of 256 delegates. Conference adopted this report. Minutes of the former business session were read and approved as correct.

Conference voted to reconsider the election of the officers of vice-moderator and the Committee on Committees which resulted in a tie. The rules of conference were suspended and Homer Kent was elected as vice-moderator. The rules were suspended and Orville Lorenz was elected to the Committee on Committees.

A partial report of the Committee on Committees was read and approved as follows:

Committee on Legal Advice: Roy Patterson, Alva J. McClain, Lew Grubb.

Committee on Conference Relations: L. S. Bauman, Tom Hammers, Herman Koontz.

Committee on Rules and Organizations: Frank Coleman, Jr., R. D. Crees, John Squires.

Committee on Conference Membership: H. A. Kent, W. A. Ogden, E. F. Pine, Ed-

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ward Bowman, William Gray, Norman Uphouse.

Conference adopted the following resolution: In this General Conference of The Brethren Churches assembled at Winona Lake, Ind., Aug. 26-Sept. 1, 1940, in the acceptance of the credentials of either lay or ministerial delegates, or in the extension of courtesies of this conference, no distinction shall be made between members of either the Ashland College or Grace Seminary groups, but, all members of sovereign Brethren Churches shall be duly and fully recognized and entitled to function in any capacity provided in the rules of the Manual of Procedure as they apply to the General Conference of The Brethren Churches.

The New Executive Committee was constituted as follows: Ohio—Roy Patterson, Charles Campbell; Indiana—Robert Ashman, Bryson Fetters; Northwest—Earl Reed; Pennsylvania—Ord Gehman, R. D. Crees; Southern California—W. A. Ogden, Alva J. McClain; Northern California—Ralph Rambo; Southeast — J. E. Patterson, Bernard Schneider; Midwest—Geo. Cone; Illiokota—James Cook.

A motion prevailed that the Conference Executive Committee work in conjunction with the Program Committee of the National Brethren Bible Conference.

One additional ministerial credential was reported and adopted, totaling 257 delegates.

Conference passed a motion to appoint a special Committee on Publications as per Brethren Hand Book.

Motion carried that we appoint a Committee on the Spiritual State of the Churches. Conference asked the Committee on Committees to appoint a committee on Finance and a Committee on Resolutions.

Motion prevailed that a Committee of 5 be appointed by the Committee on Committees to decide the matter of recognition of the East Central District of Ohio. This Committee is to report at General Conference next year.

Conference tabled the following motion until Friday morning, "I move that this conference appoint a **Committee of Ten** and authorize this committee to invite one authorized committee from the Conference of Brethren Churches now at Ashland to meet with it or to accept an invitation from said committee of said conference to meet with it at any time during the coming year for the purpose of discussing our relations with each other and to bring to our next conference any recommendations upon which they may agree for further consideration or adoption by both conferences. All expenses of this committee of ten appointed by this conference shall be borne by the treasurer of this conference".

Conference ruled that the committee of five to study the District of East Central Ohio shall be instructed to study the matter of districts in the entire United States and report at next year's conference.

Motion prevailed that conference adjourn at the call of the moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUG. 30, 1940

The conference business session convened with singing, "I Love to Tell the Story." Prayer was offered by Keith Altig. Minutes of the previous business session were read and approved as corrected. Conference reported and seated 2 additional lay and 2 additional ministerial delegates making a total of 261. The report of the **Committee on Legal Advice,** as follows, was adopted by the conference, "The Committee on Legal Advice met with competent legal counsel for a consultation regarding the matter pending in this conference. We have made no steps to engage counsel permanently and are awaiting your instructions. We believe there should be counsel engaged locally so as to protect our interests whenever the necessity arises. We recommend you authorize us to do so and that in addition to the authorization we be authorized to employ competent legal advice; that you also set apart a fund from which we may be able to draw to finance any court action which may be incurred or carried on. We believe you should have a local attorney to represent your interests and that you should place at the disposition of the committee a fund we can draw upon quickly if we so desire. At the present time there is nothing serious facing the conference but we want to be prepared and we are prepared."

The Committee on Committees further

reported as follows, which report was adopted:

Committee on Publications: Herman Hoyt, Leo Polman, R. E. Donaldson.

Committee on Finance: B. W. Coon, L. T. Burkett, B. Livezey.

Committee on Spiritual State of Churches: Pennsylvania, Wm. Clough; Southeast, J. E. Patterson; Ohio, Chas. W. Mayes, Robert Ashman; Illiokota, Frank Coleman; Mid-west, Geo. Cone; Northwest, Earl Reed; Northern California, Robert Miller; Southern California, Geo. Richardson.

Committee on Resolutions: J. C. Beal, Albert Flory, Floyd Shiery.

Committee on Conference Boundaries: Herman Koontz, W. A. Ogden, Homer Kent.

Motion prevailed that the report regarding the Committee of Ten be removed from the table. This report was adopted as previously read.

The C. E. Board nominated and the conference elected the following officers: Two-year term: Miriam Gilbert, Norman Uphouse, Leo Polman, Lena Kortemeier.

Three-year term: Arthur Malles, Archie Parr, Ernest Pine, Glenn Miller, Ruth McClain.

Conference voted to meet next year at Winona Lake, Ind., the week following the Winona Lake Bible Conference and to be held in connection with the National Brethren Bible Conference.

Motion prevailed that we adjourn business session of conference to the call of the chair.

SAT. MORNING, AUG. 31, 1940

Business session of National Conference convened with singing, at the call of the Moderator, C. H. Ashman. J. R. Dunn lead the conference in prayer.

Minutes of the previous business session were read and adopted.

Motion carried that the delegate fees of the 51st General Conference be available for the legal fund.

Conference elected the following persons to serve on the **Committee of Ten:** Roy Patterson, R. D. Barnard, Frank Coleman, Jr., Alva J. McClain, W. A. Ogden, L. S. Bauman, Tom Hammers, A. L. Lynn, Cleve Miller, A. V. Kimmell.

Two additional lay credentials were read and the delegates seated, making a total of 263 delegates.

The Resolution Committee reported as follows:

Whereas it has pleased God to call us together in this, another assembly of Brethren Churches, and

Whereas our heavenly Father has been most gracious to us in rewarding our labors with a harvest of souls and abundant spiritual blessings, and

Whereas we are entering upon another year with the assurance that the Lord is ready to bestow like blessings to us.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That we express to Almighty God our Father the heartfelt thanksgiving and praise due His blessed name for the wonderful salvation wrought for us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

That we commend the Program Committee of the Brethren Bible Conference for the splendid program which we have been privileged to enjoy.

That we express our deep appreciation to the various speakers of the Brethren Bible Conference for the inspiring, informing and challenging messages. Especially do we commend Dr. Harry Rimmer for his outstanding part in the program.

That we thank the Winona Assembly for the courtesies extended this conference in the use of the grounds, equipment and conveniences.

That we continue to support wholeheartedly The Foreign Missionary Society with intercessory prayer and Spirit-directed giving.

That we commend The Brethren Home Mission Council for the effective way in which it has carried on the work of building new Brethren churches in the homeland.

That we commend Grace Theological Seminary for their efficient work in training our young men for the ministry.

That we commend The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. and all who have labored with it this past year, and that we thank our God for raising it up to meet the needs of the Lord's work so completely.

That we renew our historic stand with relation to war; namely, that "The Brethren Church from her origin has ture from this principle represents an

been utterly opposed to the use of violence or any physical force as a means to an end, on the part of the children of God. We regard the governments of this world system as being yet unregenerate, and their methods of violence contrary to the methods God has authorized His children in the present age to use. We reaffirm that while war as a possible method for the attainment of justice, or the securing and maintenance of human liberty may at times be deemed necessary among the unregenerate of this world system, yet, according to the teaching of our common Lord and Master, we, as His disciples, do not belong to this world's system and its methods are not our own. We are in the world and not of it, as our Master taught (Jn. 17:14), and must maintain our pilgrim character (Heb. 11:8-16). We recognize and appreciate the protection of the flag of the United States. To the nation that God has ordained (Rom. 13:1-7) to afford us protection we gladly offer our service, time, money, and life itself if necessary, to bind up its wounds, or to heal its sorrows, by any means or methods our Lord Jesus Christ has approved for the use of those who follow Him."—Minutes of 1936.

That we pledge ourselves to pray for those in authority, according Rom. 13: 1-7.

That we again go on record as standing "for the faith once delivered unto the saints," and that we again affirm our belief in the Old and New Testament Scriptures as the final, complete and authoritative revelation of God in all matters pertaining to faith and practice."

J. C. Beal,
Albert Flory,
Floyd Shiery.

Conference approved the treasurer's report as follows:

Receipts:	
Credential Fees	262.00
Additional Fees	3.00
Total	265.00
Bills:	
Sending out Credentials	5.10
Long Distance Calls	2.95
Telegrams	.52
Total	8.57
Printing of Credential blanks	6.00
Postage	1.00
Sum Total	15.57
Balance on Hand	[illegible]

A motion prevailed that a bill relative to the special call of the 51st General Conference be paid when passed by the moderator and secretary.

The following **resolution from the National Fellowship of Ministers** was read and accepted, which was automatically referred to the Rules and Organization Committee. "Inasmuch as confusion has been created in the minds of the public concerning the title, "The General Conference of the Brethren Churches", because of certain unfortunate events and conditions which have arisen for which we feel we are not responsible; and to remove this confusion: we hereby recommend that this 51st General Conference of Brethren Churches amend the Manual of Procedure by substituting the title, "The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches," for the title, "The General Conference of Brethren Churches," wherever found in said Manual of Procedure. In this action we do not in any way or degree yield our claim to being the regularly and legally organized 51st General Conference of The Brethren Churches, nor do we make any change in the status thereof. We further hold that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is the continuation of the same organization as that previously known as, "The General Conference of Brethren Churches", under the new name, "The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches", and that it is the continuation of the same organization as that referred to in the articles of that Ohio Corporation known as The Brethren Church, which was incorporated in the year 1883".

One additional lay delegate was reported and seated totaling 264 delegates.

Conference adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved: that the delegates of this 51st General Conference of Brethren Churches declare our unyielding adherence to the purposes of the original articles of incorporation of The Brethren Church and particularly to the historic principles of congregational government as set forth therein; and that any depar-

MINUTES OF THE 2D NATIONAL BRETHREN BIBLE CONFERENCE

MONDAY EVENING

The second annual National Brethren ible Conference convened at 7:30 Mon.

ıre from this principle represents an ɔostasy from the original position of he Brethren Church."

Conference adopted the following reso- ıtion, "Inasmuch as the Foreign Mis- onary Society, in the revision of its harter and Constitution and By-laws eems it wise that the relationship it has ıstained to this General Conference of rethren Churches be discontinued in rder that its specific purposes may more adily be accomplished, whereby we rec- nmend that the Foreign Missionary ɔard, as listed in the Manual of Proce- ıre, Section 2, Article 6 (2) under B, be scontinued as a co-operating organiza- ɔn of this conference from this time rth."

Motion prevailed to adjourn business ssion to the 3:00 p. m. session.

SAT. AFTERNOON, 3:00 P.M.

Business session convened at the call the moderator, C. H. Ashman. Min- es of the previous business session were ad and approved.

The report of the Rules and Organiza- ɔn Committee was submitted and ɔpted. The Committee reread the re- lution from the National Fellowship Brethren Ministers, which is recorded ɛewhere.

The Report of the **Conference Execu- ve Committee** announced that the new ganization is **W. A. Ogden, president, d R. D. Crees, secretary.**

Motion prevailed that the minutes of e General Conference and the Nation- Brethren Bible Conference be pub- hed in The Brethren Missionary Her- d in the size and form as has been pre- ɔusly used in this publication and that e additional expense be borne by the nference. It was further agreed that tails be worked out by the conference ficers and the publishing company.

Final reading of the minutes was read d approved.

Motion prevailed that conference ad- ırn to the call of the officers and the ecutive Committee.

J. L. Gingrich, Sec.

evening, Aug. 26, 1940, under the leadership of the president, A. V. Kimmell. The director of music, Leo Polman, announced and led the conference in the singing of the song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". The Biola Trumpeters, featured musical talent of the conference, were introduced, and played their first selection. The devotions were conducted by A. V. Kimmell who read Phil. 2:1-13 and led the group in a series of sentence prayers. Mr. and Mrs. Polman favored conference with a vocal duet entitled, "To Do Thy Will".

Vice-president of the conference, Bro. A. L. Lynn of Johnstown, delivered the Bible lecture of the evening on the theme, "Eternal Security". Following the singing of "Glory to His Name", the session was dismissed with prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING

The business session opened with the singing of "Marching to Zion." Chas. W. Mayes read I Thess. 1:2-10 and led in prayer for God's guidance upon the deliberations of the morning.

R. D. Barnard moved that the National Brethren Bible Conference yield to the executive committee of the 51st General Conference of Brethren Churches. This motion, supported by Russell Williams, was unanimously passed.

A spiritual song service prepared conference for the morning Bible Lecture. Miss Pauline Seitz of Philadelphia favored conference with a vocal solo. An offering was received which amounted to $62.76.

Dr. Harry Rimmer was introduced to the conference by the president. He presented the first of his series of messages entitled, "The New Testament and the Laws of Evidence".

Following the lecture, conference instructed the secretary to send a telegram of greeting to Bro. V. C. Kelford, who is in the hospital in Waterloo, Ia., in serious condition as the result of an appendectomy.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

After the customary song service, prayer was offered by J. E. Patterson, and favorite Scripture verses were quoted by members of the congregation.

Prof. Homer A. Kent, of the Seminary faculty delivered the sermon of the afternoon on the subject, "Christ in Christian Experience". He led the conference in the closing prayer following his message.

TUESDAY EVENING

An inspirational song service opened the evening praise service. George Richardson offered the prayer for the occasion, after which an interesting personal testimony service was conducted. Conference continued the worship service by presenting an offering of $83.96. Henry Rempel led the male chorus in the singing of "Peace, It Is I".

The closing Bible lecture of the day was presented by A. V. Kimmell who spoke from the theme, "The King Upon David's Throne". The benediction was pronounced by Jesse Hall.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

"Glad Day" was enthusiastically sung to call the conference into session. Divine guidance was implored upon the morning service by John Squires. Chas. W. Mayes, pastor of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church of Ashland, delivered the morning Bible Lecture, "God's Estimate of Human Nature."

The following period was devoted to the interests of the Grace Theological Seminary.

Conference organization for the National Brethren Bible Conference resulted as follows: president, Herman A. Hoyt; vice-president, Donald F. Carter; secretary, John M. Aeby; treasurer, Wesley I. Miller.

Harry Rimmer presented his second Bible lecture on the theme, "The New Testament and the Laws of Evidence". An offering of $38.50 was received.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon Bible Study hour opened with the singing of the song, "Pentecostal Power" under the direction of L. L. Grubb. Following the chorus, "Sing, Smile and Pray" the Biola Trumpeters played the gospel song, "Only Glory By and By". Mrs. Ralph Rambo sang as a request number, "Down From His Glory". The afternoon Bible lecture on the subject, "The Most Common Sin," was brought by Conard Sandy. Herman Hoyt dismissed the session with prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Robert Culver led the song and prais service. An offering was received whic amounted to $29.63. During the offera tory the men's chorus sang, "All fo Jesus." Mrs. Baerg of Sunnyside, Wash favored conference with the vocal sol "Somehow". The speaker of the evenin R. D. Barnard, brought a message on th theme, "The Spiritual Pattern of th Brazen Altar". The meeting was turne over to the officers of the General Con ference for a called session of that con ference.

THURSDAY MORNING

The opening Bible lecture hour bega with the singing of "The Solid Rock" an "My Saviour's Love" under the leade ship of Albert Flory. Miles Taber led th conference in the opening prayer. Th Bible lecture, "Why Did He Buy Me Ou of the Marketplace?" was brought b Herman Hoyt of the Seminary faculty Following the message the congregatio sang the song, "Glory to His Name", an devoted the following hour to the inte ests of the Foreign Missionary Society.

The conference united in singin "Draw Me Nearer," and was led in pray er by Grant McDonald. Following a flu solo, "The Old Rugged Cross," by Ste ling Smith of Long Beach, an offerin amounting to $41.61 was received. How ard Lawson, soloist of the trumpeter played "The Holy City" as an offertor Dr. Rimmer presented the third in h series of lectures on "The New Testamen and the Laws of Evidence". Herma Hoyt pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The opening song, "Nothing But th Blood", was followed by a selection fro the Trumpeters, "Why Should He Lov Me So?" Before the message, the trum peters turned vocal and sang "Dear Lor and Father of Mankind". Due to th illness of Frank Coleman, the schedule speaker of the afternoon, Dr. Alva J. Mc Clain delivered the address which wa omitted on Tuesday morning when th conference yielded in favor of the 51s General Conference. His theme wa "Salvation by God's Grace—The Onl Way of Life and Holiness". Arthur Cash man closed the hour with prayer.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Trumpeters called the session order with the playing of "Onwar Christian Soldiers". Kenneth Ashma

the conference in the singing of a dley of hymns as preparation for the votional period in charge of Ralph mbo. The pianist of the Trumpeters yed "Prelude in C Sharp Minor" by cial request. While the Trumpeters yed "Bread of Life", an offering of .51 was received. Evangelist Troy of nona brought greetings to the confer-e and sang the solo, "Down From His ory".

Due to the illness of Dr. Bauman, the day evening and Thursday evening tures were exchanged. L. L. Grubb ivered the sermon of the evening on subject, "The Church Persecuted".

FRIDAY MORNING

Due to the absence of Dr. Kelford, and cause the time was needed, the 9:00 lock hour was turned over to the busi-ss of the General Conference.

The Brethren Missionary Herald Pub-ning Company, authorized by the con-ence last year, transacted its business the 10:00 o'clock hour.

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usiness Session 10 a. m., Aug. 30, 1940

The session was opened with prayer by J. C. Beal.

Chairman of the Publication Commit-, Bro. Herman Hoyt, presiding, gave a port of the work of the new company m his standpoint, offered suggestions, d submitted a number of problems nfronting the new company.

Following this, Leo Polman, upon om the burden of the work of the nmittee fell, submitted his report of company in detail as to gross ex-nses and income, together with operat-statement and balance sheet stating net gain for the company for this ort period of business.

A motion by A. J. McClain that we re-ve the report as given by the chair-n of the committee was seconded and animously passed after some discus-n.

A motion and second that we receive financial report of the committee ich was given by Leo Polman was ssed unanimously.

A motion by Dr. McClain that this ble Conference suggest a committee nposed of six trustees plus the four m these other co-operating organiza-ns, be a committee to go over the ar-es of incorporation, fix them in final shape, and assume direction of the new company for the ensuing year, was supported by A. V. Kimmell and passed without opposition.

C. H. Ashman made a motion that we express our heartiest appreciation for the work of this committee of 3 (Hoyt, Polman, Donaldson) for the last few months of operation of the company, and that we dismiss them. Passed by a standing vote of appreciation.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and passed by acclamation.

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11:00—Bible Lecture hour. Dr. Rimmer delivered the fourth in his series, "The New Testament and the Laws of Evidence."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Keith Altig led the conference in singing, "Glory to His Name," "The Haven of Rest," and "Blessed Assurance". Walter Miekley led the conference in prayer, after which Dr. J. C. Beal delivered the Bible Lecture on the subject, "The Lamb in the Revelation".

FRIDAY EVENING

Following the song service under the leadership of Leo Polman, the Trumpeters favored conference with a special number. During this time the evening offering was received, which amounted to $24.00. Three young men from the Fort Wayne church sang a number in song. Mrs. B. W. Coon, a member of the Long Beach 1st Church, sang, "The Stranger of Galilee". Dr. L. S. Bauman preached the sermon of the evening on the subject, "The Rainbow Around the Throne".

Following the service the meeting was turned over to the members of the Board of Trustees of the Grace Theological Seminary for the service of signing the statement of faith. When this was completed, Dr. Bauman made an invitation for folks to give an offering to the Seminary, and in a short time with little effort an offering of more than $4500 cash and pledges was received. The session was closed with the singing of the doxology and benediction by Dr. Bauman.

SATURDAY MORNING

The 9:00 o'clock Bible Lecture hour was yielded to important business meeting of the General Conference. Following the Home Missions Council Meeting at 10:00 o'clock, Leo Polman led in the

singing of "My Saviour's Love". During the offering which totaled $29.11, Howard Lawson played a trumpet solo.

Dr. Rimmer was presented by Vice-President Carter for his fifth and final lecture in the series, "The New Testament and the Laws of Evidence."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After the song, "Where the Gates Swing Outward Never," Pres. Hoyt led the conference in prayer. R. Paul Miller delivered the message of the afternoon on the subject, "Israel, God's Tragic Warning to the World".

Due to the crowded program the scheduled Bible Conference Fellowship Rally was canceled, and an important business meeting held in its place.

The minutes of the secretary were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Rec'd offering Aug. 31, 1939	76.35	
Rec'd (2) offering Sept. 3, 1939	148.09	
Total	224.44	
Paid:		
Use of Christian Temple Aug. 29-Sept. 3	42.50	
Hand bills	.50	
Sign Material	2.60	
Stenographer	10.00	
Total	55.10	
Balance on hand, Aug. 27, 1940		169.34
Offerings:		
Tuesday A.M. 8-27	62.76	
Tuesday P.M., 8-27	83.96	
Wednesday A.M., 8-28	38.50	
Wednesday P.M., 8-28	29.63	
Thursday A.M., 8-29	41.61	
Thursday P.M., 8-29	25.51	
Friday A.M., 8-30	32.34	
Friday P.M., 8-30	24.00	
Saturday A.M., 8-31	29.11	
Total on hand	536.76	
(According to offerings reported)		
Actual cash on hand		539.33
Disbursements:		
Winona Assembly (Use of grounds)	125.00	
Song Books (200)	26.00	
Harry Rimmer (Exp. Ac't.)	51.40	
Harry Rimmer (Honorarium)	125.00	
N.B.B.C.—Program Secretary (Exp. Ac't.)	5.00	
Prog. Com. Sec. Fee	15.00	
Conference Programs (500)	37.50	
A. V. Kimmel, Adv. Warsaw Times	33.75	
Chas. W. Mayes, Adv. Ashland Times Gazette	15.30	
J. L. Gingrich, Bal.	2.50	
Total disbursements	436.45	
Cash on hand	539.33	
Disbursements	436.45	
Bal. in treas. as per date of report, Sat. afternoon, Aug. 31, 1940		102.8

George Cone, the secretary of the Program Committee gave report concerning **time and place for next year's conference.** The conference voted to contract for the use of the auditorium and grounds for the week of **Sept. 1-6, 1941**

The meeting was adjourned.

SATURDAY EVENING

This conference session was held in the Billy Sunday Tabernacle due to the fact that there was no camp meeting on the night and the Winona Assembly requested our people to transfer to the large building for the service. Homer Rhodeheaver led the song service. Ruth Rhodeheaver Thompson sang, "Sunrise". After the conference sang several choruses, I. I. Humberd read Rev. 1:1-6 and asked Clair Gartland to lead in prayer.

During the offering the Trumpeter played, "The Omnipotent".

At this point an impressive ordination service was held for Harold Dunning and Edward Bowman. Donald E. Carter and Earl Reed assisted in the service. Preceding the laying on of hands service President Alva J. McClain of the Grace Theological Seminary read selections from I Timothy and Titus and gave the charge to the candidates for ordination.

Homer Rhodeheaver sang a new song "When Jesus Comes".

Dr. Harry Rimmer delivered the sermon of the evening on the theme, "The Purposes of Calvary".

SUNDAY MORNING

The Worship Service was led by Leo Polman. R. Paul Miller read the Scripture and took an offering for Home Missions, after which Howard Lawson played, "The Haven of Rest," and Kenneth Ashman sang a solo.

W. A. Ogden preached the sermon "The Common Salvation".

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN MINISTERS

TUESDAY

A group of Brethren ministers met in the chapel of the Inn at Winona Lake, Ind., Aug. 27, 1940 at 8:00 a. m. with A. V. Kimmell presiding.

After the singing of two songs, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "I Love to Tell the Story," under the leadership of Lew Grubb, J. L. Gingrich led in the devotional period, reading from Ps. 37.

A motion prevailed that A. V. Kimmel be elected temporary chairman.

A motion prevailed that Lew Grubb serve as temporary secretary.

At this point the chair introduced Mr. Ward, deputy sheriff of Kosciusko Co., who reluctantly served a Term Time Summons to the Kosciusko Co. Circuit Court upon a number of the ministers who had affixed their signatures to the general call for a conference of The Brethren Church at Winona Lake, Ind.

The chairman then suggested that Roy Patterson submit to the assembly any pertinent information concerning the summons and possible injunction. Bro. Patterson suggested that a contact man be chosen and adequate machinery be set up to care for any legal emergency.

A motion then prevailed that the assembled ministers recommend to General Conference that steps be taken immediately to secure competent local counsel to represent us in this anticipated legal situation.

A motion prevailed that last year's **committee on ministerial fellowship** composed of Brethren Lorenz, Carter and Kent, bring in a recommendation for the organization and objectives of this group not later than the next stated meeting.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion and a closing prayer by Henry Remple.

In Christ,
L. L. Grubb, Sec.

WEDNESDAY

The assembly of Brethren ministers convened in the chapel of the Inn on Aug. 28, at 8:00 a. m. with A. V. Kimmell presiding.

A short song service was led by Lew Grubb. Earl Reed led in the devotional period, reading from II Pet. 2.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The chairman then called for a **report of the committee on ministerial fellowship.**

This report was presented by Brother Lorenz and confirmed as follows:

1st, a motion prevailed that the name of this organization be, **"The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers."**

2nd, a motion carried that the chairman appoint a committee for the task of drafting a **constitution and by-laws,** said committee to report as soon as possible. Those appointed were R. D. Barnard, Frank Coleman, Jr., and W. A. Ogden.

3rd, a motion prevailed that the chairman appoint a committee to report on the **group insurance** plan as soon as possible. Brethren Beal, Lynn and Pine were appointed to constitute that committee.

The meeting adjourned upon motion. The chairman closed with a brief prayer.

In Christ,
L. L. Grubb, Sec.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Dr. Rimmer changed his subject for the afternoon session because of the popular demand for the message, "The Lawsuit Against the Bible".

Following the Bible Lecture hour, Leo Polman presented the Biola Trumpeters in a sacred concert which was greatly appreciated by the conference.

SUNDAY EVENING

Leo Polman led the singing of the evening. A number of the young people of the conference who had their musical instruments formed a volunteer orchestra for the service. John Aeby led the praise service.

Due to the fact that the Bible lecture of Geo. Kinzie had been omitted Saturday morning because of business, Paul Bauman yielded his place on the program to Bro. Kinzie, who brought the closing address of the conference on the theme, "The Decisive Test of One's Salvation."

Respectfully submitted,
John Aeby, Sec'y of
the Bible Conference.

THURSDAY

The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers met in regular session in the chapel of the Inn, Aug. 29, at 8:00 a.m. with A. V. Kimmell presiding

A brief song service was led by Lew Grubb after which Bro. Clarence Sickel led the group in a devotional period, reading from Col. 1:9-14.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The chairman then called for reports of committees.

Bro. R. D. Barnard read the report of the constitution committee. A motion carried that this report be received and discussed point by point. The discussion continued to the thought of a membership card when the time for the business session expired.

A motion prevailed that the membership card be made the first item of business at the next meeting.

The chair instructed the constitution committee to bring a further report at the next meeting, making such corrections as suggested in the general discussion.

The meeting adjourned upon motion.

The chairman dismissed the group with a brief prayer.

In Christ,

L. L. Grubb, Sec.

FRIDAY

The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers met in regular session in the chapel of the Inn, Aug. 30, at 8:00 a.m. with A. V. Kimmell presiding.

Bro. Lew Grubb led in a brief song service.

Bro. Wm. Clough led in the morning devotions, reading from II Thess. 2.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A motion prevailed to consider Article II of the constitution committee's report on membership. Bro. R. D. Barnard reported as follows:

"Any regularly ordained elder in a Brethren church, having been seated as a delegate in the National Conference of the Brethren Churches, is elegible for membership in the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers upon the payment of a 25c membership fee. Any other regularly ordained elder in a Brethren church, sending a simple statement t the secretary of the Fellowship, signe by an official of the local church, wit nessing to his good standing in the loca congregation, is eligible for membershi in The National Fellowship of Brethre Ministers upon the payment of a 25 membership fee. This obtains for 1940 41".

A motion prevailed to accept this re port.

Bro. Barnard brought a further recom mendation concerning licensed minister as follows:

"Any licensed minister, upon presenta tion of a simple statement from his loca church concerning his licensing an good standing there, shall be elegibl for membership in the National Fellow ship of Brethren Ministers upon paymen of a 25c membership fee."

A motion prevailed to adopt this re port.

Bro. Barnard brought a further repor on a membership card for both ordaine and licensed ministers as follows:

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP
of
BRETHREN MINISTERS

This is to certify that.....
a regularly ordained elder in the.....
..... Brethre
Church at .....
....., havin
qualified according to the rules of Th National Fellowship of Brethren Minis ters, is entitled to all membership privi leges in this fellowship for a period o one year from date of issue.

Date.....

Chairman.....

Elder.....

Secretary.....

In case of licensed ministers the abov phrase, "regularly ordained elder," is t be changed to "a regularly licensed elc er".

A motion to adopt this report was car ried.

Article IV of the report was then con sidered and adopted by motion as fol lows:

"That organization plans for 1940-4 include:"

1. **NAME**—The National Fellowship o Brethren Ministers.

2. **OFFICERS** — Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer.
3. **COMMITTEES** — Membership, Program, Constitution and By-Laws, Insurance.
4. **MEETINGS**—Annual meeting to be held at the call of the executive officers.

A motion prevailed that the secretary ork with the membership committee in ne printing and issuing of membership ards as quickly as possible.

A motion carried that a letter be sent) the National Ministerial Association ieeting in Ashland, O., asking for a nare of the benefit funds, the letter to e framed by a committee appointed by ne chairman.

The chair appointed Brethren Grubb, orenz and Kent to constitute this comittee.

The following night letter was sent imediately:

ational Ministerial Association of
he Brethren Church,
Villis Ronk, Sec.

The recently organized National Felowship of Brethren Ministers meeting t Winona Lake, Ind., sends this mesage of greeting and request to the rethren assembled in Ashland, O.

Due to the fact that the approximately) ministers assembled here have given any hundreds of dollars to the benet fund of the Ministerial Association, nd in order to maintain good feeling the future, we are requesting that a ir proportion of the Association's funds e released to our organization. We beeve this to be the only Christian setement.

Please reply immediately by Western nion.

Committee—L. L. Grubb,
Orville Lorenz,
Homer Kent.

A motion prevailed that the chairman ppoint a membership committee. Brethen Crees, Reed, and R. E. Gingrich were ppointed to constitute the committee.

At this point the chair yielded to Bro. harles Ashman, moderator of the Genral Conference, for the discussion of rtain important conference matters.

A motion prevailed to make the disission of the Foreign Missionary Soety status the order of the day.

Dr. L. S. Bauman spoke briefly of arrangements which had been made with the other group concerning the relinquishing of certain rights in connection with The Foreign Missionary Society to be matched by action of our own conference in changing its name. A brief discussion followed.

A motion prevailed to adjourn, reconvening at the call of the chairman.

In Christ,
L. L. Grubb, Sec.

SATURDAY

The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers assembled in the chapel of the Inn Aug. 31, at 8:00 a. m. with A. V. Kimmell presiding.

A brief song service was led by Lew Grubb, followed by a short devotional period.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A motion prevailed that the present officers, i.e. the chairman and secretary, constitute the encumbents of these offices for the coming year.

W. A. Ogden was then nominated for vice-chairman. A motion prevailed that Bro. Ogden be elected to fill this position.

Floyd Shiery was nominated for assistant secretary. A motion prevailed that he be elected.

Wm. Clough was then nominated as treasurer. A motion prevailed that he be elected.

At this point the secretary read the telegram which was sent to The National Ministerial Association at Ashland, O.

Dr. L. S. Bauman was asked for a further report concerning his negotiations with the Ashland conference. A brief report followed.

Brother Charles Ashman then presented a motion to the group in order to work out those aims which had been discussed. The motion was discussed and recommendations made.

A motion then prevailed to recommend the following statement to the General Conference:

"Inasmuch as confusion has been created in the minds of the public concerning the title, 'The General Conference of Brethren Churches', because of certain unfortunate events and conditions which have arisen, for which we feel we are not responsible; and to remove this confusion:

"We hereby recommend that this 51st General Conference of the Brethren Churches amend the Manual of Procedure by substituting the title, 'The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches', for the title, 'The General Conference of Brethren Churches', wherever found in the Manual of Procedure.

"In this action we do not in any manner or degree yield our claim to be the regularly and legally organized 51st General Conference of the Brethren Churches, nor do we make any change in the status thereof.

"We further hold that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is the continuation of the same organization as that previously known as 'The General Conference of Brethren Churches,' under the new name, 'The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches,' and that it is the continuation of the same organization as that referred to in the Articles of that Ohio Corporation known as The Brethren Church, which was incorporated in the year 1883".

At this point the chairman ruled that the meeting would adjourn, to reconvene promptly at 1:00 p. m. in the chapel of the Inn.

In Christ,
L. L. Grubb, Sec.

The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers met at the call of the chairman in the chapel of the Inn, Aug. 31, at 1:00 p. m.

Lew Grubb led in a brief song service.

Prayer was offered by Henry Remple.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The chairman called for the report of the committee on insurance. Bro. Beal reported that no insurance could be purchased in Indiana.

A motion prevailed to accept this report and instruct the committee to continue functioning throughout the year.

A motion carried that Brethren Ogden, F. Colman, Jr., and Miles Taber constitute a committee on constitution and by-laws.

A motion prevailed that Brethren Lorenz, Kent, and Carter be elected as a program committee.

The membership committee reported a number of 54 ordained, and 5 licensed ministers. The report was accepted by motion and the committee instructed to continue.

Motion prevailed that a bill of 48c for telegram be paid.

The minutes were read and approved.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

In Christ,
L. L. Grubb, Sec.

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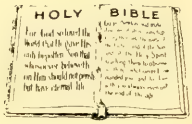

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BRIEF HISTORY OF MISSIONARIES

(L) Indicates where located.
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1) Place of church membership.
(F) Missionary Field

CKEL, Miss Florence,
(L) In Africa
(B) July 10
(M) Elkhart, Ind.

BYRON, Miss Grace,
(L) On furlough
(B) May 7
(M) Pleasant Grove, Ia.

CRAWFORD, Miss Mabel,
(L) In Africa
(B) Nov. 21
(M) Whittier, Calif.

DOWDY, Rev. J. Paul,
(L) In South America
(B) Oct. 18
(M) Hollins, Va.

DOWDY, Mrs. J. Paul,
(L) In South America
(B) Jan 27
(M) Rittman, O.
(C) Dowdy, Jas. Paul, Jr.
(L) In South America
(B) Nov. 1, 1936
(C) Dowdy, David Roger
(L) In South America
(B) Aug. 23, 1939

DUNNING, Rev. Harold,
(L) Under appointment, Africa
(B) Dec. 27
(M) Sunnyside, Wash.

DUNNING, Mrs. Harold,
(L) Under appointment, Africa
(B) Oct. 29
(M) Sunnyside, Wash.

EMMERT, Miss Mary L.,
(L) In Africa
(B) Dec. 4
(M) Dallas Center, Ia.

FOSTER, Rev. Joseph H.,
(L) In Africa
(B) Aug. 20
(M) Philadelphia, Pa. (1st)

FOSTER, Mrs. Joseph H.,
(L) In Africa
(B) June 9
(M) Philadelphia, Pa. (1st)

GRIBBLE, Dr. Florence N.,
On furlough
(B) Dec. 3
(M) Dayton, O

HATHAWAY, Rev. John W.,
On furlough
(B) Dec. 22
(M) Fillmore, Calif.

HATHAWAY, Mrs. John W.,
On furlough
(B) Sept. 3
(M) Fillmore, Calif.

JOBSON, Rev. Orville D.,
(L) In Africa
(B) July 11
(M) Philadelphia, Pa. (1st)

JOBSON, Mrs. Orville D.,
(L) In Africa
(B) July 21
(M) Philadelphia, Pa. (1st)
(C) Jobson, Kathryn Kimmel
(L) Westervelt Home for Missionaries' Children, Summerland Hts., Batesburg, S. C
(B) Feb. 19, 1924
(M) Philadelphia, Pa. (1st)
(C) Jobson, Orville David
(L) Westervelt Home for Missionaries' Children, Summerland Hts., Batesburg, S. C.
(B) Feb. 9, 1925
(M) Philadelphia, Pa. (1st)
(C) Jobson, Joseph Roger
(L) In Africa
(B) May 9, 1928

KLIEVER, Rev. Jacob P.,
(L) In Africa
(B) Aug. 21
(M) Middlebranch, O.

KLIEVER, Mrs. J. P.,
(L) In Africa
(B) Nov. 12
(M) Long Beach Calif. (2nd)
(C) Kliever, Anne Celeste
(L) In Africa
(B) Nov. 13, 1936
(C) Kliever, Donna Marie
(L) In Africa
(B) May 29, 1940

KENNEDY, Mrs. Wilhelmina,
(L) In Africa
(B) Jan. 28
(M) Philadelphia, Pa. (1st)
(C) Kennedy, Lester Washington
(L) In Africa
(B) July 4, 1926
(C) Kennedy, Louis Paul
(L) In Africa
(B) Dec. 28, 1927

MACONAGHY, Rev. Hill,
(L) In South America
(B) Nov. 25
(M) Philadelphia, Pa. (1st)

MACONAGHY, Mrs. Hill
(L) In South America
(B) Mar. 21
(M) Philadelphia, Pa. (1st)

MORRILL, Rev. Curtis G.
On furlough
(B) Apr. 18
(M) La Verne, Calif.

MORRILL, Mrs. Curtis G.,
(L) On furlough
(B) Aug. 12
(M) Ashland, O (1st)
(C) Morrill, Elaine Christina
(L) On furlough
(B) Dec. 22, 1936
(C) Morrill, John Stephen
(L) On furlough
(B) Jan. 22, 1940

MYERS, Miss Estella,
(L) In Africa
(B) Aug 29
(M) Millersburg, Ia

SHELDON, Rev. Chauncey B.
(L) In Africa
(B) Nov 8
(M) La Verne, Calif.

SHELDON, Mrs. Chauncey B.,
(L) In Africa
(B) Mar. 21
(C) Sheldon, Kenneth
(L) In Africa
(B) June 4, 1927
(M) La Verne, Calif
(C) Sheldon, Donald Bert
(L) In Africa
(B) June 5, 1936

SICKEL, Rev. Clarence L.
(L) On furlough
(B) Aug 11
(M) Long Beach, Calif (1st)

SICKEL, Mrs. Clarence L.
(L) On furlough
(B) Sept 10
(M) Long Beach, Calif. (1st)
(C) Sickel, Loraine Irene
(L) On furlough
(B) Dec. 6, 1920
(M) Long Beach, Calif. (1st)
(C) Sickel, Miriam Aileen
(L) On furlough
(B) Feb 2, 1923
(M) Long Beach, Calif. (1st)

SNYDER, Miss Ruth
(L) Under appointment, Africa
(B) Sept. 8
(M) Conemaugh, Pa.

TABER, Dr. Floyd W.
(L) In Africa
(B) Aug. 16
(M) Long Beach, Calif. (1st)

TABER, Mrs. Floyd W.
(L) In Africa
(B) July 8
(M) Allentown, Pa.
(C) Taber, Chas. Russell
(L) In Africa
(B) Nov. 1, 1928
(C) Taber, Marguerite Phyllis
(L) In Africa
(B) Apr. 11, 1931
(C) Taber, Lois Irene
(L) In Africa
(B) May 8, 1940

TYSON Miss Elizabeth,
(L) On furlough
(B) Aug. 25
(M) Philadelphia, Pa. (1st)

WILLIAMS, Rev. Robert S.
(L) Under appointment, Africa
(B) July 15
(M) Harrah, Wash

WILLIAMS, Mrs. Robert S.
(L) Under appointment, Africa
(B) Apr. 15
(M) Harrah, Wash.

IN MEMORIAM

BENNETT, Rev. Allan Lee
(MF) Africa
(B) Apr. 10, 1899
(D) Jan 17, 1923
(M) Long Beach, Calif. (1s

GRIBBLE, Rev. James S.
(MF) Africa
(B) Feb. 25, 1883
(D) June 4, 1923
(M) Philadelphia, Pa. (1st)

KENNEDY, Rev. Lester W.
(MF) Africa
(B) 1897
(D) Nov. 5, 1931
(M) Philadelphia, Pa (1st)

PATTERSON, Miss Edna
(MF) Africa
(D) May 10, 1934
(M) Philadelphia, Pa (1st)

ROLLIER, Mrs. Mary
(MF) Africa
(B) Dec. 30, 1880
(D) Sept. 16, 1919
(M) Long Beach, Calif (1s

SHELDON, David Paul
(MF) Africa
(B) July 11, 1931
(D) Jan 6, 1935

SNYDER, Miss Myrtle Mae
(MF) Africa
(B) Dec 4, 1882
(D) Aug. 28, 1920
(M) Dayton, O.

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THE JOY OF THE LORD

urely no people should have the 'joy of the Lord' heir hearts more than we. The Lord's blessing been upon the work of The Brethren Home Mis- s Council for good. How any people could ask receive more of the Lord than we is hard to template. His blessings have simply poured down n us all year long. New fields have come to us never before. Additional offerings have grown grown. Blessing upon blessing has attended way in every department of our work. As the stle Paul enjoined us, "Rejoice, and again I say o you, rejoice." Our Father God has been turn- fears and dangers into blessings and favors.

Ve began the year with nine mission points and are closing it with eighteen full time fields. s is a complete doubling of our work. With a derful increase to $24,552.73 cash receipts dur- the year we have reached our highest point in work financially. Every Brethren heart should rejoice in the privilege of assisting in this great ottering to Christ by his sacrifice.

Yet more new fields are waiting for us to enter. This means more ably trained men and the means to support them in the field. Next year will see still more fields undertaken, for we believe that God is just beginning to bless a people who will preach His gospel in truth and do His will.

With the 'joy of the Lord' in our hearts we close the year with praise and thanksgiving. With deeply humble hearts we face the future fearing lest we go ahead of Him, and also fearing lest we lag behind His will for us. May He glorify Himself more than ever through our ministry in the salvation of increased thousands before our Lord returns.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 1939 - June 30, 1940

General Fund		
Bal. on hand June 30, 1939	3,775.24	
Received during year	24,552.73	
	28,327.97	
Disbursements during year	21,422.20	
Bal. in general fund 6-30-40	6,905.77	6,905.
Reserve Fund		
Amount in fund, 6-30-40	1,000.00	1,000.
District Mission Fund		
Balance in Fund 6-30-39	32.50	
Received during year	1,691.93	
	1,724.43	
Disbursements during year	1,674.43	
Bal. in fund 6-30-40	50.00	50.
Jewish Mission Fund		
Bal. in fund 6-30-39	00.00	
Rec. during year	986.86	
	986.86	
Disbursed to American Board of Missions to Jews for Los Angeles Jewish Mission	646.25	
Bal. in fund 6-30-40	340.63	340.
Annuity Fund		
Bal. in fund 6-30-39	00.00	
Rec. during year	300.00	
	300.00	
Amt. invested	300.00	
	00.00	00.
Prudential Fund		
Transferred from Gen. Fund	200.00	
Total in fund 6-30-40	200.00	200.
Total Bal. of all funds on hand 6-30-40		**8,496.**

CERTIFICATE OF THE AUDITOR

I hereby certify, that I have audited the boo of The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940, and in opinion, the foregoing statements of receipts a disbursements are correct statements for the peri mentioned.

Signed,
E. W. Baumgartner, Cashier
First Bank of Berne, Berne, In

The following are the points to which financial d has been given by The Brethren Home Missions ouncil during the Period, June 30, 1939 to June , 1940.

cation:

Bellflower, Calif	474.96	
Compton, Calif.	2,000.00	
Glendale, Calif.	374.94	
Los Angeles, Calif, Third	330.00	
Modesto, Calif.	249.96	
San Diego, Calif	1,000.00	
Tracy, Calif.	1,040.00	
Waterloo, Iowa	445.27	
Fort Wayne, Ind.	1,199.96	
Clayhole, Ky.	690.50	
Krypton, Ky.	50.00	
New Troy, Mich.	225.00	
Cleveland, Ohio	1,571.78	
Fremont, Ohio	250.00	
Firestone Park, Akron, O.	25.00	
South Mansfield, Ohio	84.00	
Wooster, Ohio	680.33	
Juniata, Pa.	1,075.00	
Hagerstown, Md.	264.65	
Winchester, Va.	350.00	
	12,381.35	12,381.35

ld Work

Mileage covered 23,984 (traveling expense, license, insurance, etc.)	959.36	
Allowance, field Sec. 2,686.24		
Amt. Ret. to Council 949.77		
	1,736.47	
	2,695.83	2,695.83
Grand Total spent for Mission Points and Evangelism		15,077.18

trict Mission Fund

Bal. on hand June 30, 1939	32.50	
Received from Pa. Dist.	60.00	
Received from Ind. Dist.	50.00	
Rec. from So. Calif. Dist.	1,581.93	
Total received	1,724.43	
Disbursements as designated by donors	1,674.43	
Bal. in fund June 30, 1940	50.00	

desto, Calif. Tent Fund
(Magnify Brotherhood Tent)

Received for tent	65.00	
		65.00
Disbursements to Modesto	7.00	
Deficit in fund June 30, 1939	58.00	
	65.00	65.00
Bal. in fund June 30, 1940		00.00

Advertising and Stereopticon Funds

Budgeted for these funds	200.00
Disbursements for movie camera, equipment, films, etc.	168.00
Bal. in fund June 30, 1940	32.00

Brethren Student Life Volunteers

Bal. on hand June 30, 1939	5.87
Budgeted for this work	100.00
Total in fund	105.87
Disbursements for postage, supplies, etc.	33.87
Bal. in fund June 30, 1940	72.00

Literature Fund

Disbursements for magazine, cuts, etc.	1,134.13
Disbursements for Thanksgiving offering material, and Emergency offering material	209.60
Total disbursed	1,343.73

Council Tent Fund

Received for tent	391.93
Amount disbursed	000.00
Bal. in fund June 30, 1940	391.93

Special Gift Fund

Rec. for Grace Seminary	6.00
Rec. for Alton Witter	121.50
Rec. for Fred Walter	20.00
Rec. for 1st Brethren Church, Harrah	10.00
Rec for Bible Inst. of L. A	3.00
Rec. for American S. S. Union	12.94
Rec. for Mr. & Mrs. B. H. Stokely	5.00
Rec. for J. A Vaus	10.00
Rec. for Ralph Colburn	10.00
Rec. for Stanley Hauser	3.00
Rec. for Robert Ashman	20.00
Rec. for Million Testament League	5.00
Rec. for Great Commission Prayer League	5.00
Rec. for Christ Home	5.00
Rec. for "Chosen People" mag.	.50
Total received	236.94
Disbursed as designated	236.94
Bal. in fund June 30, 1940	00.00

Operating Expenses

Salary of office secretary	1,039.92	
Insurance on office furniture	5.95	
Postage, etc.	265.00	
Rent and light	156.00	
Telephone and telegrams	52.31	
Stencils, ink, corrective fluid, etc.	17.47	
Binding for minute book, guide cards, sheets for min. book	11.25	
Adjusting type and repair of typewriter	6.00	
Typewriter ribbon book	7.00	
Extra office help	5.60	
Mailing tubes	5.83	
Second sheets, clasp envelopes, mats, gummed labels, etc.	12.95	
Ediphone cylinders	3.82	
Petty Cash	25.00	
Stationery, printing, mimeo-paper, etc.	106.81	
Total disbursed to June 30, 1940	1,720.91	1,720.91

Office Equipment

Adding Machine, filing case, check writer, Ediphone dictator, transcriber and shaver, cylinders, rubber stamps, seal, fans.	342.39
Total disbursed in fund to June 30, 1940	342.39

Miscellaneous Fund

Bonds on office force	45.00
Board expenses (meetings)	99.30
Church banks (F.B.)	14.58
Blue prints, Tabernacle bldg.	5.16
Refund to Wm. Schaffer	15.00
Fee for filing annual report with State	1.00
Frame and framing of charter	1.15
Expenses for rally for the Council at Winona Aug. 1939	20.00
Expenses for filing Articles of Incorporation and trips to Indianapolis	36.12
Total disbursed in fund to June 30, 1940	237.31

REPORTS SHOWING OFFERINGS ACCORDING TO DISTRICTS

District	1938-39	1939-40	Increas
Ohio	3,328.41	4,028.15	699.7
Indiana	1,431.11	2,180.79	749.6
Pennsylvania	3,544.17	4,457.24	913.0
Southeast	1,791.99	2,288.01	496.0
Illiokota	459.78	773.80	314.0
Midwest	122.50	308.41	185.9
Northern Calif.	319.25	581.65	262.4
Southern Calif.	5,691.97	6,714.59	1,022.6
Northwest	249.37	313.01	63.6
Misc. Isolated	26.00	26.50	.5
Totals	16,964.55	21,672.15	4,707.6

Receipts from Other Sources

Conference offering at Winona	179.00	167.87	
Int. on Savings	33.33	42.99	
Field Work	175.00	949.77	
Pa. Dist. W.M.S. Jewish Miss.	15.00		
Magnify Brotherhood of So. Calif.	100.00	65.00	
Wooster Bldg. payments		240.00	
E. Central Dist. Miss. to Hammers		36.50	
Fort Wayne Dist. Miss.		50.00	
Waynesboro, Dist. Miss		60.00	
Long Beach, Calif. 1st. Dist. Miss.		1,383.00	
Women's Missionary Council		182.27	
Grace Seminary for bulletins		31.10	
Hagerstown, Md. lots		125.00	
Sundry	20.95	40.08	
Totals	453.28	3,572.51	3,119.2
Grand Total Inc.	17,417.83	25,244.66	7,826.8

THE TEN LEADING CHURCHES IN THE OFFERINGS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1939 - 1940

1.	Long Beach, Calif., 1st	2,311.1
2.	Dayton, Ohio, 1st	1,197.7
3.	Los Angeles, Calif., 2nd	1,073.7
4.	Whittier, Calif.	876.3
5.	Berne, Indiana	855.0
6.	Washington, D. C.	821.6
7.	Conemaugh, Pa.	672.1
8.	Roanoke, Va.	628.3
9.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	581.7
10.	La Verne, Calif	570.1

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Winona Lake, Ind.

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Rev. Miles Taber, Leon, Ia.

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 15, 1940

RECEIPTS

Total gifts	$8,205.13
Bowman Annuity	1,000.00
Fees	365.00
Interest	140.00
Farm Income—Busey	804.44
Total	$10,514.57

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising	$ 64.46
Library	55.41
Rentals—Gowns & Caps	20.75
Diplomas	26.50
Equipment	264.50
Honororiums	126.00
State Incorporation Fee	6.50
Interest	70.00
Farm—Taxes, etc.—Busey	76.05
Postage	82.54
Printing	508.15
Sundries	81.92
Telegrams	2.81
Traveling Expense	73.05
Rent—Balance of year	900.00
Salaries	6,200.00
Total Expense	$8,558.64
Annuity Investment	1,000.00
	$9,558.64

BALANCE SHEET

Checking Account —Sept. 1, 1939	$ 558.94
Myers Gift (Res. Fund)	400.00
Myers Gift (Bldg. Fund)	1000.00
Bowman Annuity—1	1000.00
Bowman Annuity—2	1000.00
Permanent Endowment (Busey Farm) Estimated	9600.00
Library Books and Office Equipment	1500.00
Total Gifts 1939-1940	8205.13
Other Income	1309.44
Total	$24,573.51

Checking Accounting —Aug. 15, 1940	$1514.87
Myers Gift (Res. Fund)	400.00
Invested Funds	3000.00
Permanent Endowment (Busey Farm) Estimated	9600.00
Library Books and Office Equipment	1500.00
Total expenses 1939-1940	8558.64
Total	$24,573.51

Mrs. Alva J. McClain,
Financial Secretary.

GIFTS TO GRACE SEMINARY BY CHURCHES

Grace Theological Seminary ministers to its students without tuition charges, and is supported wholly by voluntary gifts of the Lord's people. Since Grace Theological Seminary is a work of faith, no person will ever be dunned for any pledge. Those giving $5.00 or more in a single gift are eligible for membership in the Seminary Corporation. All gifts should be sent to Grace

Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind. The totals of the gifts received during the past year have been listed below under the local churches of the donors to the best of our knowledge.

CALIFORNIA

Glendale	$ 57.34
LaVerne	99.33
Long Beach, First	2152.09
Long Beach, Second	41.14
Los Angeles, First	55.00
Los Angeles, Second	156.25
Los Angeles, Third	35.55
South Gate	58.23
Tracy	11.00
Whittier	181.75
S. Cal. Churches —Quartette	300.20
Total	$3,147.88

FLORIDA

Dania	$5.00

ILLINOIS

Glen Ellyn	$20.00
Milledgeville	95.00
Peoria	5.00
Total	$120.00

KANSAS

Morrill	$3.00
Portis	1.00
Total	$4.00

KENTUCKY

Krypton	$10.00
Lost Creek	5.00
Total	$15.00

INDIANA

Berne	$144.80
Center Chapel	5.00
Clay City	39.00
Claypool	5.00
Elkhart	5.00
Flora	88.27
Fort Wayne	90.00
Goshen	25.00
Indianapolis	25.00
Marion	20.00
Napannee	22.00
North Liberty	5.00
Osceola	3.00
Peru	12.00
River Park	10.00
Roann	10.00
Shipshewana	65.00
Winona Lake	191.00
Total	$765.07

IOWA

Dallas Center	$ 66.16
Garwin	44.25
Leon	5.00
Panora	15.00
Waterloo	207.40
Williamsburg	27.53
Total	$365.34

MARYLAND

Accident	$ 1.00
Hagerstown, First	28.00
Hagerstown, Second	15.00
Total	$44.00

MICHIGAN

Lake Odessa	$76.07
New Troy	9.25
Total	$85.32

MONTANA

Neihart	$5.00

NEBRASKA

Beaver City	$22.72
Falls City	35.00
Total	$57.72

OHIO

Ankenytown	$17.82
Ashland, Park St.	2.00
Ashland, W. Tenth St.	25.42
Camden	1.00
Canton	142.10
Clayton	36.75
Cleveland	5.00
Danville	43.00
Dayton	507.01
Ellet	33.10
Fremont	52.00
Homerville	15.00
Louisville	4.00
New Lebanon	5.00
Rittman	62.00
Sterling	48.70
Wooster	20.00
Total	$1019.90

PENNSYLVANIA

Allentown	$ 11.50
Altoona	46.25
Amity	5.00
Conemaugh	108.00
Johnstown, First	114.65
Juniata	15.19
Kittanning	15.00
Leamersville	1.00
Listie	99.65
Meyersdale	96.82
Mundy's Corner	1.00
Philadelphia, First	641.00
Philadelphia, Third	10.00
Summit Mills	15.28
Uniontown	23.00
Vinco	10.00
Waynesboro	230.32
Total	$1443.66

TENNESSEE

Limestone	$33.00

VIRGINIA

Buena Vista	$ 35.22
Covington	5.00
Roanoke	119.00
Winchester	66.75
Total	$225.97

WASHINGTON

Harrah	$10.00
Spokane	10.00
Sunnyside	28.74
Total	$48.74

WASHINGTON, D. C. $301.13

SUMMARY OF ALL GIFTS

Miscellaneous Conference Offering—1939	$ 19.25
Non-Brethren	10.00
National W.M.S.	155.00
National W.M.C.	334.15
California	3147.88
Florida	5.00
Illinois	120.00
Indiana	765.07
Iowa	365.34
Kansas	4.00
Kentucky	15.00
Maryland	44.00
Michigan	85.32
Montana	5.00
Nebraska	57.72
Ohio	1019.90
Pennsylvania	1443.66
Tennessee	33.00
Virginia	225.97
Washington	48.74
Washington, D. C.	301.13
Total	$8205.13

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OPERATING STATEMENT

Income

Cooperating Boards	$ 3,016.22
The Brethren Missionary Herald	1,958.36
Publication Offering	1,410.03
Commission Goods Sales	3,229.45
S. S. Literature Sales	2,568.82
	$12,182.88

Cost of Sales

S. S. Literature	$ 1,243.69
Commission Goods	2,581.07
The Brethren Missionary Herald	3,647.17
Operating Expense*	3,318.04
	$10,794.97
Net Gain	$ 1,387.91

*DETAIL OF EXPENSE

Janitor Service & Fuel	$ 135.00
Insurance	31.75
Salaries	1,631.35
Postage	508.29
Telephone & Telegraph	24.67
Service (attorneys)	605.48
General Expense	239.02
Current Supplies	84.38
Express and Drayage	58.10
	$3,318.04

BALANCE

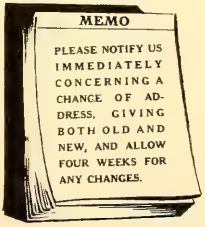
Assets

Cash	$ 122.35
Accounts Receivable	544.90
Furniture & Fixtures	20.88
S. S. Lit. Inventory	5,753.30
Comm. Goods Inventory	54.59
Prepaid Insurance	30.00
	$6,526.02

Liabilities

Capital	$5,575.38
Accounts Payable	425.64
Notes Payable	525.00
	$6,526.02

Audited and compiled by
C. L. FAWLEY



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OBJECTIVES FOR 1940-1941

1. **Four major offerings:**
   Sept., Oct., Nov. — Our National Expense Fund. Need, $920.00.
   Dec., Jan., Feb. — Bozoum Seminary for native evangelists. Need $800.
   Mar., Apr., May—Grace Seminary. Need $500.
   June, July, Aug.—Home Missions. Need $500.
2. **Scrap books made for mission study.**
3. **Daily prayer cards for home and foreign Missionaries.**
4. **That we encourage daily reading with number of chapters reported at each council meeting.**
5. **That we encourage definite witnessing to the unsaved on the part of every Council.**
6. **That we urge our women to aid in getting The Brethren Missionary Herald into every home in the church.**

SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Each of the major offerings should be sent in as soon as the period expires and your money is gathered in. The Home Missions money, period for which includes your August meeting, may be sent to National Conference. Our Financial Sec'y. and Treas. must have all money in hand by July 31st which goes into their yearly reports. These officers have a real job on their hands, and only our cooperation will make it possible for them to have a full report.

2. Send all money lifted in your Council to Mrs. H. W. Koontz. It will always go to the proper place.

3. Send the list of your new officers immediately to Mrs. A. B. Kidder after your elections.

4. Send to Mrs. Kidder all names of sisters of W.M.C. who have been promoted to glory during the year.

5. Our Prayer Chairman for the year will be Mrs. Arthur Carey, Rittman, Ohio.

COMBINED REPORT OF OUR FINANCIAL SEC'Y AND TREAS.

Receipts

Home Missions	157.27
Grace Seminary	334.15
General Offering	64.65
January Offering	395.54
Foreign Missions	794.48
July Offering	380.91
Superannuated Min.	2.87
Calif. Jewish Work	2.00
Emergency Home Miss	4.00
Total	2123.74

Balance

January Offering	10.04
July Offering	380.91
Total	390.95

Disbursements

Foreign Missions	794.48
Home Missions	163.27
(Includes: Jewish fund 2.00 Emerg. Offg 4.00	
Seminary	315.00
Editor's Expense	80.00
Mrs. Kent Expense	23.00
Printing	14.00
Miscellaneous	8.89
Total	1732.79

Additional Grace Seminary Offering not given through the National Work, $189.64.

There was also a considerable amount sent directly to the Foreign Mission Sec'y that could not be credited on our total Foreign Mission Offering.

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Purchasing of hymn books and communion sets for home mission churches.

Foreign Missions—to be stressed during December, January and February. Goal: $450.

Full support of our C. E. Missionary, Rev. J. P. Kliever, in Africa. Amount needed, $350.

Support of Bible Coach in South America. Amount needed, $100.

Christian Endeavor Promotion—to be stressed during March, April and May. Goal: $250.

Support of Christian Endeavor teachers in Brethren summer camps, and C. E. promotional and extention work.

Jewish and Sailor Evangelism—to be stressed during June, July and August. Goal: $100.

Aid to our Jewish Mission in Los Angeles.

Aid to sailor evangelism conducted in the harbors at San Pedro, Calif., Fusan, Korea, and Rangoon, Burma.

Junior C. E. project—to be stressed throughout the entire year. Goal: $116.67.

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Having confessed Christ as my personal Savior on the basis of the promise of Mt. 10:32, which says: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men him will I confess before my Father who is in heaven," and

Having realized that He is now by right my Lord and Master as shown in 1 Cor. 6:19, 20, which reads: "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

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Cumberland Brethren Church
4th and Seymour Sts.
I. D. Bowman
917 Maryland Ave.,
Cumberland, Md.

DALLAS CENTER, IA. 175
First Brethren Church
James Cook
Dallas Center, Ia.

DANVILLE, O. 100
Danville Brethren Church
Ross St. at foot of hill.
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1000 Lincoln Way,
Ashland, O.

DAYTON, O. 963
First Brethren Church
1900 W. 3d St.
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Dayton, O.

DENVER, IND. 154
Denver Brethren Church
In Denver.
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First Brethren Church
Middlebury St.
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First Brethren Church
Stetler Ave., near Albrecht
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First Brethren Church
19th and Lane Sts.
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Falls City, Neb.

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First Brethren Church
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522 1st Ave., Fillmore, Calif.

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First Brethren Church
Vernon Grissa
Flora, Ind.

FLORA, IND. 81
Grace Brethren Church
Main and Willow Sts.
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Flora, Ind.

FT. SCOTT, KANS. 104
First Brethren Church
5th and National

FT. WAYNE, IND. 163
First Brethren Church
3326 S. Calhoun St.
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3332 Piqua, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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First Brethren Church
South St., at Wood
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820 South St., Fremont, O.

FREMONT, O. 52
Grace Brethren Church
Prairie Presbyterian Chapel,
2034 W. Croghan St.
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712 Hayes Ave., Fremont, O.

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Carleton Brethren Church
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Mt. Olivet Brethren Church
6 mi. south of Georgetown.
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First Brethren Church
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Glenford Brethren Church
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First Brethren Church
213 Clinton St.
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First Brethren Church
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Gratis, O.

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In Harrah.
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Bethlehem Brethren Church
1 mi. south of Harrisonburg,
on Dayton Pike.
John F. Locke
Mourertown, Va.

HOLLINS, VA. 128
Mountain View Brethren
Church. Near Hollins Station
on Hollins Rd.
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R. 1, Roanoke, Va.

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W. Homer Brethren Church
2 mi. west of Homerville
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County Line Brethren Church
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Alton M. Witter
R. 1, Osceola, Ind.

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Leamersville Brethren Church
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Leon Brethren Church
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Linwood Brethren Church
Freeman Ankrum
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Listie Brethren Church
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759 Grove Ave.,
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LOGAN, O. 30
Mt. Zion Brethren Church
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817 Grant St., Ashland, O.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. 1543
First Brethren Church
5th St. at Cherry Ave.
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563 Cherry Ave., Long Beach Calif.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. 259
Second Brethren Church
60th St. at Orange Ave.
Clarence L. Sickel
5517 Lewis, Long Beach, Cal.

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Loree Brethren Church
In Loree.
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LOST CREEK, KY. 349
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First Brethren Church
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1033 E. Main St., Louisville, Ohio.

LYDIA, MD. 218
St. James Brethren Church
In Lydia near St. James Academy.
W. S. Baker
Lydia, Md.

MANSFIELD, O. 88
First Brethren Church
Cor. Bowman & Harker Sts.
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MANTECA, CALIF. 188
First Brethren Church
Cor. Veach & Yosemite Ave.
J. Wesley Platt
R. 1, Box 249A, Ripon, Calif.

MARIANNA, PA. 80
Highland Brethren Church
4 mi. east of Marianna

MARTINSBURG, PA. 117
Martinsburg, Brethren Church
Stanley F. Hauser
Martinsburg, Pa.

MASONTOWN, PA. 470
Masontown Brethren Church
Church Street.
Delbert B. Flora,
202 Washington St.
Masontown, Pa.

MATHIAS, W. VA. 428
Mathias Brethren Church
In Mathias.
Guy E. Ludwig
Mathias, W. Va

MAURERTOWN, VA. 249
Maurertown Brethren Church
In center of Maurertown
E. L. Miller
Maurertown, Va.

McCRACKEN, PA. 24
Sugar Grove Brethren Church
Aleppo Township.

McGAHEYSVILLE, VA. 266
Mt. Olive Brethren Church
In Pineville, between McGaheysville and Port Republic
John F. Locke
Maurertown, Va.

McKEE, PA. 106
McKee Brethren Church
Russell I. Humberd
Martinsburg, Pa.

McLOUTH, KANS. 25
First Brethren Church

MEXICO, IND. 131
First Brethren Church
In Mexico, state highway 31
Charles E. Johnson
Mexico, Ind.

MEYERSDALE, PA. 325
Main St. Brethren Church
Main St.
Orville A. Lorenz
Main St., Meyersdale, Pa.

MIDDLEBRANCH, O. 120
First Brethren Church
The white church in town.
Harland J. O'Dell
Middlebranch, O.

MILFORD, IND. 110
Grace Brethren Church
W. I. Duker
Shipsnewana Lake, Ind

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILL.
Milledgeville Brethren Church
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Milledgeville, Ill.

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Mt. Pleasant Brethren Church, N. Shupe St.
D. C. Wrate
411 Diamond St.,
Berlin, Pa.

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First Brethren Church
Thompson Hall, 12th and Needham Ave.
Earl B. Studebaker
1731 Modesto Ave.,
Modesto, Calif.

MORILL, KANS. 158
First Brethren Church
J. D. Kamper
Morrill, Kans.

MULVANE, KANS. 52
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MUNCIE, IND. 219
First Brethren Church
1401 Kirby Ave.
Geo. H. Jones
1317 Kirby Ave. Muncie, Ind.

MUNDY'S CORNER, Pa. 232
Pike Brethren Church
U.S. Rts. 22 and 219 at Mundy's Corner, N. of Johnstown, Pa.
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Conemaugh, Pa.

NAPPANEE, IND. 514
First Brethren Church
Walnut St.
J. Milton Bowman
Nappanee, Ind.

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First Brethren Church
Kimball and McCandless Sts.
Floyd Sibert
5002 Dearborn St.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

NEW LEBANON, O. 419
First Brethren Church
Church and Franklin Sts.
C. C. Grisso
New Lebanon, O.

NEW PARIS, IND. 128
New Paris Brethren Church
G. W. Rench
New Paris, Ind.

NEW TROY, MICH. 30
New Troy Brethren Church
Russell Williams
Sawyer, Mich.

NORTH ENGLISH, IA. 72
Pleasant Grove Brethren Church.
2 mi. E. of Millersburg, Ia.

NORTH GEORGETOWN, O. 71
First Brethren Church
On main highway on W. side of North Georgetown.
Alvin Byers
1020 Clarendon Ave., N.W.
Canton, O.

NORTH LIBERTY, IND. 194
North Liberty Brethren Church.
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Twelve Mile, Ind.

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PERU, IND. 140
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Berne, Ind.

PERU, IND. 185
First Brethren Church
Cor. Clay and E. Main Sts.
Robert A. Ashman
12 S. Clay St., Peru, Ind.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. 435
First Brethren Church
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Philadelphia, Pa.

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PITTSTOWN, N. J. 53
Calvary Brethren Church
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ROANN, IND. 182
Roann Brethren Church
In Roann.

ROANOKE, IND. 59
Roanoke Brethren Church
S. C. Henderson
Roanoke, Ind.

ROANOKE, VA. 250
Ghent Brethren Church
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Herman W. Koontz
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Roanoke, Va.

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Sidney Brethren Church
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First Brethren Church
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Smithville, O.

SOUTH BEND, IND. 123
Ardmore Brethren Church
Ardmore Heights.
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SOUTH BEND, IND. 407
First Brethren Church
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First Brethren Church
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First Brethren Church
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Wash.

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St. Luke Brethren Church
At St. Luke, 4 mi. W. of Woodstock, Va.
John W. Dodson
Quicksburg, Va

STERLING, O. 104
First Brethren Church
Opposite the school house.
Wayne Baker
Sterling, O.

STOCKTON, CALIF. 37
Stockton Brethren Church
Frank Gehman
1716 S. American St.
Stockton, Calif

SUMMIT MILLS, PA. 112
Summit Mills Brethren Church.
Orville A. Lorenz
Main St., Meyersdale, Pa

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. 300
First Brethren Church
Cor. 7th and Franklin Sts.
Earl W. Reed
Box 253, Sunnyside, Wash.
Parsonage: 8th and Franklin

TEEGARDEN, IND. 93
Teegarden Brethren Church
In Teegarden.
O. C. Lemert
Walkerton, Ind.

TERRA ALTA, W. VA. 30
White Dale Brethren Church
Near Terra Alta.
Foster M. Bittinger
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TIOSA, IND. 85
Tiosa Brethren Church
O. C. Lemert
Walkerton, Ind.

TRACY, CALIF. 48
First Brethren Church
Parker Ave. & Beverly Pl.
Robert E. Miller
P. O. Box 503, Tracy, Calif.
Res: 524 W. Highland Ave.

TWELVE MILE, IND. 171
Corinth Brethren Church
3½ mi. S. and E. of Twelve Mile.
Wm. Overholtzer
Akron, Ind

UDELL, IA.
Udell Brethren Church
Cecil H. Johnson
Udell, Ia.

UNIONTOWN, PA. 325
First Brethren Church
Union and Bryan
Wm. H. Clough
P. O. Box 1147, Uniontown,
Pa Res: 3 E Craig St.,

UNIONTOWN, PA. 64
Second Brethren Church

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Grace Brethren Church
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First Brethren Church
Philadelphia and 4th Sts.
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First Brethren Church
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Will You Share?

CHRISTMAS—glad time of the year;
Joybells, music, caroling,
Glittering trees and holly ring,
Loaded tables, banquetting;
We have enough of everything—
WE CAN SPARE!

CHRISTMAS—glad time of the year;
But beyond our little sphere,
Millions know no Christmas cheer,
Only heartbreak, falling tear—
Homeless, hungry, filled with fear—
DO YOU CARE?

CHRISTMAS—"Peace," the angel said;
Yonder war has cast its dread,
Famine reared its awful head.
We are warmed and clothed and fed—
No Christmas cheer for them is spread
IS IT FAIR?

CHRISTMAS—land of liberty,
Godliness, prosperity;
But the call comes o'er the sea!
Others lack—and how can we
Spend this Christmas selfishly?
WILL YOU SHARE?

—Author Unknown.

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EDITORIALS

By Louis S. Bauman, Editor

GOD'S SPIRIT CONTINUES TO WORK

Through direct contact with the headquarters of the China Inland Mission in Los Angeles, we learn that in spite of "man's inhumanity to man" in war torn China, the Spirit of God continues to operate mightily. Baptisms for 1939 exceeded those of any previous years in the history of the great work of that Mission in China. As to the present situation in China, the China Inland Mission, itself, striving to give a true statement of conditions, releases the following statement coming from the Institute of Pacific Relations Bulletin:

"The area of conflict has not changed a great deal in the last year. By means of its guerrilla and partisan organization, China dominates large areas nominally occupied by Japanese troops. China still controls munition routes to the southwest into Burma and to the northwest into Russia. Dispite the lack of adequate artillery, mechanized units, aviation and ground communications, China managed to take the offensive on a number of fronts. Inside China, political unification and government planning continued to bear fruit. The economic and industrial development of her western provinces continued to go forward at an unprecedented rate. Financially, China managed with British assistance to hold her own. In Japan, the year saw three different Cabinets in the saddle. In 1940, China is stronger internally than at any other time in history. In 1940, Japan is in a worse position than she was at the outset of hostilities."

Religious liberty is at stake in the far east. Let us not forget to continue to pray to God that He may keep the doors open in China.

WELCOME HOME, MRS. KENNEDY

We are writing this editorial on Nov. 25th. And, we have just opened a letter from Mrs. Kennedy, written on her boat, "The Challenger," and mailed at Trinidad, telling us that she expected to arrive in New York this day. We hope that she has arrived, and that the perils of the sea are past. We know it will mean a happy reunion with her two precious boys, and other loved ones back in old Pennsylvania.

In this same mail came a letter from Dr. Taber, dated Sept. 9th. He has this to say concerning Sister Kennedy (and of course, we are all interested):

"As a climax to birthday surprises, after we had gone to bed on the evening of Aug. 16th, Orville Jobson and Jake Kliever drove in to the station at Yaloke, to ask me to go to see Mrs. Kennedy. I found her in fairly good condition, although somewhat weakened . . . and in imperative need of surgical attention. She could obtain surgical attention in the colonies, but convalescence would be difficult here. So that I advised that she go home on furlough. (Mrs. Kennedy's furlough was already past due—L. S. B.) Her trouble can be entirely cured by surgery, with no menace hanging over her future health. This operation is not of extreme urgency—it can wait until she gets home. But it should not necessarily be delayed longer than that."

Let us all bear Sister Kennedy up before the throne of divine grace. She is a royal ambassador of the Lord of glory; and, of her service in that capacity has done yeoman service. Welcome home, Sister Kennedy!

"UP AGAINST A STONE WALL"

That is the way Miss Tyson expresses it. She is giving her time, as are some others to trying to find some gap in that "stone wall" which the nations have erected, through which the missionaries in the homeland can return to their posts of duty. But as yet, no gap has been found. It is not a matter of finding a boat, elusive as they are, so much as trying to persuade the United States government to issue a passport to its citizens "on business for the King". The United States government wants its citizens to stay at home, out of the war-torn countries where they might cause trouble for the government. And, it would like its citizens abroad to come home. Passports are not easy to get. If you think they are, ask the missionaries of **all** Foreign Boards about it. And boats will not take passengers on board who have no passports. And, even if you have a passport, try to persuade a French consul these days to visae a passport!

All that can be said at this time, is, that no stone is being left unturned to see if some way can be found to return our missionaries who have out-stayed their furloughs and are on the verge of shedding tears to think of sitting here at home while their comrades need them so badly at the battle front.

Meantime, Miss Snyder and the Williamses are spending their time improving their linguistic abilities in the French language—a very vital matter. They are in French Quebec, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Morrill have just returned from Quebec to Bethel Home, in Ashland, O. Bro. Morrill is expecting to go soon to New York, for further work in obtaining a real French tongue. Mrs. Morrill is nursing a very sick mother in Ashland.

Miss Tyson has been doing some good deputation work in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. She is also using her fine persuasive influence in trying to secure the consent of some governmental officials to give her a passport, and of some steamship company to take her on board.

Miss Byron is through recuperating; and, believe it or not, is actually getting fat in Southern California. **Can you imagine it?** She will be "fittiner 'n a fiddle" by the time Miss Tyson charms those officials back in Washington to get out of the way of these two ladies and let them return to their beloved equatorial home.

Pray earnestly that God may take a hand, and open the closed doors. **"Prayer changes things!"**

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THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN AFRICA

The very latest "Emergency Bulletin" put out by The Executive Committee of The Committee of Reference and Counsel, New York, with regard to the situation on the West Coast of Africa, is at hand. From it, we quote:

"Numbers of missionaries have recently sailed for Central and West Africa despite the growing tensity of situation there. All reports from 'Free France' and British sources are that German forces are in control of Dakar—were at the time of the de Gaulle attempt to land last month. They are reported to control the port, the customs, the post office, the wireless; to be building land and sea bases for aircraft; to have demobilized certain Senegalese troops and stopped the recruiting of others. Gestapo agents are numerous.

"Just south of Dakar Pan American Airlines is building a seaplane post at Bolamo, Portuguese Guinea, which it expects to use for its winter service New York to Lisbon.

"Just south of Bolama is the largest British naval, military and air base between Gibraltar and Cape Town: Freetown, Sierra Leone. This is the point at which homeward convoys are generally formed and outward convoys are dismissed by their escorts.

"Still further south lies Cameron, French Equatorial Africa and Belgian Congo. Last week General de Gaulle broadcast from Leopoldville, capital of Congo. He had been in conference with Congo's Governor General Ryckmans. He announced the formation of a large bloc of Free Frenchment to resist, with Belgians and British, the German-Vichy penetration further into Africa. Then he returned by ferry across the Congo river to Brazzaville, capital of French Equatorial Africa.

"It would appear that French Equatorial Africa, Cameroun, Congo, British areas in East Africa are forming a common front."

ADOLFO ZECHE RESIGNS

Just as we go to press, word reaches us from Argentina that Adolfo Zeche gave Bro. Dowdy, our Superintendent, fifteen days notice that he was resigning his pastorate under our Board at Huinca Renanco, to "take charge of The Brethren Church in Rosario." This occasions no surprise on the part of anyone familiar with our work in Argentina. While very reticent in the matter, yet the Board and all workers in Argentina have known for several years that C. F. Yoder was maintaining contact with Brother Zeche—the one valued worker over whom he exercised influence. And this is not without reason, knowing that it is human to lean toward those who have meant much to us in our lives. Adolfo Zeche was a student in The National College in Rio Cuarto, when C. F. Yoder taught in that institution. The attachment that grew between them there led Adolfo into the Brethren Church, and has still been maintained.

We hold no ill-will whatever in the matter; and shall pray that through his ministry, a Brethren Church may be built in the city of Rosario, and that many souls may be won for Christ there through his ministry.

There was a work in that city formerly under our Board. However, the Board was faced with an expensive proposition to carry on that work and make it what it should be in a great city. Inasmuch as there were a number of Protestant light-houses in Rosario, where the Gospel was being preached, our Board felt that we should use the funds God places in our hands to carry His message into towns and cities wholly without the testimony.

However, **if it is true** that trine immersion is the only **Scriptural** form of baptism (and the writer believes that is true), and that without that baptism no salvation is possible (which doctrine of baptismal regeneration the writer does not believe), then The Missionary Board of The Brethren Church, with its headquarters at Ashland, O., is certainly justified in spending its funds in Cordoba, Rosario, and Buenos Aires, no matter how many Protestant churches there exist, they, too, need salvation.

But **in that case,** why go to Argentina? **In that case,** the United States is filled with great cities, whose vast multitudes know not the way of eternal life. We believe, **in that case,** that we should stay in Jerusalem and in Judea until those places have heard of the way of life, before passing on to Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

If the Missionary Board of The Brethren Church will send forth missionaries who will hold up Jesus Christ as the Son of God, Who died for us upon the cross, Who arose from the dead, and Who is coming again, souls will be saved in spite of what we believe to be their serious error. We shall not say that the members of the Galatian Church were unsaved. But we are glad that we still rejoice in a salvation that comes to us through pure grace—a salvation that, when once received, brings forth the precious fruits of good works, as naturally as an apple tree produces apples and not poisonous toad stools!

God bless Adolfo Zeche in his new field of activity, and may Christ be glorified.

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM ARGENTINA

A letter from our Superintendent in Argentina, just received, is very optimistic about the future of the work down there. Domingo Reini will probably go to Huinca Renanco as pastor, when Adolfo Zeche leaves. Brother Reini has been in charge of the Bible Coach work for some months past. Before going to that work, Reini was a pastor at Tancacha, where he did some of the best work ever accomplished by a National Pastor in the Argentine.

Several new automobiles are badly needed down there to replace worn out equipment. The problem of transportation among the unevangelized cities and towns of our territory in Argentina—a territory about the size of the state of Indiana—is a very present problem just now. Automobiles, thanks to the war-gods, have not grown any cheaper in Argentina.

By the time of the next foreign missionary issue of this magazine, Eld. and Mrs. Clarence Sickel probably will be on their way back to the field there.

DOWN TO DOG MEAT

An Associated Press dispatch from Berlin informs us that "The meat of dogs was legalized for human consumption today (Nov. 14th) for Greater Germany, effective January 1, 1941. Commenting upon this, Dr. Robert S. Harris, nutritional biochemist, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, says that dog meat has a food value "quite the same as that of beef" but is "very tough, gamey, and hasn't a very delicate flavor". Doubtless! Horse meat is already legalized in Germany and is being served in some of the restaurants. Probably the next meat to be legalized will be crow. Then will follow cats, mice, rats, snakes, etc. Why not? Other heathen nations consider these meats

Last Call for Service

By Gene Farrell, Long Beach, Calif.

When the disciples asked Jesus, "What shall be the sign of Thy coming?" our Lord mentioned many things, and then said, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh; so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."

The disciples did not know that approximately 1900 years would transpire before these signs would begin to appear in the skies of world history. Today they are manifest on every hand, whereby we **know** that His coming is near, "even at the doors". The fig tree is putting forth leaves, and we, by the immutability and integrity of His counsel, have every right to believe "that summer is nigh". Yea, the Sun of righteousness will soon appear with healing in His wings; and for those who fear His name will the darkness of this mortal night be dissolved forever by the glory of His immediate presence. Praise the Lord!

Surrounded as we are by these tokens of His appearing, we realize that another cycle of God's dealing with sinful man is drawing to a close. The gracious offer of this dispensation, "By grace are ye saved through faith . . ." is not being consummated because of our Lord's impatience, but because of the evermounting coldness with which His invitation has been and is being received. As in the latter part of the dispensations of the past, the good news of this day, with two exceptions, is being used as a vindication of the righteousness of God rather than as an instrumentality by which many souls are being turned to the Savior. It seems that God's people of today are being sent as Noah, "to condemn the world," and as Isaiah, "to make the heart of this people fat, and their ears heavy".

The two exceptions to the above mentioned rule are the mission field and personal evangelism.

1. **The Call To Foreign Missions**—No wonder the Master commanded His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He knew that the gospel is not a gospel when preached over and over in a Christ-rejecting land. He knew that its primary use would be among those who had never heard the message of the cross. Therefore, He instructed them to entrench themselves nowhere, but to move continually from one harvest field to another—"in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

This program of mobility should be adopted by every born again child of God. We sing, "Where He leads me I will follow," and then, the next day, we ask God to O. K. a list of personal ambitions instead of handing Him a blank sheet of paper upon which to affix His plan for our lives.

If every elegible Christian were to do this, do you know how the paper would read when returned to us? If you do not know the answer, or if you know it and do not agree, it is quite certain that your heart has never been truly attuned to the heart of God as He looks daily upon men whose ears have not yet heard the glad tidings of great joy. You have never known the fellowship of Christ's sufferings whose blood was poured out without respect of persons that all men (black, white, yellow, red or brown) might be saved. You have never allowed God to so stir your imagination that you have lived as in the body of a poor, illiterate, sin-controlled heathen. You have never realized the difference between a ministry in the home land of wheedling and gleaning, and one in the foreign field of invitation and harvest.

"Oh," but you say, "I can't go unto the uttermost part of the earth! The Lord needs me here in a profession! Not **everybody** can go to the mission field!" And, if you have an ear to hear, friend, you will hear Him answer, "When **everybody** goes to the mission field, **you** can consider the home land. I have a host

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delicious titbits. Once again, Sherman was right: "War is hell!" And the old Hebrew Psalmist was also right: "Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah" (Ps. 33:12). Nations that become apostate, hate the Jew, and bow the God of Israel out of their councils, are on their way to dog meat!

THE KISS OF DEATH

Miss Dorothy Mori, aged 34, winner of a beauty contest in St. Louis in 1927, several days ago was standing at the bar of a saloon in New York. Into that saloon stepped a desperado—"Red Murray" Fershing, ex-convict and parole violator. The female Judas, to "balance an account", stepped up to "Red Murray" and kissed him. Instantly the detectives at the bar or in hiding, pounced upon the desperado, and when it was over, Fershing lay dying at the feet of the woman, with six slugs in his body. When will men understand that the kiss of the scarlet woman is a kiss of death? When she once plants her painted lips upon your face, only the marvellous Savior of marvellous grace is able to save; "for, her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead" (Prov. 2:18).

We are living in a time when many ministers should be preaching the Prophetic Word who belittle it and even scorn to preach it. However, if it can be shown that the Scriptures reveal the future with unerring exactness, could there possibly be a stronger evidence that the Scripture is the inspired Word of the God Who sees the end from the beginning? In these days of wide spread unbelief, what a tremendous mistake we are making in not using this evidence to convince youth, whose breasts are being filled with skepticism in our modern universities.

On the day of Pentecost Peter appealed to the resurrection of Jesus Christ as being a fulfilment of prophecy. His sermon was based upon the fulfilment of prophecies of the Old Testament, and, that preaching brought three thousand skeptical Jews to their knees, crying out, "Men and brethren what must we do to be saved?"

We have just read in that well known missionary magazine, **"World Dominion and the World Today,"** that

> "A campaign has been launched in America for the distribution of a quarter-million New Testaments among Jewish people in various lands. A special Testament is being prepared in which verses that signify the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies appear in bold faced type, making plain to the Jews that the New Testament is the completion and fulfilment of Old Testament revelations, and that Jesus is the true Messiah and Savior of Jew and Gentile alike."

of children who are planning as you are. I have only a comparative few who have set themselves to obey this call to the highest good. I guarantee you that **this** call—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"—is never overcrowded with applicants; no, nor ever shall be. 'The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few.' "

If we are to remain behind, it is God's business to shut doors, not ours. If He does not want us to go, if He thinks that we can best serve Him in this country in a professional or lay capacity, is it possible that He is powerless to forestall our goings and redirect our plans? Let us remember that our common sense decisions are only acceptable as we make them in accordance with His written Word. The Word "Go" is our guide until we can go no further. And let us cease from being so earth-bound that we cannot take God as our Guide every step of the way. "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left".

2. **The Call to Personal Evangelism**—The second exception to the fact that the gospel is being used primarily as a vindication of God's righteousness in the declining days of this dispensation, is personal evangelism.

It would seem that the days of Moody and Torrey and Billy Sunday are past. Those who stand behind the pulpit now—meaning those who preach an unperverted gospel, for the others are not worthy of mention—but rarely see a spirit of revival break forth in a meeting. The souls who come forward to the altar are usually the result of some intense personal work, not some Spirit-filled message. Indeed, there are so many other attractions for the pleasure-mad sinner that the house of God rarely finds any goodly company of them within its walls.

So the preachers of our day—and who shall say that they are not as Spirit-filled as in the past—are largely the justifiers of God's righteousness; whereas, to the layman has been entrusted the privilege of gleaning what few souls remain to be gathered until the body of Christ is complete.

(a) **The personal worker must mingle with the unsaved**—No man whose eye has been fixed upon the trend of the times in which we live can fail to see that personal work is the order of the day. It is a time of hand-picked fruit. Since the sinner will not come to the house of God, those who are ineligible for foreign service are bound to go out into the streets and byways that they may hear the gospel through our individual testimonies. Thus we will meet the first requirement of soul winning, which is to mingle with the unsaved.

"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." If we follow Jesus we will find ourselves more often in the company of unbelievers than otherwise, for He was so often with the publicans and sinners that He was called a winebibber and a gluttonous man. God move upon us to go to the orchard when we seek fruit, not to some self-gratifying cloister among select friends. Let us beware lest our organizations become mere machines rather than the instrumentalities through which we may most effectively reach the unsaved.

(b) **The personal worker must be diligent**—In personal work, as in the business world, there is no royal road to success. The Word says that we are **laborers** together with God. If the business world honors the diligent, how much more will God do so. God has given us a fabulous endowment (spirit, soul and body, in other words, our personality). By regeneration He has equipped us with the wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption of His blessed Son. With such an endowment and equipment, how it behooves us to so surrender our wills and exercise our intellects that we may "be ready", as we read in Peter, "always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you. . . ."

The best way to learn to do personal work is to **do** it. Practical experience is the oven wherein one's theories are made edible to a starving humanity. It is one thing to fondle one's convictions in the home and church; it is quite another to come to grips with the wisdom of this world and seek to express them there, It is one thing to study and sit under the teachings of great men of God. It is quite another to allow the Lord to press us into circumstances where we are pushed beyond second-hand knowledge into real creative thinking. Paul invited the untoward, knowing that, as nothing else, it would heat his zeal white hot, and make him to realize the depths of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God.

God doesn't hold us responsible for that which we do not know, but for that which we know. "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Hudson Taylor told the story of a Chinese pastor who asked one of his recent converts how many souls he had won to Christ. "Oh, I haven't won any," was the reply. "You see, I am only a learner. I just received my first New Testament the other day."

"Have you any candles in your home?" the pastor inquired.

"Yes."

"Do you expect them to shine after they have burned half of the way down?"

"No," said the convert, seeing through this application of a spiritual truth, "they should shine as soon as they are lit."

Some weeks later the conversation was renewed and the pastor was overjoyed to learn that his convert had let his light, small though it was, shine before men, with the result that he had won several souls for Christ.

Theoretical knowledge is a good think only as we apply it on the practical plane, for it is only as mind and will co-operate that it is proven true, both to ourselves and to others. "So then death worketh in us, but life in you," said Paul. "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore speak."

(c) **The personal worker must have the fellowship of His sufferings for the lost**—We are not merely sign warning men to flee from the wrath to come, but His ambassadors, beseeching sinful men and women to be reconciled to a holy God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Full many a time we are "the savior of death unto death", but if we are personally and passionately devoted to Jesus, this will not make us hard and metallic. His Spirit will continue to pour His love through us that God may win each day such as should be saved.

If God is glorified exceedingly through the preaching

THINK IT OVER

At every breath you draw four souls perish, never having heard of Christ.

of the gospel to a Christ-rejecting world, how much more shall He be magnified, and His grace esteemed abundant, through those who accept His Son! It is not that **we** are anything, but that His plan of salvation was so perfect through His Son that poor, helpless sinners might be altered into His likeness! It is as we shall render Him our gratitude throughout the ages and ages that the abundant grace shall redound to the glory of God. "For all things are for **your** sakes, that the abundant grace, might **through the thanksgiving of many,** redound to the glory of God."

The great passion of Paul's life was that He might know Christ, and the more he came to know Him that much more did he seek to swell that chorus of thanksgiving which would resound from the lips of the redeemed. His nearness to Christ made him **beseech** men and women to be reconciled to God. "We **pray** you," he said, "in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God."** And again, "For what is our **hope,** or **joy,** or **crown of rejoicing?** Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?"

Unto the Jews, Paul became a Jew, that he might gain the Jews; to them that were under the law, as under the law, that he might gain them that were under the law; to them that were without the law, as without the law, that he might gain them that were without the law. To the weak he became as weak, that he might gain the weak. He was made all things to all men, that he might by all means save some.

Not until we are paying a similar price for the salvation of souls shall we be justified in saying that this is not a time of soul winning, but strictly of vindication and of judgment. Not until we can say with Paul, "Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking "mine own profit, but the profit of many that they may be saved," shall God excuse us for not winning souls in these latter days. Paul's ministry was so fruitful because, under God, he paid a tremendous price. Shall we pay a lesser price and justify ourselves in a fruitless one?

(d) **The personal worker must be wise**—Jesus said, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore **wise as serpents** and harmless as doves."

Fellowship with God will inevitably make His children the exemplaries not alone of His power, but of His wisdom. He will teach us that salvation is never a result of an exercised intellect but of an energized will. Not "if any man will **think** as He does . . ." but "if any man will **do** His will, he shall know of the doctrine. . . ." Spiritual things are a muddle to the unregenerate mind. It is not until the will is surrendered that the Holy Spirit is allowed to suffuse this finite with His infinite understanding.

We must accept the fact, once and for all, that the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God. We must remember that "a man convinced against His will is of the same opinion still." According to the wisdom given unto us, as a wise master builder, we must lay the foundation, which is Christ, through the sinner's acceptance of Him.

We are more than clerks, we are salesmen. We must press continually to a decision. We must seek to get men's names on the dotted line—forever inscribed in the Lamb's book of life. After we have made our proposition known we must make a transaction. The presentation of Christ must be followed by an invitation to receive Him.

A good salesman, after presenting his product, knows the psychological time to close the deal. The personal worker is no exception. By experience the Holy Spirit educates His witnesses to know the exact moment in which the sinner's heart is most open to the gospel. When the conversation becomes sidetracked into some byway of useless argument, He teaches us how to bring it back into proper paths where the sinner is faced with one thing—his personal responsibility before God. Then he will not seek to justify himself by the hypocrisy of others, or the seeming contradictions in the Word of God, but will realize, whether he obeys or not, that it is his own heart that needs cleansing.

It is when the time comes for the invitation that we are most intimidated and hindered. This is Satan's work. He will do anything to keep a sinner from accepting Christ. He does not mind our presentation so much, just so the invitation is silenced. God help us, after we have told of Christ and Him crucified, to remind our listener that there is something that remains to be done on his part, that he must make a personal transaction with God, exchanging his sin for God's Son. "To as many as **received** Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God. . . ." "He that **hath** the Son hath life; but he that **hath not** the Son of God hath not life."

3. **The Call to Every Christian**—As the westering sun of this dispensation of grace nears the horizon, and the eastern sky is filled with those signs which portend the coming night of superlative tribulation, God's trumpets are sounding a last call for service. There are no drafted men in this army. There are no selective boards. Those who walk in these ranks are **enlisted** men and **every** Christian is eligible for service. God does not force men to battle, He constrains them by love: "For the love of Christ constraineth us. . . ." And our eligibility is not determined by our health, size, deficiencies, age, or dependents, but by the measure in which our wills are abandoned to Him: "for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."

"Are you dumb to the trumpets that call us today? Blind to the blazing swords?" Christian, whether young, middle-aged, or old, let us pay our most earnest heed to this final call of God. In the words of another, let us say, "Here am I; send me to the first man I meet, or to the remotest heathen." May we pray, "Send me in person—send me in prayer—send me through my substance—send me through my son or daughter—send me through my friends and fellow Christians—send me to the heathen—send me to the apostate—to the harvest or to the gleaning—to the sowing or to the reaping—to the foreign field or to personal work—anywhere, Lord, in anything and to anyone, that when Thou dost appear I may hear Thee say, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant'—and that Thy great plan for the closing days of this age may be speedily fulfilled."

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That Agreement Between Dr. W. S. Bell and the Foreign Missionary Editor

We have learned that the following statement by Dr. W. S. Bell, of Dayton, O., was published in **The Brethren Evangelist;** and that he sent a copy to **The Brethren Missionary Herald,** requesting its publication "in all fairness" in the latter magazine. The editor, even as he should have done, sent the same to me to handle. I regret that Bro. Bell did not first call our attention to what he apparently believes was a breach of trust. After an understanding between us, if a breach of trust was apparent, I should have been glad to make all due apology, and have had both publications free Bro. Bell from any charge made against him of acting where he had no authority. Having returned to my office after a long absence in the east in Bible Conference work, I am now glad to grant Bro. Bell's request, and publish his statement here in full. It follows:

THE ACTION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE RECENTLY HELD IN ASHLAND, OHIO IN DISMISSING THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD AS A CO-OPERATING BOARD.

Inasmuch as my name has been used by the Grace Group of The Brethren Church in my conversations and correspondence with Dr. L. S. Bauman in a way that may lead people to think that I was presumptuous enough to set myself up and speak for a people without their knowledge or authorized by them, I am setting forth here the facts on the matter.

First—**I acted in my own individual capacity and in no manner as an official or agent of General Conference or of The Brethren Church. What I did was without the knowledge, advice or instruction of General Conference, or any group of men in the church.**

Second—The General Conference in dismissing the Foreign Mission Board as a co-operating Board acted independently of any agreement or knowledge of actions taken by the Grace Conference at Winona Lake, Ind., relative to Foreign Board or name of their Conference.

Third—I met Dr. Bauman at the trial in Dayton and we discussed as I understood, confidentially, the foreign mission work, endeavoring to find a solution that might be agreeable to all that would not disrupt the work and carry forward our work independent of each other.

Fourth—The Saturday before our General Conference, Bro. Bauman called me by long distance phone and requested me to meet with him and we arranged to meet at Marion, O., on Monday, it being understood that we were to meet alone as friends and only in our individual capacity and not as agents of the church.

Fifth—We met at Marion as we agreed on Monday, Aug. 26th, 1940, and before we had any conversations, Bro. Bauman mutually agreed with me to sign the following agreement—Here follows the agreement with his signature and my own attached. The original which I have and he also has a copy of the same:

Marion, Ohio,
August 26th, 1040.

It is mutually agreed between us the undersigned that our meeting at Marion, O., Aug. 26th, 1940, was not in any capacity as officials of The Brethren Church, but in our own individual capacity as friends and that our conversations and meeting is NOT TO BE USED IN ANY WAY IN THE PRESENT CONTROVERSY IN THE BRETHREN CHURCH.

Signed:
W. S. Bell,
Louis S. Bauman.

It was my understanding and I leave it to the readers of this agreement, that I was not assuming to speak for anyone but myself and that our conversations were not to be used in connection with the present church controversy and I regret that Bro. Bauman did not understand it in the same way and that my name has been brought publicly into this matter and has been used as it has.

W. S. Bell.

But now, in all fairness to myself, which I am sure Bro. Bell himself will grant, I wish to make the following explanation and comment.

The statement of Dr. Bell is substantially correct, with one possible exception. When he states that "The General Conference (at Ashland) in dismissing the Foreign Mission Board as a co-operating board, acted independently of any agreement or knowledge of actions taken by the Grace Conference at Winona Lake, Ind., relative to Foreign Board or name of their conference," we feel he is in error. The proof that he is in error can be given by me; but not without doing the very thing of which Dr. Bell complains—being unfaithful to a promise. If Dr. Bell cares to release me from our "agreement", I will furnish the proof.

The release of all claim to The Foreign Society of The Brethren Church by the National Conference of Brethren Churches assembled at Ashland, would never have taken place without that conference not having certain assurances as to what was taking place at Winona Lake. At least, those whose voices were authoritarian in that conference knew what was taking place at Winona Lake.

Just one proof can be given that can be given without breach of confidence. We all certainly recall that the first resolution passed by the conference in Ashland, was not satisfactory to the conference at Winona Lake. I wired information to Dr. Bell at Ashland that the resolution was not satisfactory. The conference at Ashland then took action giving us the assurance we believed we should have, and **that final action** of the Ashland Conference **was** satisfactory. These actions have been published. Now, why should the Ashland Conference have passed a second resolution on Saturday morning if they had no "knowledge of actions taken by Grace Conference at Winona Lake"? Does it not seem a bit strange that when the Western Union and the telephone company were being used by both Dr. Bell and myself during the two conferences that were being held at the same time, that it now is to be believed that the conferences were ignorant of the points of contact responsible for the actions being taken by both conferences? Will Dr. Bell affirm that the two conferences would have taken the actions they did, if they (or at least their leaders) had not known that the two of us had some understanding between us?

However, I wish to affirm emphatically that Dr. Bell at no time gave me the impression in any understanding we had, that he was speaking for The National Conference of Brethren Churches that was to assemble at Ashland. The farthest he went in any conversation

was to say that **he believed** that if the conference to assemble at Winona Lake would do certain things, the conference to assemble at Ashland would do certain things. And that is as far as either of us went. I was more in command at Winona Lake than Dr. Bell was in command at Ashland. Both of us were honestly seeking for a way out of an unhappy situation, which if left to run its course, would land us all into the courts, with shame and disaster to the cause of Christ and foreign missionary endeavor. Neither of us could be sure that our Brethren would agree to see things as we saw them.

As to the meeting between Dr. Bell and myself, at Marion, that such a meeting between us took place, so far as I know, has first been published to the church by this statement that he had caused to be printed. The signed agreement between us was not violated by me. Dr. Bell says that he regrets that "Bro. Bauman did not understand it the same way" as he did. But I **did** understand it the same way. But I did not understand that it covered all other conversations that had taken place between us **before** that meeting. As to the Marion meeting, I kept faith absolutely with Dr. Bell!

In fairness to myself, another impression that might be caused by Dr. Bell's statement, needs to be corrected. Dr. Bell says: "Bro. Bauman called me by long distance phone and requested me to meet him," etc. That is correct. But I am sure that Bro. Bell will also acknowledge that it is correct that during the trial at Dayton, some weeks before, he met me on the street, and requested that I should contact him for a personal conference and talk things over to see if something could not be done to save the church from further litigation, especially in connection with The Foreign Missionary Society; and he assured me that such litigation would take place (not necessarily with his approval) unless something was done. I agreed that I would thus meet him as soon as possible. This meeting at Marion was the result of that promise. And about the first thing that Bro. Bell said to me at Marion was that he had been wondering why he did not hear from me in keeping with that promise. The meeting at Marion therefore was not wholly upon my own initiative, as Bro. Bell's statement might infer.

However, I cannot understand why Dr. Bell should feel that there has been any unpardonable breach of trust on the part of either of us. Dr. Bell himself told me that he felt our efforts, and the actions of our conferences, had saved "thousands of dollars" of the Lord's money to go into the channels where it should go—to make known the gospel to men, instead of into the hands of lawyers. After the conferences were over, he felt a victory for the cause of Christ had been won by the sensible actions of both conferences. I certainly agreed with him. And I for one have no cause to regret any part I have had in the whole matter, and I certainly feel that Dr. Bell has not cause for regret—rather the opposite.

I hope that the life-long friendship that has existed between us will continue until the Lord calls us home, and takes us off to one side, and helps us both to "know as we are known" by Him.

Louis S. Bauman,
Long Beach, Calif.

Hardships of Children

By Grace Byron, Long Beach, Calif.

Yakonenzi and Ideli lived in a little bush village, hidden among the rocky crest of the hill back of the mission station. They had clung to the old customs and feared to leave them, as the witch doctor had told them that they would die if they went to the chapel. They were very anxious to have a son, and had consulted the witch doctor on several occasions, giving him chickens for his services. The last time they came, he demanded a goat in exchange for the fetish he made. They should keep it inside the hut.

They were overjoyed when they finally had a son. They took him to the shrine and he was given the name Salda.

After the first rain, late in March, they had prepared the ground for their peanut garden. The second rain was slow in coming, at which time they would plant their peanuts. The crop the year before had been light, and food was getting very scarce. Everyone was anxious for a rain. The natives had eaten up most of their food and were living mostly on greens.

Salda was only ten days old when the rain came. As soon as it cleared Ideli started to the garden, carrying little Salda close to her breast to keep him warm, the heat from her own body, being the only protection for his little naked body from the cold.

She balanced a large basket filled with peanuts on her head as she went to her garden about two miles from her house. It kept drizzling off and on, all day as she planted and worked in her garden.

That night, as Ideli lay on the floor near the fire with Salda in her arms, she was kept awake by the baby coughing and sniffling. The next morning his little body was burning hot, and she knew he was very sick, as he was breathing very fast. His father feared to take him to the mission, thinking he would die if he did. He went for the witch doctor who gave them a fetish in exchange for a chicken, saying the baby would be all right; but he steadily grew worse and soon his spirit left the body.

His parents were filled with fear in the presence of death, and, grief stricken, they threw themselves on the ground repeatedly, and picked up stones and banked them on their heads in their anguish. The women of the village came and marched around and around the hut, wailing as they went. The drummer kept up a constant beating of the drums to chase away the evil spirits.

After the days of mourning were over, Yakonenzi and Ideli again appealed to the witch doctor that he would intercede with the gods so that they might have another son. They were again made happy by the birth of a son.

One night, as the family were sleeping around the fire, the baby rolled out of his mother's arms into the fire and was severely burned. His mother and father were awakened by his screams. The witch doctor

plastered them with some concoction, but the sores became infected, and in a few days he was buried near his brother. The relatives and all the village came to mourn and to greet the parents and offer their reasons for their baby's dying. They were sure that they had displeased the spirits, and tried in their ignorance to appease them.

The next dry season another son was born. They were fearful that something might happen to their baby, so they would fool the spirits and not let them know they had a baby by naming Kaka (chicken), and whenever they spoke his name the spirits would be deceived into thinking he was only a chicken. Thus they thought no harm would come to him. But Kaka was only about two years old and was playing at the door when he fell down over the foundation of the hut. His mother came running when she heard him screaming, and he cried for a long time and would not let anyone touch him.

When the witch doctor came he assured the parents that the baby would be all right if they gave him a chicken for doing some of his antics.

After the accident, Kaka could not stand up, and began to crawl instead of walk. After several months, his mother noticed that his legs were not growing and were very weak. The rest of his body grew, but he never walked again, for his spine was injured. He continued to crawl on his hands and knees every place he went. He did not like always to be left behind, and he tried to go with the other children.

One Sunday he followed them to the mission and into the church. There he heard the gospel for the first time. He managed to crawl down off his seat and down the aisle when the invitation was given, and accepted the Lord Jesus. After that he came often and attended the converts' class, and was especially happy the day he was baptised.

Although he had to crawl over the rocks on his hands and knees a distance of a mile or more, he came to the vernacular class and learned to read.

"THE ALL-SUFFICIENT WORD"

(Genesis 1:9)

By Gene Farrell, Long Beach, Calif.

"God said . . . and it was so."
  God spoke, and it was done!
His Word ordained the stars!
  His Word, the moon and sun!
His Word—and shall we doubt?
  Wax feeble-kneed and cold?
For it was God who gave
  This Word which we behold.

"God said . . . and it was so."
  God spoke, and it was done!
A nation sprang to life!
  And from its loins, a Son !
From one as good as dead
  God's blessing came to all!
For God had promised Eve
  The race to reinstall.

God's Word is not a void,
  An ethic shorn of power.
Each promise has its proof,
  Each prophecy, its hour.
We link the Word with God,
  Our plea, His precious Son;
And find that all we read
  Is so, or shall be done!

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"We Praise The Lord"

By Estella Myers

The first time we met Kassala was at the dispensary at Bassai. He came with an ulcer on his leg to be treated. His village Ndolo was some distance away, thus he remained with us. He heard the good news, accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptised and returned to his village where there was no catechist.

The devil is always on his job. Sometime afterward when the boys of his village gathered for the shoumaili school, he also enlisted. This is the school where the old men teach devilish worship and the customs of the tribe. Kassala soon found out that it was only a lodge of the devil, and denounced it.

When Miss Byron and I visited his village some years ago, he gathered the people together to hear the way of salvation. In the evening he took us to see a very sick chief whose village joined his. This chief Maidi was grateful for our services, and sent us a goat the next day, that overtook us at the next village named Yayouyeme. We wished this goat to be taken to Bassai; and Kassala, who brought the goat to us, offered to take it, for did he not know the way to Bassai?

When Kassala's village asked for a catechist our former house boy, whose name is Jacque Yaforo, volunteered. Soon after his arival Kassala was married to Kala, who also loved the Lord. Not long ago God gave them a child. Since Kassala, had been to the Shoumaili school, the village expected him to carry out the rites of that organization. This meant appeal to the gods for the child, and to name it. This Kassala refused to do, a thing which caused no little stir in the village. The chief was away at the time, but when he returned he breathed out threatenings against the catechist Jacque for his teachings. Kassala and Kala said God gave them the baby and that their gods could not name it. Brother Jobson made a special trip there and the baby was named Lydia. The chief denied all his threats, and the village calmed down.

The people are watching the child and expect it to die. Kassala and his wife are attending the early morning prayer meetings. The baby is growing nicely. The old men say if it does not die, the young boys will not attend any more the bush school. They may be right in this, for the boys are seeing the folly of this school and denouncing its wicked teachings. They see that the old men have deceived them. Kassala and Kala are standing true.

We praise the Lord everytime we see hearts standing true to Him. Truly, it is His Spirit that regenerates the life. May there be many Kassalas and Kalas in this heathen tribe. Will you pray to this end?

Letter from Dr. Gribble

Andrew Murray Missionary Home,
20 Bellevue St.,
Cape Town, South Africa,
September 12, 1940.

My dear readers of The Brethren Missionary Herald:

If I were to give this letter a title, that title would be: "Some Missionaries I Have Known."

Staying here at this missionary home in Cape Town are missionaries from all parts of Africa, and even from Palestine. They come and go; some for very short periods of time.

When we came here there was a little group going to Nyassaland. They left one day in their little pickup, driving all the way. It was a privilege to follow them with our prayers. We heard later of the difficulties of their journey, but the Lord had marvelously sustained them.

There is a dear little missionary lady here from beyond Luluaba. She has five children in England, and with her the youngest. She is a widow, and waiting to go to England, to rejoin her children. Funds seem to have been delayed by the war, but she continues trusting. All will soon be well, for she is the Lord's own.

A party arrived the other day from England. There were marks of interest about every member. But one young lady with her fiance attracted our attention. Just before leaving England mother and sister had been struck by a falling bomb—and killed! She buried her dear ones, and full of courage has come forth to His glory.

Another party arrived from England consisting of Archdeacon Guillebaud and family and Mrs. Stanley Smith, the latter on her way to rejoin her husband from whom she has been separated two and one half years. We have seen Christ in them and can understand the wondrous revival which has taken place in Ruanda, whither they go.

They know friends of mine formerly in the Congo Belge, no less than the minister who married Mr. Gribble and myself, and the best man at our wedding!

From Palestine, from Egypt, from Nigeria they come, through this greatest of doorways to and from their homelands.

Cape Town friends are very kind to the numerous missionaries coming and going. Now and then a wealthy widow, an enterprising widower, an elderly spinster, or an interested minister puts a car at the disposal of a group of missionaries and we go spinning around the mountain, or admiring the beauties of the sea.

We have most of our meals at the Home at astonishingly reasonable rates, but now and again we are invited out by an American doctor, or a group of missionaries picnic together, or we visit someone at Arcadia, the Missionary Home by the seaside at St. James.

One consecrated godly family have missionary teas regularly to welcome arriving missionaries, and to farewell departing ones. These teas are held in a public hall, and are largely attended. One gives a testimony, another an address, and before we know it we are all acquainted. It was after one of these that a gentleman came and asked me if I were any relation to James Gribble who was in Cape Town 26 years ago, on fire for Oubangui-Chari! "Only his widow," I responded. Thus, in various ways channels of friendship are opened up here and there.

On Mondays one can take one's lunch and attend a weekly Sunday School Convention, called Schoomunck—"Sunday School Monday Lunch."

Occasionally one is asked to speak, now at a Methodist gathering for "March Memorial Orphans," now at a "Baptist Fellowship Meeting for Young People," now at a "Post Office Christian Association" (something new under the sun), now at a group missionary meeting.

A bus takes us from our very door to the heart of Cape Town, where business has been boiled down, so to speak, so that all important business houses are within walking distance of each other. Then the bus delivers us again at our door on the (sometimes) sunny slope of the mountain.

For Cape Town, like California, is having "unusual" weather, winter is September instead of June and July as it should have been!

Boats come and go, and when permitted, missionaries can board crowded ships which sail monthly to New York. Sometimes, in spite of bookings months ahead, one can get passage through accidental cancellation in a few days. One missionary has been required to wait two months.

I expect to be here, the Lord willing, until the last of January. You missionaries and missionary candidates must book soon if you are to arrive by that time! The Lord will undertake through the board for you to obtain all the necessary visaes and permissions, and we hope to see you soon! French Equatorial Africa will be open for gospel at least for the "duration", as they say here. Why wait? The **end** of the **war** may mean closed doors to many mission fields. He Who is coming soon said: "Occupy **till** I come."

As I go back to French Equatorial Africa I know not what awaits my colleagues and myself there, but I know it is sweet to be in His will. I know too that French Equatorial Africa needs and must have reinforcements for the harvest.

Faithfully yours,
FLORENCE N. GRIBBLE.

THE CONTINUING CHRIST

Far, far away is Bethlehem,
  And years are long and dim
Since Mary held the holy Child
  And angels sang to Him:
But still to hearts where love and faith
  Make room for Christ in them,
He comes again, the Child from God,
  To find His Bethlehem.

O Life that seems so long ago,
  And yet is ever new,
The fellowship of love with Thee,
  Through all the years is true.
O Master over death and time,
  Reveal Thyself, we pray,
And as before amongst Thine own,
  So dwell with us today!

—W. Russell Bowie.

"MISSIONARIES' MISSIVES"

MISS ESTELLA MYERS WRITES: "It is raining today and very cold. We have plenty of food, good garden, milk and butter from the goats. We have peace and joy within our hearts. There is much time spent in prayer for there is lots to do. We must work in heart."

(It is evident that there are still some people left who believe that the more time spent in prayer the more time they will have to do other things. It reminds us of what Martin Luther once said. He declared that he had so much to do that he never could get it done without spending three or four hours a day in prayer. That may seem an absurd statement to a mind that is not spiritual, but to those who are acquainted with the Lord and understand the mystery of His ways, the statement is not strange at all.—Ed.)

AGAIN MISS MYERS WRITES: "Everything is O. K. I just am busy with the translation. Want to see the New Testament finished this year. I know that God will supply the funds to see it printed. If we at any time are expelled from this land may the New Testament be left with the Karre people if the Lord tarries that long."

(Miss Myers has the right idea. If the fortunes or the misfortunes of war should ever cause our missionaries to be expelled from French Equatorial Africa, what a marvellous thing it will be to know that they have left behind the New Testament, the Word of God printed in the language that the natives can understand. The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any twoedged sword and it does not have to lean upon the arm of flesh in order to do its work. This does not mean that the consecrated arm of flesh is not helpful, but the Word of God is not absolutely dependent upon it. Let us pray that Miss Myers may be given health and strength to complete the translation of the New Testament and that the Lord will supply the funds to see that it is printed. Perhaps, this brief message will speak very plainly and definitely to some of our brethren or sisters who have this world's goods. How sweet it would be in the dying hour or in the day that you stand in the light of the glory of His face in another world to know that your gift made possible the reading of the Word of God by tens of thousands who would not have had it otherwise. After all the joys of Paradise are the joys that are going to be dependent in a very large measure upon the deeds done in this present life.—Ed.)

MRS. GRIBBLE UNDER DATE OF OCT. 12th WROTE to the home secretary as follows: "Mrs. Kennedy arrived here Oct. 8th. She was booked to sail Oct. 11th, but her boat the Challenger has now been deferred to Oct. 25th. Please notify her friends of this delay and of the possibility of further delays so that they need not be anxious. She is as you doubtless know returning for an operation and was accompanied as far as Leopoldville by Miss Emmert. Since circumstances made it impossible for them both to obtain passage, Miss Emmert asked Mrs. Kennedy to precede her and telegraph me to reserve passage for her which I did. I trust this explanation will reach you before her arrival. The motive for the three voyages is:

1. Mrs. Kennedy's health.

2. Miss Emmert was accompanying her and separation was made necessary by circumstances of travel.
3. The Sheldon's are taking advantage of the trip to send Kenneth home to school."

FROM MISS MABEL CRAWFORD COMES A LETTER written on Sept. 5th, 1940. Mabel's letters are always intensely interesting. The little common place affairs in the lives of our missionaries in Africa are intensely interesting to us here in the homeland who think of them so often and wonder just how they are getting along. From Miss Crawford's letter we quote:

"I haven't had a letter from home since the middle of June and it was written in April. A few papers have come through lately and some of the folks got a few letters the other day, but I didn't happen to be one of the lucky ones. Maybe because I put so much stock in my mail, the Lord thinks He needs to give me a lesson in patience. I can't say that I like it any too well but no doubt it is good for me. . . .

"We don't know what is going to happen from day to day. With two French governments now and both of them wanting the colonies we feel as though we might see some fighting out here one of these days. The French Free government has taken over the colony but the Vichy government may challenge them any day. We must just wait upon our Lord and have faith and trust in Him. Naturally we expect to be true to the government in power and look to the Lord to keep this colony open for His servants until He calls us upward. Of course, if our government comes permanently under the new Free government, we cannot help but see the advantages for U. S. is recognizing it rather than Vichy and we will be able to get supplies which they refuse to supply while we are under "long-distance" German control. Such things as flour, gasoline, etc. that come to us from U. S. are beginning to get pretty low. . . .

"We are all badly feeling the need of new recruits. Several are in need of their furloughs and even us who still have months or even a year on the field are feeling decidedly the stress and strain of these uncertain days. Why, I'm getting grey! I was horrified when Mrs. Kennedy discovered I had about a dozen grey hairs. She pulled them out, but what good will that do? Life for Miss Myers and I here alone at Bassai hasn't been too much of a 'picnic' but we are trying to carry on. Sometimes when tired to the point of desperation I wonder what is the use in our trying to hold out so long against odds but in my better moments I realize that we must be faithful. That is all He asks of us and 'as our days so shall our strength be'. . . .

"I'm dividing my attention between this letter and the kitchen so if this seems rather jumpy blame it on that. I'm in a 'jam' today . . . or at least a jam mood. I have finished cooking two pint glasses of mixed ground cherry and guava preserves and four glasses of guava jelly. Now I have a pan of jam (made from the jelly leavings) on the fire. It will soon be time for me to go to school so I hope it hurries up a bit. I have been doing a lot of canning lately, both for myself and for conference. I've also dried about a dozen

quarts of corn. We have to make the most of the food the Lord has given us for we don't know how much we will be dependent upon the land this year. Since I am responsible for the conference garden I've already had to think about that and have it under way. Conference is less than three months off . . . how time does fly. We hope some of our folks at home get out before that time, otherwise we will be a pretty slim number. . . .

"This is a beautiful sunshiny day and I hear a woman taking advantage of it down in the valley where she is beating flour on a large flat-top rock. The thud, thud, thud, of her mallet comes up to me here as plainly as though she were in my back yard. The view out over the valley with its contrasts of colors and light and shade (made by white-banked clouds) is inspiring. I certainly do love Bassai's scenery."

(Well, Sister Crawford, pulling out the grey hairs won't help along at all. The situation on top of the editors head is bad enough as it is. Imagine what it would be if he had pulled out every grey hair as it came along with the years. Don't you ever again let Mrs. Kennedy operate upon your hair. After all, who said that auburn is a more beautiful color than silvery grey?—Ed.)

ANOTHER INTENSLEY INTERESTING PARAGRAPH FROM MISS CRAWFORD'S LETTER, dated Sept. 25th, causes pastors at home to realize that missionares upon the foreign field have the same difficult problems with which to deal and the same difficulties to overcome that we have in our churches at home. Scores of pastors in Boston or in Philadelphia or in Chicago or in San Francisco might have written these words gleaned from Miss Crawford's letter.

"The spirit of irreverence and disrespect that is world-wide has invaded our ranks and the attitude of insubordination and defiance on the part of many of our natives (even among the young kids in school) is one of the hardest things we have to face these days. Sometimes I think that what these people here at Bassai need is to be left to themselves. We have carried them along for almost 20 years. If everyone would leave and give the field to them maybe they would stand on their own feet a bit. It is unfortunate that conditions of illiteracy, etc. make it necessary for missionaries to settle down indefinitely in one tribe. Wish we could be more Pauline. When the mission stays too long with such people as these we become too commonplace . . . that horrid but true old adage 'familiarity breeds contempt'. What the folks need here is some new life or something. Maybe what a lot of them need is just that—'the new life' ".

(Whether the African convert or the New York convert what they need is just that—"the new life".—Ed.)

ORVILLE D. JOBSON, WRITES FROM BOZOUM, F.E.A.—"You discuss the problem of forwarding money to the field. . . . The Lord only will be able to lead you, and we shall be praying that wisdom shall be granted you. Also, in this letter you discuss the uncertainties surrounding the sailing of the missionaries. These uncertainties are doubled now, if they are not altogether become, in human understanding, impossibilities. But with God nothing is impossible. What the future is for us, He alone knows, but so far there have been no changes here; everything is moving along as usual. We are going forward with the work, waiting for further news. We are well provided for a number of months to come, from every point of view. Attendance at all of the chapels in this district is on the increase.

. . . May the Lord keep the doors open until the last soul has heard, and the witness of the church completed."

AFRICAN PROVERBS and ILLUSTRATIONS

Collected by Miss Mary L. Emmert

(Miss Mary L. Emmert, in charge of our school at Yaloke, French Equatorial Africa, after listening for a number of years to the native evangelists, collected from them a number of proverbs and illustrations. These Africans, who have just emerged from the depths of heathenism and ignorance, have their own unique way of expressing themselves. The following proverbs and illustrations reveal the fact that these natives are thinking straight. As a matter of fact, those of us in the homeland can profit by their ideas.—L.S.B.)

1. **"If the kettle is dirty, it must be washed before one can fill it with clear water." "One washes the hands before eating."**
Even so, one must be cleansed of his sins before he can be used of the Lord.

2. **"When the grass is dry it burns. It is green now, but there is a day coming when it will burn."**
There is likewise a day of judgment coming for sinners.

3. **"Put the fire out before leaving the house." "Put the ridge cap on the house before quitting."**
See to the question of salvation, and be prepared against the danger to come before all else.

4. **"The child creeps before it walks."**
We must be humble in the way of the Lord.

5. **"To those who are hypocritical: Do not kick over a toad stool with both feet at once, for you will fall." "Do not try to smoke rats out of two different holes at the same time."**
Don't try to do two things at once; to serve God and the world.

6. **"Do not be like the foolish woman who puts water on the fire to heat, but does not put wood on the fire."**
Do not be lukewarm in the way of God.

7. **"Who takes his eyes to buy with?"**
Our life is worth more than money. What will a man give in exchange for his soul?

8. **"Catfish are one family, and sardines another."**
"Birds of a feather flock together." Christians are to be a separate people.

9. **"Do not be afraid, for no one can put a rope around the neck of your soul."**
This illustration was given to a gang of prisoners.

10. **"Don't be like a man with a hole in his pocket."**
He keeps putting good things in, and rejoices greatly, but when he comes to the end of his journey he has nothing at all. You people are always glad to hear the Word but never accept the Lord.

11. **"Don't be like the man who says that the food is good, but never eats of it."**
If you say that the food is good, but you never eat of it, will your hunger be satisfied?

12. **"Don't try to hold a fish by the tail and put it back in the water, for the water will take it again."**
We were once sinners, and now we can't afford to play with sin, for it will get us.

13. **"Don't spoil the shady place where you are sitting, and then be obliged to sit in the sun."**
You who live here at the mission have a good place. Don't spoil it by sin.

14. **"Don't be like the fish in the fish trap, which plays around in the trap to attract the others into the same trap."**
Those who get into sin and try to entice the others away are like this.

15. **Don't be like the bird whose feet are stuck in the bird lime who chatters very gaily until the whole**

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

Almost a year ago when the Philadelphia Third church learned that the writer was moving east, they contacted him about conducting their revival for this fall. There were at least two reasons why the evangelist was happy to accept this gracious invitation. First because he felt the Lord was directing to this end, and second, because he well remembers the wonderful meeting and fellowship enjoyed with these good people 10 years ago.

Once again I have discovered that the pastor, Bro. Steffler, makes a splendid yoke mate. This is equally true in the pulpit as well as upon the field of labor. The congregation were equally loyal and ready to cooperate in the task of personal evangelism.

Our hearts were strangely warmed as we beheld the beautiful spirit of Christian love which surcharged the atmosphere. From the beginning to the end of the two weeks meeting there was not a sour note (except when the evangelist forgot and tried to sing in a sermon). When a pastor and evangelist are called of God to conduct a meeting under such favorable conditions, conscious of the Holy Spirit's leading, both will be willing to spend and be spent for His glory. Night after night the people gathered for prayer. Day after day they went out in true apostolic fashion to visit homes. Even when the evening services closed these good people sent the pastor and evangelist home with pies and cake. Who wouldn't make good? This reminds us of the story of a little insect known as the chameleon which possesses the ability to change its color to harmonize with its environment. A witty Irishman bought one and tested its ability by placing it in on many colors. The little fellow made good. Finally Pat placed it on a bright plaid garment. His little friend almost turned himself inside out trying to make good. When churches properly support their pastors and care for their needs, preachers will go the limit to make good. Try it and see.

Not the least of things to be remembered about this wonderful meeting was the splendid delegation of the Allentown Brethren who drove over to add to the inspiration and fellowship of this Holy Ghost revival. Why do we call it by this caption? Because both pastor and evangelist were willing to be yielded to His unerring counsel. The Holy Spirit certainly brought conviction to hearts as a large number found their way in tears to the altar and knelt for prayer to find Christ as their Savior.

When the two weeks were over and the time came to separate, it was like breaking home ties. We thought we would never get started for home. Some day, perhaps soon, time will be no more and we can fellowship on forever with no interruption.

We are leaving the reporting of the numerical results to the pastor, but we do want to say a word of appreciation for the wonderful hospitality accorded us. The parsonage was our headquarters. This is the second time we have had this privilege. However time makes its changes and now two more are added to the home.

(While the pastor isn't listening I want to say that it was a real pleasure to witness a home where the children, real children, were being properly trained and reared as becometh a Christian home, viz, to recognize Christian headship.) Almost every day found us in different homes which tried to vie with each other in caring for the temporal needs of their evangelist. Certainly it is true that he that giveth a cup of cold water in a prophet's name shall receive a prophet's reward.

Then too, permit us to say one word of appreciation for that thoughtful love offering given the evangelist. Perhaps it was a little unusual for both evangelist and church to engage in evangelistic work without mentioning one word about remuneration, but such was the case. Not until the meetings were well under way did the question, unofficially, come up. Did I not say we left everything to the Spirit's guidance? Well, even here He did a good job too. Many thanks for this tangible expression, brethren.

While this epistle is getting altogether too lengthy, the writer would add two more conclusions. First, the Allentown congregation in lending their pastor were well repaid by hearing soul-stirring messages from the Brethren Steffler and Bauers (the latter being a Philadelphia Bible School student). Also, in the pastor's absence the Allentown Church was privileged to see and hear illustrated lectures of Palestine by Bro. and Sister Conard Sandy which were a benefit to all. The second conclusion is to include the report of the recent Bible conference conducted by Rev. Robert Crees, who delivered three messages from Genesis to our people. Both these men will do our churches a lot of good.

Brethren let us pray for one another that His will may be our will

Yours in His service because of Calvary,

JOS. L. GINGRICH.

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band come and perch on the same limb, and are likewise stuck fast."

Pay no attention to those who are making a big ado over the good times they are having in the way of sin.

16. **"No one has the strength to put a heavy ladder up to the tree alone."**

We must all work together.

17. **"The bird that takes the bait falls by it."**

The good things the devil gives us are like the bait put in the trap to catch rats.

18. **"If a runner has come a long ways with an important message and you know he is weary and footsore, what do you do? You relay the message. Someone else carries it on."**

The missionaries have come a long ways with the message and have taught it to some of us. It is our duty to carry it on.

SUMMARY OF EAST DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP

The East District Fellowship of Brethren Churches, formerly known as the Pennsylvania Brethren Bible Conference, held its second annual meeting in the First Brethren Church of Waynesboro, Pa., Oct. 21-24, 1940.

A more hospitable group of Brethren can scarcely be found. They gave the Fellowship the best of the land in lodging and food. This was their pastor's first experience of entertaining such a large group but the experience of the congregation in past years left nothing undone.

One of the outstanding highlights of the Fellowship was the music. Bro. and Sister Leo Polman were with us during all of the Fellowship and gave of their talent unstintingly. Piano, accordion and the triple octave chimes all came in for their share together with

the voices of the musical couple. Most every session was honored with a special number not only from the Polmans but from our brethren and sisters in our Fellowship. The church choir also splendidly gave of their talent each evening service.

The opening message was delivered by Bro. Wm. Clough of Uniontown on Monday night and the closing message by Bro. Archie L. Lynn on Thursday night. Every message in between was spiritual, true to the Word and challenging to holier living.

The Fellowship organized as follows: Moderator, Ord Gehman; Vice-Moderator, R. D. Crees; Secretary, W. H. Schaffer, Jr.; Assistant Secretary, Clair Gartland; Treasurer, J. L. Gingrich; and Statistician, E. F. Pine. A complete record of the organization will be found in the 1941 National Fellowship Annual.

The Fellowship was honored with other visiting Brethren besides those already mentioned. Bro. and Sister Conard Sandy, Bro. and Sister Norman Uphouse, Bro. and Sister L. L. Grubb, Sister Elizabeth Tyson, and Bro. Roy Long.

We were conscious of the leading of the Holy Spirit all through our deliberations and our earnest prayers were to that end. God richly blessed every part of a very full program and it was the testimony of those who attended that they had been spiritually refreshed and encouraged. The misgivings and doubtful disputes of past years was lacking and liberty and freedom prevailed.

Some of the high-lights in business transacted were: the organizing of a mission board to carry on the work of missions in this district. This Board is now caring for three already established churches which need some financial aid, and is planning to survey during this year two prospective fields for new Brethren Churches in co-operation with the Brethren Home Missions Council. Two possible sites have already been selected and a Bible class is being held in one. A Young People's Camp Committee was selected by the ministerial group to locate and make plans for a suitable summer camp. The Executive Committee has already arranged for an outstanding Fellowship next Oct. 13-16.

Although our publishing house, seminary, Missions Council, and foreign missionary interests were represented and their unashamed progress noted, there were no demands made upon the members of our Fellowship for loyalty or for being ruled out of the Fellowship. The only thing to which we feel obligated to pledge our loyalty is to our Lord and Master Jesus Christ and His Holy Word.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

W. H. SCHAFFER, Jr., Sec.

THANKS BE TO GOD*

By John Edward Abnett, Jackson, Ky.

I thank Thee, Lord, for the heavy task,
For the ever quickening pace
Of the busy day, for it proves the pow'r
Of Thy Spirit's sustaining grace.

I thank Thee, Lord, for the sadding blow
That turned my face unto Thee,
From the idol that threatened to wean me away
From power and victory.

I thank Thee, Lord, for the clouded sky,
For darkness that stopped my feet
And made me cry out for Thy guiding hand
And made my surrender complete.

*First publication.

Found in Our Mail

"I can't tell you how much the HERALD means to us. And what a wonderful little paper it is . . . so very different, and alive with Gospel truth on every page."

E. M., Penna.

"We praise the Lord, for the fine church paper we have. I don't think there is any better. Then, too, we are sure that since Bro. Polman is putting full time to the work it will be more than doubled this year. Who knows, it might become a daily before he is through with it!"

R. B., Penna.

"Too many people itch for what they want without scratching for it."

"Some say a revival is temporary. So is a bath!" That's why we are in need of another one.

After a colored pastor had preached a sermon on the theme, "The Water of Salvation Is Free" (Isa. 55: 1), one of his members asked him, "How come, parson, if you says 'de watah ob salvation am free,' do you all de time plague us for money?" The parson gathering up all of his dignity arose to the occasion with this apt reply, "Rastus, its true, de 'watah ob salvation is free' but somebody's got to pay de pipin'?" Are you going to help pay for "the piping?"

Happy New Year

As we face a new quarter among our Sunday Schools, the **honor** of being **first** to submit the order for the first quarter of the new year goes to the Brethren Church at Danville, Ohio. Next in order comes Bethel Brethren at Berne, Indiana, and third is the Limestone Brethren in Tennessee. Each of these three has sent remittance in full to cover the order and have thereby set the precedent!

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MONTHLY PRAYER CALENDAR

On their respective birthdays, the names, favorite Scripture verses, and prayer requests of pastors, missionaries, and others in the brotherhood engaged in Christian work, will appear under this head. Please see that each member in your society is assigned one of the following names for daily prayer. Assign a different name to each member weekly. If you know of others whose names should have appeared this month, please notify The Editorial Office Sec'y of The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. at once.

Dec. 1—Rev. Bernard Schneider, pastor at Washington, D. C. Rom. 8:38, 39. Pray that the Holy Spirit may cleanse and prepare me for better service, and that the Lord will give us a great burden for lost souls in The Brethren Church.

Dec. 3—Dr. Florence N. Gribble, missionary to Africa now on furlough in Cape Town, Africa. Pray that all the missionaries waiting to sail may soon go forth.

Dec. 4—Miss Mary Emmert, missionary to Africa now trying to get passage home. Pray for an opening for her home trip and for a safe arrival; also for the school work which she left as it is carried on in her absence.

Dec. 4—Mrs. W. A. Ogden, wife of pastor of First Brethren Church, Los Angeles. No request submitted.

Dec. 10—Rev. Floyd Shiery, student at Dallas Theological Seminary, pastor of Winnetka Congregational Church. II Cor. 8:9. Pray for a continued growth in the knowledge of the Lord among the members of the Winnetka Church, for personal direction as to service in the Lord's work, and for a continued aggressive attitude among all the Brethren toward our missionary work.

Dec. 12—Mrs. R. I. Humberd, wife of pastor at Martinsburg, Pa. Ps. 103:1. Pray for our young people, several of whom are in definite service for our Lord; also that our church may have a good offering for home missions.

Dec. 15—Mrs. Sewell Landrum, wife of pastor at Clayhole, Ky. Jer. 33:3. Pray for the unsaved young people at Clayhole; also that we might be given wisdom and strength in all we do for Him.

Dec. 17—Rev. Norman Uphouse, pastor at Winchester, Va. Gal. 2:20. Pray that the Lord will make me usable in His sight to lead a home mission point to be self supporting, yet dependent upon the Lord for everything.

Dec. 21—Mrs. Walter Meikley, wife of Grace Seminary student pastor of Christian Church, Palestine, Ind. I Jn. 4:4. Pray for the young people's Sunday School Class of which I am teacher, for the revival of hearts in the church where we are privileged to minister, for the salvation of a number in this church who have only churchianity and not Christianity, and for God's blessing upon the health of the students in the coming winter.

Dec. 22—Rev. J. W. Hathaway, acting pastor at Fillmore, Calif., while on furlough from Africa. Phil. 4:13. Pray for the work here in Fillmore that people may be saved and that God's children may be built up in the faith.

Dec. 26—Rev. A. L. Lantz, pastor at Spokane, Wash. Rom. 1:16. No requests submitted.

Dec. 27—Rev. Harold Dunning, missionary under appointment to Africa, now pastor at Clayton, O. Phil. 3:10. Pray that the Lord will supply a French visa and transportation, also that the Lord will bless the Clayton church with a real passion for lost souls.

Dec. 29—Rev. R. Paul Miller, secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council. No requests submitted.

Dec. 31—Dr. V. C. Kelford, dean of Florida Bible Institute. Heb. 12:1, 2. Pray for meetings he will be holding in the northeast after Christmas.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR RALLY AT WAYNESBORO

On Oct. 11 four C. E. societies met at Waynesboro for a rally and evening of fellowship. The churches represented were Hagerstown Second, Washington, D. C., Winchester and the host church. Norman Uphouse had charge of the program, L. L. Grubb led the music, Bernard Schneider gave an excellent message, and R. D. Crees had charge of the Social hour.

The Washington society came in a chartered bus, and after some delay arrived in high spirits. They claim that it was a lot of fun to ride the bus. We had over 100 present during the evening.

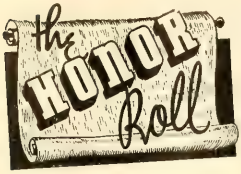
To prove that this is more than a preachers meeting, we elected four officers to plan for future events. Lorraine Dyer is the president. She has three other membrs to help her; one from each church.

Our next meeting will be held in December at Washington, D. C. L. L. Grubb will be our speaker. We have decided to have similar rallies every two months.

We hope other societies will group together and meet for rallies where distance permits. The good that can come from these meetings is greater than I can mention here. I do know that you might do a good work by starting something in this direction.

Any news of parties, special programs, victories, etc., ought to get in our news solumn. Please send such information to me at Winchester and I will forward it to The Brethren Missionary Herald.

Norman H. Uphouse.



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Here and There

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Rev. Alton M. Witter, South Bend, Ind., occupied the pulpit of Rev. Geo. W. Kinzie of the First Brethren Church, West Kittanning, Pa., during Rev. Kinzie's recent appendicitis operation.

During Rev. Witter's stay at West Kittanning, he held a week of "Harvest Home" services from Nov 4th to Nov. 10th. Several evenings the sermons were illustrated in film slides—cartoons being drawn by Dr. E. J. Pace, contributor to the Sunday School Times, and the paintings by Hoffmann. The services drew a great deal of interest and a very nice attendance. The Harvest Home offering was liberal.

Nov. 11th and 12th, the church had the pleasure of hearing Miss Elizabeth Tyson, missionary on furlough, from French Equatorial Africa. She delivered two very stirring messages concerning the mission work in Africa.

We praise the Lord for those, in the field of service, spreading the Gospel during these latter days. May we continue to work till He comes.

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EDITORIALS

By Alva J. McClain
President, Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind

This Issue of the Herald

Dr. McClain

Because the Seminary surrendered its regular space in the November issue of the Herald, which we were glad to do in order to make room for the annual conference material, we are being granted extra space this month. Therefore, we are using the opportunity to present the work of the Seminary somewhat more fully than usual; especially since many of our churches have been setting aside the Christmas season as a time to remember the school in special prayer and gifts.

A Work of Faith

From the beginning, it has seemed to be the Lord's will that Grace Theological Seminary should walk by faith in a special sense. So far as we know, those who have contributed from time to time to its support have not done this because they felt under any ecclesiastical compulsion, but only because they voluntarily chose to do so under the leading of the Holy Spirit. No authoritative church conference ever set any particular day of the year when money must be given to the school. No official "Budget Committee" ever saddled upon the churches a fixed amount of tribute to be rendered annually to this work. No congregation has ever been excommunicated for failure to support the school. No unspiritual strong-arm pressure methods have been used to raise funds for its ministry. The giving to Grace Seminary thus far, so far as we know, has been voluntary, cheerful, and filled with joy, which is what all true Christian giving should be.

If we know our own hearts, we want the giving to continue like this. And should the time ever come when it cannot be so given, joyfully as unto the Lord, then it will be time to stop giving and close the institution. Grace Seminary does not want to be a "burden" loaded on the churches. The churches should not exist for the sake of a school, but the school should exist for the sake of the churches.

By the Grace of God

Walking in this faith, Grace Seminary has come a long way in the little more than three years of her existence. Our experiences during these years have taught us much more than we had known about the name we bear as a school. More than ever before, we have learned the meaning of God's grace. And there has been no time when we have not found this grace wholly sufficient. Our boast, therefore, is not in men, nor in mere things, but in His grace. As we review the past, we can see clearly many failures and much unworthiness on our part. But His grace has never failed. And we are encouraged because we remembr that this is exactly what grace is—the **undeserved** favor of God. Well, we here at Grace Seminary have had a great deal of that kind of favor. In fact, that is the only kind we have had. Our greatest mistakes have always been made when we very foolishly imagined that we deserved something from God. And so we can say with Paul, "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." This language will be understood perfectly by all those who have had a personal experience of the saving and keeping grace of God, by all of you who have prayed for a school where this truth might be taught.

What God Hath Wrought

But let us come to details. Financially, we promised God in the beginning that this school would never go into debt for operating expenses, and to date we have never had to think about such a step. Sometimes we have not been able to see any distance in the future but when the time and the need came the Lord proved Himself faithful. When at the recent Winona Conference in August it seemed there would be no time to deal adequately with the matter of finance, in a few minutes you who were there placed a very wonderful offering in our hands. The cash received then, the pledges paid since, together with other outside gifts, met our needs to about the first of December. Then we had prayed definitely that everything could be cared for to the beginning of the Christmas vacation, Dec. 20, which this year will close our first semester. And the other day our tenant on the Laura Busey farm sent us a check which will just carry us to that date—our share of an unusually fine crop of "soy beans!" Some educational authorities might not think it good for the academic health of a school to be dependent on a crop of beans to get through the first semester. But we were depending on the **Lord,** not the beans. As a matter of fact, we had not been sure

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at all about the crop of beans, considering the extremely dry weather in that part of the state, until we actually received the good news "by check." So, last Wednesday night at prayer meeting, we thanked God not only for the many gifts sent in through our friends, but also for the beans. A crop of soy beans may not be quite as elegant a form of income as interest on government bonds, but who are we that we should try to tell God **how** He should provide for us? "God hath chosen the foolish things . . . to confound the wise."

Our Greatest Need

Many of the churches have been taking special offerings for the Seminary at some time during the Christmas season, and many have indicated their intention of doing it again this year. I do not recall who started the custom, but we think it a very gracious action on the part of the pastors and churches. And we feel it would be fine if Christmas could be associated with the ministry of Grace Seminary, just as Easter is related to Foreign Missions, and Thanksgiving to Home Missions.

However, there may be churches where an offering at this time is not convenient, and which are planning to care for this at some later date. Therefore, let us repeat what has already been said above—Grace Seminary desires that each church and pastor shall settle this matter as the Lord may lead in their particular situation. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart." If the Lord leads, everything will be as it should be.

But our real need is deeper than all this. **Without the united prayers of all concerned, this ministry cannot prosper as it should.** If all our friends will earnestly lay hold of God in prayer, all other problems will be solved easily, and we shall lack for nothing. Sometimes we say, rather unthoughtfully, "If you cannot give, you can pray." Of course, this is true in a certain sense. But looking at the matter from another angle, we have often found it harder to get down to business in **genuine** prayer than it is to make a nominal gift to some worthy cause. We would like to make this plea, therefore, that some time during the Christmas season **each one of our churches set a special day of service for definite prayer for the work of Grace Seminary.** Every church interested can do this now, even though some may plan to take an offering later.

The Kind of Friends We Have

Some time ago I wrote one of the good friends of the Seminary asking if she would care to write something about the school for publication. In her reply there was one paragraph so fine that I want to share it with the readers of the Herald. She said, **"I could only wish for the literary ability to say well all that is in my heart when I think of Grace Seminary. I think I am able to talk about it best when I talk to the Lord in its behalf."**

This is why Grace Seminary enjoys the blessing of God — we have friends like this throughout the churches, who are continually talking to the Lord about our work. We thank God for their ministry. May their number increase.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE *Seminary Trustees*

By Rev. A. V. Kimmell

Rev. Kimmell

The evidences that Grace Theological Seminary is of the Lord, and is operating in harmony with His will, can be found on every hand.

Many who read this will recall the splendid offering received from the friends present at the Winona Lake rally. We are happy to report that the cash received then and those pledges which have been paid to date, together with other gifts and the Laura Busey Memorial Fund income, will care for the financial needs of the Seminary up to the Christmas vacation period, about Dec. 20. For this we praise the Lord Jesus Christ, and we press forward, recognizing that all of these needs have been met by His faithfulness in answer to the prayers of many friends.

We are also very thankful for the gifts that come in apart from the annual Seminary rally at Winona. It is a happy surprise to find so many interested people who have no direct contact with the Seminary. The Lord just lays our needs upon their hearts and by this we know that He is working in our behalf in ways only known to Himself, which is just another evidence of His approval and blessing. "Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, **let God be magnified"** (Ps. 70:4).

Since the Lord has provided so abundantly for the first half of the current year, we look to Him with thanksgiving, confidently, for the remaining months. In this we know that He desires us to be "workers together with Him," and therefore we are reminded that there are thousands in The Brethren Church who could not attend the annual rally at Winona Lake to share in the first offering, but are just as anxious as others to share in this work of training preachers and missionaries. This privilege you must not be denied. Many churches are finding Christmas a convenient time and make it a successful way to provide the funds for the second half of the Seminary year. Our pastors and church officials, together with the members, can assist in this greatly by designating a particular offering to the Seminary. Since this has already become the practice in a number of the churches, without any official call having been made, it suggests that it would be a happy practice for all of the churches, and certainly a real blessing to the Seminary. With Thanksgiving set aside for Home Missions, and Easter set aside for Foreign Missions, it just seems reasonable that an offering at the Christmas season be dedicated to the Master Teacher, Who came to us as God's unspeakable gift, for the purpose of training men and women so that they can preach Him in all parts of the world.

If desired, it can be called the "White Gift Offering" or it can be made a part of such offering, or it can be

made in the name of the Seminary itself, which might be better. It will be remembered that a gift of $5.00 or more makes the donor eligible for membership in the corporation with the right to vote in elections and at the business meetings.

As you are reading this, the Christmas season will be well on its way. In song and story, sermon and lesson, you will hear of the gifts of the wise men, "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11).

The practical results of training in Grace Theological Seminary are already in evidence. Graduates are accepted for the foreign mission fields; some are home mission pastors: others are ministering in established churches; several graduates not of The Brethren Church are pastors in other denominations and have a wonderful testimony for the Seminary. In addition to this, recognition is coming from similar institutions of the highest standing, without any solicitation whatever on our part.

We are more than thankful to Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us. We are also thankful to the hundreds who pray for this work and give to it. Surely there is no better way to lay up treasures in heaven.

WHAT GRACE SEMINARY MEANS TO THE

Women's Missionary Council

By Mrs. A. B. Kidder, Editor for the Women's Missionary Council

First of all, let us consider the question: What is The Women's Missionary Council? It is an organization of Brethren women to promote the spread of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ at home and abroad. This is its outstanding purpose—all of its program must tend toward that one end. One important feature of this work is the gathering of funds for the support of those boards which are engaged in this task directly—The Foreign Missionary Society and The Brethren Home Missions Council.

But the women of our Council well realize that the furnishing of money alone will not accomplish the purpose of getting the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, nor indeed to the unsaved at home. Men and women with the love of God in their hearts, and yielded to God for sacrificial service, must be found to man the front lines and bear the burden and heat of the day. But one thing more is still needed—these consecrated men and women must be trained for the specific task to which God has called or may call them.

This is just where Grace Seminary fits into the picture. The gospel ministry is essentially a teaching ministry, and the teacher must know well the subject he is to teach, therefore our Seminary specializes and emphasizes the study of the Word of God, which is the revelation by God Himself of the gospel. All the necessary related subjects are taught, of course, but God's Word holds the center of the curriculum of this school. Then too the practical side is not neglected; students are busy, many with regular preaching places, others in gospel team work, Bible teaching, personal evangelism, in short, they are "redeeming the time."

This, then, is what Grace Seminary means to The Women's Missionary Council: it is the agency under God which transmutes our prayers, our hopes, our funds into a living fulfilment of our Lord's command to witness to the whole earth.

And so we Brethren women praise the Lord continually for Grace Seminary, for the quality of the men on its faculty, for the fine make-up of its student body, for its ever widening Christian influence; and we pray continually that our school be kept true to the Word, and be supported fully to continue its great work, and that the W.M.C. may be blessed in its support of Grace Seminary.

SCENE AT WINONA LAKE

GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

An Evaluation

By Louis S. Bauman, D.D.
Secretary-Treasure of The Foreign Missionary Society of The Brethren Church

We have heard it said very emphatically, and a good many times during the past few months, that there is no such thing as an "indispensable man". And, that is probably true. One by one the greatest of saints have departed out of this life, men who seemed to be utterly indispensable to the forward march of the church, but after their departure God's work moved forward in spite of the seeming loss.

Dr. Bauman

John the Baptist, the apostle Peter, the apostle John, the apostle Paul, Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, John Wesley, D. L. Moody,—one by one they were taken up to be with Christ, but the cause they represented moved forward just the same. We have learned that "God buries his workmen, but carries on His work"

However, while a man may never be indispensable, that is not to say that there is nothing that is indispensable. Institutions may be absolutely indispensable. And we do not hesitate to say that, if The Brethren Church is to live, and her great purpose under God is to be fulfilled, then there is one institution that is indispensable, and that is a real Seminary where her young men may be trained—

First, to know Christ and Him crucified.

Secondly, to know the Scriptures which reveal the Christ and the gospel of salvation that He proclaimed.

Thirdly, to know the church whose mission it is to preach that gospel, the whole of that gospel, and nothing but that gospel.

Fourthly, to know how to make known that Christ, and that gospel, and that church, to the world of men.

Today, Grace Seminary is that institution. In Grace Seminary, we have a school whose teachers know Christ and Him crucified, and have gained the sympathy, the prayers, and the good will of the great fundamentalist forces in America—forces that still preach Christ and Him crucified, the hope of the world, the hope of the ages.

Likewise, the teachers in Grace Seminary know the Scriptures that reveal the Christ, and Him crucified, and are able to "rightly divide" those Scriptures, imparting the vital message of God to those who sit at their feet.

Likewise, the teachers in Grace Seminary know the thought that was in the minds of the organizers of The Brethren Church—the purpose for which The Brethren Church came into existence. They know the church was set from her beginning to make known to men the "good news" (i.e., the gospel); and, they know how to distinguish between the **law** which is "the ministration of death" (II Cor. 3:7), and "the grace of God that bringeth salvation . . . to all men" (Titus 2:11).

Likewise, if "by their fruits" we are to "know them," then those in command at Grace Seminary are men who know how to train young men and women in the business of making that gospel known to **all men.** For "the grace of God (that) bringeth salvation" is "unto all men".

The writer is in a position to know that the young men and women that are trained under the tutors of Grace Theological Seminary are without exception thoroughly missionary in spirit. Under them, the major part of our foreign missionary force has been trained. Under them, the strong effective home mission forces have also in large part received their training. The Grace Seminary boys and girls go out and produce results. The evidence of the worth of an institution is in its product. The hope of the future for The Brethren Church lies very largely in the hands of the men and the women who have been under the tutelage of Dr. Alva J. McClain and his associated teachers.

Any man or woman who values The Brethren Church for what it has done for them; or who believes in its mission to be carried forward "until He come"; or who wishes to contribute to an institution that has as the sole purpose of its existence to know Christ and to make Him known—at no place can such a man or woman give a dollar to accomplish these results more effectively than by sending it to Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.

It is because he realizes this that the writer has done all in his power to place his church and his own life squarely back of this fine institution of which we are all so justly proud.

"TWO OF YOU"

(Mat. 18-19)

If two of you agree on earth,
As touching anything
That ye shall ask in drought or dearth,—
Prayer shall its answer bring.

If two of you agree—just two—
Not numbers swayed by power,
But two linked hearts, with purpose true,
That pray in some dark hour;

If two of you agree—just two—
Who share a heavy load,
Or with sad questioning eyes pursue
The lone Emmaus road;

If two of you—just two—agree,
Thereby encouraging
Each other, strong in faith to be,—
Prayer shall its answer bring.

If two of you agree to ask
In Jesus' Name for aught,
Your Father undertakes the task
Of doing what ye sought!

GRACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—

Personal Impressions

By Homer A. Kent
Professor at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.

I have not long been affiliated with Grace Seminary as a full time member of the faculty, but long enough to form some very definite impressions of the school which I should like to share with my readers.

Prof. Kent

First, I have been wonderfully impressed with the fine type of consecration which I have witnessed among the students. It is very evident that each student is in the Seminary as a result of a definite dedication of life unto the Lord. Some are in school at a real sacrifice as far as material things are concerned but they are trusting the Lord to see them through. And the Lord is honoring such faith in a marvelous way!

Second, I have been greatly impressed with the earnest devotion of the students to the study of God's Word. Seldom has the writer seen more eagerness on the part of young people in the study of the Scriptures. One cannot help but be encouraged in the work of the Lord when he sees such zeal for divine knowledge. It assures us that the future will see men and women mighty in the Scriptures in places of leadership.

Third, I have been deeply impressed with the exemplary prayer life of the student body. The students know how to pray and delight in prayer. The prayer meetings in the school in which both students and faculty join are like a breath from heaven. Such a dependence upon God in prayer is bearing and will bear much fruit.

Fourth, I have been remarkably impressed with the passion to win souls which is present among the students of the Seminary. It is stimulating from week to week to hear them tell of the efforts put forth in churches, C. C. C. camps, trains, jails and elsewhere to reach the unsaved for Christ. May such zeal ever continue!

Fifth, the writer has been most happily impressed with the manner in which the students and faculty work together in the life of the school. This intimate contact between faculty and students is mutually helpful to both. The credit for this situation, as for so much else that is commendable in the school, is largely due to its president, Dr. Alva J. McClain, who has had a vision of a Seminary with high scholastic standards and at the same time a warm spiritual life. This vision is being splendidly fulfilled at Grace Seminary.

Lastly, I have been impressed by the good name which the Seminary bears in the community where it resides. The school has given a good account of itself during its location at Winona and there is happy fellowship with the churches and people of this place. May Grace Seminary ever be kept true to her high calling!

GRACE SEMINARY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF

A Brethren Home Missions Pastor

By Rev. John H. Squires, pastor, First Brethren Church of Wooster, O.

Our home mission fields need Grace Theological Seminary, for as Grace Seminary goes, so goes Brethren home missions. Back of a large and ever expanding home mission field there must be a Seminary that is producing Christ-called and Christ-consecrated men. The day that our Seminary ceases to send pastors out from its doors, that day will mark the halt of Brethren home missions in America. God forbid that such a day should ever come! Now, as never before, there is the opportunity before us to bring men to Christ. Keep open the doors that swing out from Grace Seminary into our home mission fields.

Our home mission fields need the kind of men that Grace Seminary can produce. In home mission points, as elsewhere, there is no place for half-prepared preachers. They demand the very best kind of preachers that can be delivered. In the home mission field the pastor must be trained for a Bible teaching ministry, and if he has graduated from Grace Seminary he has that training.

Perhaps no field of Christian service within The Brethren Church offers a more severe and accurate proving ground for Grace graduates than our home mission points. Every field has its battles, difficulties, hardships and heartaches. But to the pastor who is in the pioneer work of building a church from the bottom up, the home mission field holds a unique place. The merits of Grace Seminary are immediately seen in this connection for the Seminary prepares the home mission pastor for his field.

Our home mission fields have already begun to show how they feel about Grace Seminary. The day will come when our home mission points will be responsible for the presence of many young men and women enrolled in the Seminary. Already word comes to us that several of our newly established mission points have in their midst young men and women who have given their lives to Christ for full time service. These young people will enter Grace Seminary to receive the best Bible training that can be found in America. How thankful we are that we have a seminary which we can recommend without reservation to all those who want to prepare for the greatest work in the world.

Brethren home missions are watching the doors of Grace Seminary. They are watching and praying that yearly they shall see coming forth from those doors men in love with Christ, ready to serve Him in the ranks of those who are pioneering for Christ. Pray for our Seminary and support it with your gifts. Every gift to Grace Seminary is a vote for an enlarged home mission field, and an enlarged mission field means more souls won for Christ.

GRACE SEMINARY NEEDED BY

Brethren Home Missions

Mr. Roy A. Patterson, President, The Home Missions Council

When The Brethren Home Missions Council was organized, those responsible for this work recognized the necessity of being assured that the motto, "The Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible", should be more to The Brethren Church than a mere collection of words without spiritual significance.

We realize that the organization and supervision of our young mission churches must be through a program which makes certain, at least in a large degree, that those doctrines which have made a place for The Brethren Church, shall be protected and proclaimed.

With such purpose in mind, mission churches are required to preserve and to emphasize these doctrines. It is our belief if this program is followed by the membership of these embryo Brethren Churches, while receiving support and supervision through your home missions offering, they will not depart very far as they grow into the self supporting churches of our denomination.

Important as the careful organization and supervision of mission churches may be, equally important and perhaps more important is the spiritual quality of ministry in those churches. It is necessary that we have pastors in all our churches, both dependent and self supporting, whose messages and leadership give full import, expression and sanction to the message in that motto which The Brethren Church seeks to declare to the world.

Our denomination can be assured of having a proper trained ministry by lending our every aid and assistance to the institution whose very basic reason for creation and existence is to train young people to know, believe and teach the precious truths of the Word.

Grace Theological Seminary is an institution which owes its birth to a fervent desire to provide a ministry and laity, in our Brethren Churches, whose very lives are possessed and motivated by the doctrines which are so precious to every Brethren Church and its membership.

It is the task, as declared, to which Grace Theological Seminary is fully committed. It is to Grace Seminary that home missions must look for a thoroughly Brethren trained ministry. The self supporting churches should also recognize the very important mission of this institution. The spiritual status of our future Brethren Churches and our churches in the future rests, very largely, upon the product of Grace Theological Seminary.

The home missions program and Grace Seminary are inseparable. All who desire to see strong mission churches founded will desire to see those same churches continued under the guidance of fundamental dealers. Our "home missions dollars" are wasted unless they are invested in a manner which will provide proper results.

As we approach the season for making our contributions to the educational interest of our denomination, may we remind ourselves that we need Grace Theological Seminary, and Grace Theological Seminary needs our most liberal and kindly financial support and our earnest prayers for her success. In either of these may there be nothing but the best.

Again, we most earnestly urge all friends and home missions to consider how much Brethren home missions need Grace Theological Seminary, and may your response be likewise most liberal to this indispensable work.

GRACE SEMINARY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF

A Brethren Missionary

By Miss Elizabeth Tyson, Missionary to French Equatorial Africa

"The evangelization of the heathen world in the place where it is carried on is certainly not an issue of strange customs and adventures as thrilling as a romance, it is a desperate struggle with the prince of darkness and with everything his rage can stir up in the shape of obstacles, vexations, opposition and hatred, whether by circumstance or by the hand of man. It is a serious task. It needs a life of consecration and faith." These were the words of one of the great missionaries to Japan.

Miss Tyson

Consecration or the yielding of life to the call of God is of the most vital importance and should be the first step in preparation for Christian service. However, consecration in itself is not sufficient to face the subtle realities of the powers of darkness in heathen lands. A thorough knowledge of God's written Word, and an implicit faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the living Word, is absolutely essential and necessary in order to be efficient and fruitful servants of God. The shield of faith must still be our protection against the fiery darts of the wicked one, but how often consecrated workers have failed to put on this part of the armour, simply because they lacked in the knowledge of God's Word. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10:17).

Brethren missionaries must be trained men and women of **faith**, and there is no better place to secure that training "in the school of faith" than at Grace Theological Seminary. This Seminary is literally a product of faith in a faithful God; it was born in faith, and has grown by faith. It has the high scholastic standards which are required today, yet they do not overbalance the deep spiritual life of the school. The faculty members are not only men of intellect, but also men of faith and lovers of the truth as it is revealed in the Word; hence it is not surprising to find the graduates, our preachers and missionaries, to be stalwart men of faith, who are prepared and ready to meet the great task of reaching men with the gospel of the grace of God. They truly are "laborers who need not blush for His work, but who drive the ploughshare of truth in a straight furrow" (2 Tim. 2:15, Weymouth).

God bless Grace Seminary in its message and ministry, that through the training of consecrated young lives many precious souls may be brought to our Lord Jesus Christ and be built up in the faith which we all love and cherish.

The One Body

By Rev. R. D. Barnard, President, The Brethren Missionary Herald Co.

"As the body is one, and hath many members," so the church is one and has many members. Certainly we are not out of harmony with the spirit of this Scripture when we speak of Grace Theological Seminary, of The Brethren Home Missions Council, of The Foreign Missionary Society, of The Brethren Missionary Herald Co., of The Woman's Missionary Council, of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, and of the many other service units of the church as members of the body of The Brethren Church.

For the body to be healthy, all the members must be healthy. The body is greater than any or all of its members, and if they offend the body, that body may cut them off. But, even so, the happy, healthy arrangement is when every member of the body functions properly, and the body and members are happy. We pray that this arrangement may always prevail in The Brethren Church.

We are writing, today, in the interest of Grace Theological Seminary. But as the readers of this article will know, we are as vitally interested in the other members of our denominational body as we are in this one. May the interest of all of us always be in all of our work!

You have just expressed a most difinite and substantial interest in our work of home missions at the Thanksgiving season. We are sure that substantial expression will have been sufficient for all of our home mission needs. You will certainly express your interest in the great program of The Brethren Church in carrying the gospel into distant lands in the fast approaching Easter season. May your expressions be abundant! You will care for the needs of the other members of the body in proper and fitting times; of this we have no doubt.

Grace Theological Seminary sets no dates and makes no specific demands. Hers has always been a free-will ministry and we trust it always shall be. But in past years many churches have used the Christmas season to give all interested Brethren people an opportunity to make a substantial and supporting expression of interest in the Seminary.

What could be more fitting than that at this season of giving, when we celebrate God's great giving of His only Son to earth, that we should give to Grace Theological Seminary! She trains and equips young men and women to go out and tell the wondrous story of salvation to men in a world scarred and marred with sin. Grace Seminary assures you that to such preparation alone, she is dedicated. Yes, in ways far more than we can probably ever know, as we sustain her, we preach the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Pray for Grace Seminary, for her faculty, for her students, for her board of directors, for her friends. Pray with us that the future may continue to reveal the Lord's blessing through Grace Theological Seminary to the whole church, and thence, to the whole world.

Training for Leadership

By Rev. Norman Uphouse, News Editor for Brethren C. E.

A MESSAGE TO EVERY CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORER IN THE BRETHREN CHURCH

One of the tasks of Christian Endeavor is to train for leadership. However, we understand that there is a limit to which a society can do this. Certainly it falls far short of what is needed for a full time Christian worker.

Beyond the work of the society, there is a possibility of one attending a Bible Institute. This is a wonderful opportunity, and accomplishes a great thing for the student as far as it is able to go. This work especially appeals to one who does not have much time for preparation or does not feel able to go to college.

A Bible College is a different organization. One planning to take advanced Bible work ought to go to a sound Bible College. It is this type of school that gives the best preparation for a graduate seminary. In itself, it must be regarded as only the foundation or beginning.

The Graduate Seminary offers the highest type of Bible instruction. It is the desire of such schools to have their students complete the college course before entering the seminary.

Now we know that many people have done great things for the Lord even though they had no special training or instruction. These were among the exceptions. The general rule calls for the best training and best instruction in order to assure the best results. Christian Endeavor workers realize this today.

As a man interested in the promotion of Christian Endeavor and the development of Christian leaders in the church today, I believe that a young person who can attend Grace Theological Seminary will never need to feel that the instruction received there was inferior to any in the United States. I meet men constantly who graduated from the popular and wealthy seminaries in the East, and know that many have gone for the name or for some other reason that did not come from a conscientious conviction. Too many have never received the proper instruction to equip them for the Lord's work.

Inasmuch as our Christian Endeavors today will gradually fill the places of importance and teaching in our church, we ought to have a part in supporting our graduate school in Theology. Its connection to Christian Endeavor is inseparable. Young people from Christian Endeavor will constitute much of the student body at Grace Seminary and the graduates from the school will determine the policies and work of our societies.

Too many times we have heard of and felt the sting of heresy in educational institutions and were compelled to withdraw interest and support. On the other hand, I am happy to say to every Christian Endeavorer that we can conscientiously support and recommend Grace Theological Seminary to prospective students as a school true to the Lord and outstanding in defense of the faith.

Messages From Seminary Trustees

"The brightest outlook in The Brethren Church, humanly speaking, is to be found in the leadership being trained at our Seminary. A gift here is a gift to every other department of the church Wisdom and loyalty will compel generous support to Grace Theological Seminary."

—W. A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church, L. A., Calif.

"It is a pleasure to be associated with a group of men in connection with the affairs of Grace Theological Seminary. I believe many do not fully realize the amount of good that is being accomplished through the Seminary. May God's richest blessings rest upon each member of the faculty."

—L. T. Burkett, layman of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, O.

"I am so thankful for Grace Theological Seminary for I know that through its work The Brethren Church is obtaining that which is needed more than money or anything else—men and women equipped spiritually and intellectually to preach and teach the Word, build our churches, and man our mission fields."

—Herman W. Koontz, pastor of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

"What The Brethren Church needs most today is preachers who are approved of God, unashamed, and who rightly divide the Word. The institution that makes this possible in young lives is worthy of all the support we can give it. Grace Seminary is that institution in The Brethren Church today."

—William H. Clough, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.

"We Brethren ought to consider it a great privilege to have a part in helping support an institution such as Grace Theological Seminary, which trains young men to go out and fearlessly preach the Word of God and lead men to Jesus Christ."

—Paul Arnold, layman of the Brethren Church.

"We have no need greater than that of a strong training center for the preparation of full time workers for the home and foreign fields. We can advance only as we have available men and women who are solidly grounded in the Word of God. At the Christmas season may we devote a liberal portion of our means to satisfy this great need."

—Frank Coleman, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Ia.

"Only those of us who are thrown in contact with the product of most of the denominational theological seminaries of our day know the need of supporting an institution like our Grace Seminary at Winona Lake. It is not just another school like many others, but one in a class by itself."

—A. D. Cashman, pastor of West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, O.

"After spending most of my life under a teaching ministry of the social gospel type, and now after eight years have elapsed since God, through His marvelous grace, brought a new revelation of Himself to me through the finished work of my wonderful Lord and Savior on Calvary's cross, I feel deeply indebted to serve my Lord in supporting an institution like Grace Theological Seminary where the pure gospel of salvation by grace, plus nothing, is so efficiently and effectually taught without reservation by its most capable professors."

—Cleve G. Miller, layman of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Ia.

"Why the greatest white gift offering ever this year for the Seminary? First, because of the appalling need for trained men to man the churches that are opening up to us. Second, the time is short and the gospel demands haste."

—J. S. Cook, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Ia.

"The challenge of the Christian ministry today is greater than ever before. The forces arrayed against the gospel message are more numerous and mightier. Today demands the best preparation possible for the Christian minister. The laborers are few, it is true. The King's business demands haste. But it is false economy to spare preparation. More will be accomplished in the time left after thorough preparation has been made than to spend less time in preparation and more in action. Therefore, there is great need for Grace Seminary. The Lord has unquestionably put His hand of approval upon this noble institution. When we give to it we are making investments in The Brethren Church. Dividends will continue even into eternity."

—Chas. H. Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

"On this anniversary of our Savior's birth we greet you in behalf of our Seminary. Grace Seminary is a testimony to His grace, for "grace and truth" came by Jesus Christ. Let us sing as did the angels, worship

SCENE AT THE AUDITORIUM (Winona Lake)

as did the shepherds, and give gifts and homage as did the wise men, on His first birthday. A Christ-honoring Christmas means a happy Christmas."

—Orville A. Lorenz, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

"On my visit to Winona Lake, I was impressed with the building and grounds as ideal for the Seminary. I believe there is no higher calling for man than this great work of training men and women for the ministry, and therefore, it deserves the largest share of our tithe."

—C. T. Belt, layman of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

"Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord Who bought us and loosed us from our sin. In these trying days of intense and increased testings from within and from without. God's servants must prepare for every move of Satan's strategy. In Luke 18:1 we read '—that men ought always to pray and not to faint.' We need Bible study and prayer within to meet the increased pressure from without to keep us strong. For every added pound of pressure from without, God supplies added grace within."

—J. L. Gingrich, pastor, First Brethren Church, Allentown, Pa.

The great purpose of Grace Seminary, "To know Christ", is the most blessed privilege granted to man. It is the most precious gift in the power of God to bestow. To look back at the "old man" and forward to our inheritance surely is a great joy. But to be called "to make Him known" in addition to knowing Him—surely "my cup runneth over".

—R. E. Donaldson, layman, First Brethren Church, Washington, D.C.

"I count it a privilege to be connected with Grace Seminary of Winona Lake, Ind. Our school under the capable leadership of Pres. McClain and the Seminary faculty will continue to train young men and women for the special functions of Christian work—the ministry and missionary service. Our school is turning out well trained, consecrated men and women who are loyal to the Word. Let us back Grace Seminary with our prayers and gifts. In this way each one can have a definite part in the spreading of the gospel."

—Wm. A. Steffler, pastor of the Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

"Grace Theological Seminary is both an answer to and a challenge to our faith. It was born in a prayer meeting (I was there) and continues to live by prayer. The Lord must have needed a testimony like this in these uncertain days or He would never have answered the prayers of His humble and unworthy servants in such a marvelous manner when even under trying circumstances, He brought Grace Theological Seminary into existence."

—W. H. Schaffer, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

Few realize, I'm afraid, the tremendous responsibility that rests upon a pastor. His commission is definite: "feed my sheep." To feed them The Truth, he must first be trained by competent Bible teachers. Grace Seminary offers this training to a remarkable degree. And to us it offers an opportunity—through our gifts—to share in a ministry of unlimited scope and untold blessings. Where could we invest our tithe to accomplish more?

F. B. Miller, layman, First Brethren Church, Cleveland, O.

Student Testimonies

"Apart from the fundamental character of the teaching at Grace Seminary, the most important and valuable contribution to my personal life and public ministry has been a practical working illustration, in the lives of students and faculty members alike, of what our Lord meant when He said through Paul, 'Come out from among them, and be ye separate.'"

—Gene Allen

"In reflecting upon the many schools that were at one time strongholds for the faith, but are now in an apostate condition, it is with joy that I consider my association with Grace Seminary as a student for the past year and a half. I can truly testify that this school holds a unique position in educational circles today, for it provides a genuine spiritual, devotional and evangelistic atmosphere, without sacrificing academic standards. I count it a privilege and honor to be in preparation for the ministry here at Grace Seminary."

—Walter H. Miekley

"I am glad to offer a word of personal testimony for Grace Theological Seminary. Since coming here our zeal for souls has become a zeal "according to knowledge." The teaching in the classrooms is of such a practical nature that it can be used as we go out to work for our Lord. Also, personal conferences with faculty members have gone far in the moulding of my life while a student here. Another thing that has impressed me is the deep consecration of the student body to the Lord, something I have found in no other school. I do praise Him for leading me here to study His Word."

—Earl D. Umbaugh

"With thanksgiving to my Lord I desire to express appreciation for the opportunity of attending such a school as Grace Seminary. To me its scholastic, spiritual, and social standards are all that one could desire in a school, and certainly more than could be found in many. But the greatest thing is that the ministry of Grace Seminary has brought me nearer to my Lord, and my Lord nearer to me."

—Phillip J. Simmons

"In an age governed largely by modernism and unbelief, it is not easy to find a Seminary true to the faith "once delivered." But I have found Grace Seminary, with its Spirit-charged environment and its Bible-centered curriculum, just such a school. I am thankful that God has allowed me to sit under the teaching of a faculty whose love for the Lord and His Word, added to their high scholarship, has made a deep impression on the students training here. Going out from this place I shall be better prepared to give a reason for the faith which is in me."

—William Kerr

"It was indeed a great day in my life when the Lord led me to Grace Theological Seminary. I can never thank Him enough for the blessings which He has showered upon me since I answered the call to preach

His Word and He brought me into the fellowship we enjoy here at Grace Seminary. Thus He has supplied my need according to the promise in Phil. 4:19."

—Robert W. Hill

"As we see the thirsty multitudes perishing at the "broken cisterns" of mere human philosophy and tradition, we are made to thank God that He has been pleased to open a channel here at Grace Seminary in Winona Lake through which the "Living Water" may flow to thirsty souls."

—Jack W. Mellick

"Having been subjected for the past two years to the teachings of a heretical college, I praise the Lord Jesus Christ that He led me to become a student at Grace Seminary. Here my schooling has become a pleasure, rather than the drudgery which it had been. I have no further need now to be wielding constantly the "Sword of the Spirit" in defense of my convictions. Grace Seminary is Scripturally sound."

—Jack Shaffer

"Grace Theological Seminary has given me the opportunity of studying the Word of God under teachers yielded to God and able to guide us along the narrow path of divine truth, thus preparing us intellectually and spiritually for His service. Our lives have been deepened by our studies in this sanctuary. I praise God for this privilege, and also for the fellowship of students who are living lives of separation from the world."

—Clarence Nida

"We are thankful to God for bringing us here to Grace Seminary, where His Word is faithfully taught and believed, and where our Lord Jesus Christ is truly exalted. He has richly blessed our lives also through the outside channels of service, on gospel teams and in the jail work."

—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baerg

"The Lord has been very gracious in giving me the privilege of attending Grace Seminary. One thing that impresses me is the kindness shown us who are students regardless of our denomination. It is here that I have learned the true maning of "grace," not only from the Word taught, but also from the testimony of those in charge of the school."

—Flo Mellick

"It has been a great privilege to attend Grace Seminary this year. My first contact with the school was during its first annual session while located in the city of Akron, O. While attending the University there, I took several courses in the Seminary. These few hours each week spent under the God-given teachers in charge were as refreshing as a beautiful oasis in a parched desert. We praise God for permitting us to be here."

—Don and Helen Hare

"I am indeed thankful to my heavenly Father for the privilege of attending Grace Seminary again this year. The greatest blessing I have received is a fresh and clearer vision of my Lord and His finished work of salvation at Calvary. And this vision has been brought to me through a systematic study of His precious Word."

—Ralph Rambo

"I do thank and praise God for this Seminary and for the blessed privileges I have in being a student here. God has blessed me very richly thus far, and I am looking forward to even greater things in the coming days and months.'

—Hugh M. McInnes

"The thing which has meant most to me during my few months here at the Seminary is the deep spiritual quality of the work in the classrooms. We leave our classes feeling as if we had been in some uplifting service of worship where the Word of God has been presented in the power of the Spirit. This has meant a great deal to those of us who go out to minister to others, enabling us to pass along some of the blessing and strength we ourselves have received."

—J. Keith Altig

"Feeling the need of more training and special study in a theological school after my graduation from college, I had prayed definitely that God would make this possible. And the Lord answered prayer by opening the way for me to enter Grace Seminary last year from my pastorate at Clay City, Ind. The atmosphere here in fellowship, study, and Christian activity with students and faculty, I have found to be above any other institution I have attended or known."

—Paul A. Davis

"I rejoice and testify to the marvelous grace of God for permitting me to be here at Grace Seminary. Coming here as a student with certain handicaps, I have much appreciated the kind and friendly co-operation extended on the part of both faculty and students. Nowhere else have I found such a devoted spirit of fellowship as I have enjoyed here. Above all, I am thankful for this preparation to give forth the message of His wonderful gospel."

—Peter Bury

"Surely God must have chosen the location of Grace Seminary. We do enjoy greatly the deeply spiritual atmosphere, not only of the school, but also of the surrounding community. I count it a real privilege to be permitted to come here to study and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

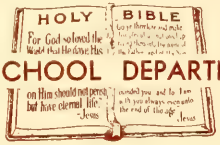
——Harold O. Mayer

"I certainly praise the Lord for His marvelous grace in allowing me to attend Grace Seminary. The benefits have not only been intellectual but spiritual. I count it a great privilege to be able, in this day, to attend a school where Christ is uplifted and the Word of God is taught in truth and in its entirety."

—Glenn O'Neal

"This is my first year at Grace Seminary and it is certainly a wonderful, new experience for me. The instruction in the classes, the fellowship of the students, and the genuine spirit of love that fills everything, is a constant source of joy to me. I shall never cease to praise the Lord for permitting me to attend such a school."

—Mrs. Glenn O'Neal



BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

IDEAS FOR YOUR BIBLE SCHOOL

Selected From The Sunday School Times

REGULAR ATTENDANCE

A special campaign to build up the membership was carried on without any red tape or record keeping. The period covered one month. On the first Sunday every one present received a red ribbon badge; the second Sunday the red was exchanged for a blue ribbon; the third Sunday a white ribbon took the place of the blue, and on the fourth Sunday a striped red, white, and blue ribbon bookmark was given all those who had been present for the four Sundays.

HIGH POINTS OF ACHIEVEMENT

One school issues a bulletin at the close of each year and lists important events in the school history in chronological order. The names of scholars uniting with the church are always given, as this is after all the most important event in any school.

CONTACTING ABSENTEES

Believing that a school with a large membership is handicapped when a high percentage of these members are inactive, one school has the membership mapped out in districts. Each district is in charge of a committee of three. When a member is absent and the teacher has not been able to reach him, then the name is given the committee in charge of the district in which he lives, and a visit is made to the home.

IDEAS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

In the school office of one church is a long box containing a number of big Manila envelopes. This is the file in which are kept all sorts of things that are of interest to a worker. One file is marked "Rally Day," another "Christmas," still another, "Absentees." In all there are more than fifty classifications. Plans and ideas are clipped from old Sunday school papers and filed away for future use. Does some worker visit another school and run across a good idea? Then it is written down and filed in its proper envelope. Does the school work out a special day program? Then a copy is filed away so that at some other time it may be used if needed. The idea is that here all together are to be found the plans for any particular phase of the work, and when the school is getting ready for a special day, seeking a solution to some problem or a plan for building up a department, there may be on hand material that will suggest something to be used.

QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP

Four times a year, in an eastern school, the entire Sunday school body gets together for a night of good fellowship New friendships are formed, teachers and parents become better acquainted, and a spirit of good fellowship is created.

CLOCK RECORDS FOR PRIMARY CHILDREN

Primary childrn are just beginning to take active interest in clocks and watches. A clock record card will prove interesting for one or more quarters of the year at this time. For younger pupils the one-hand system, which marks attendance only, might be used; but the older ones will like the minute hand also which marks points won in attendance, promptness, offering, home work prepared, and deportment in class, five minutes for each point won.

Find a clock picture in an advertisement and use this for a pattern, cutting it out and using it for outline only. Sketch the face and the numbers on each clock and let the children color the frames to suit their fancy the last Sunday of the quarter as hand work. They also fasten on the hands cut from black paper and attached to the face by means of a split clip, enabling them to move freely.

The first Sunday of the quarter set the hands at twelve noon, each child present attending to his own. Then move the larger hand forward five minutes for every point the child has won that day.

Each Sunday the hour hand is moved forward an hour for each pupil present. If one is absent the hour is punched out and the hand set forward to the number corresponding with the Sunday he is again in his place. But the longer hand on each clock is set forward each Sunday according to the number of points won. If a child has a perfect record this is 25 minutes a Sunday and on the third Sunday he reaches and passes the noon hour. When a child passes the noon hour with his long hand he is entitled to punch a hole in the margin of his clock frame and go right on as many minutes past as he has won points. When he again reached the noon hour he punches another hole

The interest in this longest hand and its movements become intense as the holes in the margin grow in number. If a child has a perfect record at the end of a quarter he has five perforations in the edge of his clock and the longer hand standing at 25 minutes after 12. If a child misses one Sunday but has a perfect record for every Sunday he is present, his card would show five perforations in the edge, with the longer hand standing at 12 noon and one hour numeral punched out.

The children take their clocks home to show to their families and explain how they work. Ours liked them so well we used them again, but made them watches instead of clocks which they wore home, pinned to their breasts, at the end of the quarter.

THINK IT OVER

DAILY PRAYER

O LORD, send a Revival and begin in me, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

"INTO MY HEART, LORD JESUS"

"Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the heavens looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay."

So sang a mother to her little boy. Howard loved stories of the Lord Jesus, and often as he went to bed at night, he would say, "Mother, a true story of Jesus, please!" But tonight as his mother sang, his heart was heavy and all at once he began to cry.

"What can the matter be, Howard?" she said; "does something hurt you?"

And she gathered Howard into her arms and hugged him close. He was sobbing and nothing she could do seemed to comfort him. He cried so hard that for a long time he could not tell what he was crying about. Finally he said, "Oh, Mother, it is the song! Why didn't Jesus have any crib? Why was He born in a stable? Why did he have no soft mattress to lie on? Poor little Jesus! Why, I have such a soft bed and lots of covers, I wish He could sleep in my bed."

And again the little boy sobbed on his mother's shoulders.

"Listen, my boy, and I will tell you more about Jesus. Yes, He was born in an old stable because there was no room for His mother and Him in the inn. But when He came to earth, it was a glad day for the people who lived here and it was a wonderful day for you and me, too. Men's hearts were dark and sinful and Jesus came to earth because He loved us and wanted to show us how we could have white hearts instead of black hearts, how we could be happy instead of sorrowful and ugly. He lived just as the poorest live, He preached, He taught, He made sick people well, He even brought dead folk back to life again and then one day just because He loved us so much, He died for us that our sins might be forgiven and our hearts made clean. You remember I told you the other day that when the angels told the shepherds that Jesus was born, they sang, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men." Why did they sing that song? Because this Jesus was God's Son and He came to earth to make us all good and to get us ready to live in heaven with him some day. Yes, He wants us to be His children, His very own. That is how much He loves us. Aren't you glad?"

And Howard looked into his mother's face and cried,

"Oh, Mother did He do **all** that for me? I wish I could do something for Him."

"You can, my son, you can."

"But what, Mother, tell me what?"

"This is what you can do. Jesus wants your heart to be all clean because He wants to live in your heart. Our hearts can really be His home! Did you know that? They aren't wonderful and beautiful like the homes many people live in today, but just as Jesus was willing to be born in a stable, just so Jesus is willing to live in your heart and mine and make us pure and good and happy. Will you give Him your heart to be His home?"

Now the little boy's heart was almost bursting with joy

"Oh, yes, Mother, I will! I want Him to make me pure; I want Him to live in my heart always. I'll tell Him so right now."

And down on his knees he went and he prayed,

"Oh, Jesus, here is my heart. It isn't much, but Thou canst have all there is of it. And I want to love Thee forever because Thou art willing to live in my heart!"

And as he prayed the mother sang softly,

"Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
Come in today, come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

There was no room in the inn for Jesus that night so long ago, and so he was born in a manger. Is there room in your heart for Jesus today?

—The Evangelical Friend.

"GRACE SEMINARY A BLESSING" TO the *Sisterhood* of MARY and MARTHA

By Ethel Morrill, President of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

The Word of God is filled with countless examples of the labors of godly women. The Old Testament has its Rachael, its Hannah, its Ruth—but somehow we feel closer to the women of the New Testament.

There were many who lovingly and faithfully ministered to the needs of our Savior and His disciples. Surely that was a rare privilege!

Like the sisters, Mary and Martha of old, the girls of our Sisterhood organization desire **to know Him, to serve Him, and to make Him known.** Our purpose is to promote a deeper devotion to Christ among the girls of our church, and in so doing we know that there will be many usable servants in His vineyard.

Grace Theological Seminary has truly been an inspiration and a blessing to our organization. It is a joy to know that many are being prepared and fitted for the service of our Lord. "We thank God upon every remembrance of you."

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Greetings FROM THE FIELD

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Once again the Lord has poured out an abundance of His richest blessings in the Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia. Of the many mountain top experiences this congregation has enjoyed, some are saying this year has been one of the best.

It was our good pleasure to have with us for a two weeks' evangelistic meeting, Bro. Joseph L. Gingrich, pastor of the Allentown Brethren Church. It was almost 11 years ago the Lord used our Bro. Gingrich in an outstanding meeting at this place.

Our membership received a spiritual quickening. Souls were saved All told 46 came forward, many to reconsecrate themselves to the Lord. Since the meeting six more have come forward. There will be a number of fine additions to the church.

The weather was ideal and everything seemed to be in our favor for a good meeting. Brother "Joe" proved himself a veritable warrior of the truth in every service. His messages were forceful, fundamental and effective. Every sermon abounded with Scripture.

Delegations that gave encouragement came from Calvary, N. J., Allentown, Pa., and the First Church, Philadelphia.

The week following the revival we had a wonderful communion service. We are looking forward to a great winter's work here. Brethren, pray for us.

Wm A. Steffler, Pastor.

LIMESTONE, TENN.

Just a word regarding our revival meeting, from the valley here in Limestone, Tenn. Limestone Brethren Church was indeed blessed by God through his servant, Bro. H. W. Koontz, of Roanoke, Va.

Two weeks of the finest, clear, plain, logical, sensible, fundamental, God-guided, Bible-centered messages were the undoubted reasons why practically every home was touchd for rededication unto God; and also the confession of the Lord Jesus Christ for the first time by six boys and girls.

The subject lessons that Bro. Koontz presented were received with much interest and enthusiasm, carrying with them great heart-searching truths.

The love, zeal, concern, and interest for the lost was indeed outstanding in the labors of Bro. Koontz during his two weeks among our people. His work will long be remembered. How we thank God for every moment of his work in our behalf.

May I add this little note of further news? Brother and Sister Sandy were with us for November 27-28, showing their pictures on Palestine. I must say that the pictures we saw during these two nights were the best collection of pictures on Palestine we have ever seen. We are hoping to have Brother and Sister Sandy show the remainder of his pictures, the Lord willing, sometime in the near future

H. J. Lewis

Among The Churches

WITH YOUR SECRETARY OF PUBLICATIONS

Your Brethren Missionary Herald Secretary has been having some wonderful times of fellowship with the Brethren in their churches as well as in their district conferences.

Mrs. Polman and I had a wonderful two weeks of evangelism in the Meyersdale, Pa, church, Rev. Orville Lorenz, pastor. The Lord blessed with some 25 first time confessions and some 60 other decisions. Then we were at Waynesboro, Pa. in the district conference, where much was accomplished in the interest of our publication work.

A two weeks meeting at Leon, Ia., Rev. Miles Taber, pastor, has already been reported in an earlier magazine.

During an eight day campaign at Dallas Center, Ia. with Brother Cook and his good people we had eight first time confessions and 47 decisions in a candle light service.

Two nights were spent at Garwin, Ia at the Carleton Brethren Church, Rev. H. S. Parks, pastor, and then on to Waterloo, Ia. for the Iowa Brethren Bible Conference.

Then we spent six days at our mission church, The River Park Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind. where three more confessions were received and one victory from the tobacco habit.

While you read this we shall be in the midst of a campaign in another mission church at Sharpsville, Ind. where Vern Stuber is pastor, closing there Dec 15. Then we will be one week at Moody Bible Institute —Dec. 16-20, speaking over W.M.B.I. radio station and also to the students there at school Pray for us and our efforts for Him and our company.

We are making dates for our 1941 schedule now. Write if interested in having our company's work presented, as well as for meetings.

Leo Polman,

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The Light of the World

THE HUMILIATION OF THE LORD OF GLORY

By Frank Coleman

"Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:5-8 ARV). In these words, so sublime in their brevity, the voluntary self-emptying and humiliation of our Lord is set forth.

Had He so willed it was entirely in His power to retain the equality with God which was His before times eternal. Surely it was His right to live in a manner consistent with His dignity as the eternal Lord of glory. Surely He had every right to present Himself in such manner that He might be received and treated by all creatures as their Lord. But He became subordinate to the Father, taking the creature's place, until the hour when He could say, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." He assumed the form of a servant that in the likeness of men He might be servant both of God and of man: of God that His eternal purpose in redemption might be realized, of man that man's supreme need in redemption might be supplied. This is the essence of His humiliation.

His was the incomparable glory of eternity, a personal possession, His by virtue of His deity. Before the world began He enjoyed it, but it was not too much for Him to veil this glory in part that for a time He might appear among the children of men as God manifest in the flesh. It was not in His divine nature, but in human nature, that He was to reveal Himself. Until He ascended He referred to Himself as the Son of man, declaring His unity with us and His submission to the needs of humanity. This was to be the sphere of His brief manifestation in a temporal world, and He must needs put off for the time the visible glorious light in which the eternal God is said to dwell (1 Tim. 6:16).

He resigned for the time the exercise of His sovereign personal will, that the will of His Father might be supreme. He said, "I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (Jn. 6:38). As a servant, rendering perfect obedience, He chose to take a subordinate place that the will of God, Who purposed to redeem our fallen race, might be done, though it meant His own ignominious death on the cross. From the first words concerning His mission, "I must be in my Father's will," to the last, "My Father is greater than I," this truth rules all the Redeemer's relations to His God and our God.

He voluntarily gave up His independence that during the days of His humiliation He might cast Himself completely upon His Father in unwavering reliance upon Him He placed Himself under the guidance of the Holy Spirit during His earthly life rather than retain the independent agency of His own divine personality. In His life on earth He was very God, but at the same time He was truly man; and He chose, as a man, to live in subjection to and dependence upon His Father in heaven. Whatever He did, therefore, He did as a man Who was completely filled with the Spirit. It was by this Spirit that He was led into the wilderness to be tempted. And it was by this Spirit, the eternal Spirit, that He offered Himself to God for us.

He gave up the independent exercise of His right to know (Mk. 13:32), His right to speak (Jn. 12:49, 50), and His right to act (Jn. 5:19), save as one wholly dependent upon another, wholly given to another's service, wholly resigned to another's will. What a humiliation was this!

But it was His voluntary relinquishment of His right to live that perfected the Redeemer's humiliation. As the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world He approached the baptismal waters of Jordan. Himself the sinless substitute, in the river Jordan He was numbered with the transgressors. In His temptation He demonstrated that there was no sin in Him. And finally, in His vicarious passion, His voluntary endurance of the penalty of human sin, His humiliation was complete. The shadow of the cross fell upon His entire path from Bethlehem to Golgotha, and His death was His perfect humiliation, an act of supreme submission, self-renunciation, and abasement.

Let the world of men pause at the cross of Calvary where, to climax His humiliation, the spotless Son of God was made sin. Christ was not merely made man, He was made sin, and that for us (2 Cor. 5:21). In His humiliation sin was slain, its power to deal death was ended for all whose reliance is upon Calvary's sacrificial Lamb. "Made sin"—what words are these to describe the death of God's Well-beloved! The Holy One Who could not look upon sin nor behold iniquity—this is the One Who was made sin. And it was for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. What a price to pay for the ransom of rebellious men! But there was no other way; there was no lesser price that would purchase our redemption than the voluntary self-humbling of the Lord of glory, His becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Honor Roll

Since having reported the first three Sunday School orders received for next quarter's material, we feel it only right to give honorable mention to the following which have been received shortly thereafter and are still classed as "early" orders:

Waynesboro, Penna.*
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Long Beach, Calif. (First Church)
Ankenytown, Ohio*
North Georgetown, Ohio
Beaver City, Nebraska*
Altoona, Penna.
Sterling, Ohio*
South Gate, Calif.
Middleville, Mich.* (First Baptist)
Portis, Kansas*

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"IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR - - "

Midnight Song

Out on the bare Judean hills,
Far from the scenes of mirth,
The shepherds heard a midnight song
That echoed 'round the earth.

And straightway, challenged by the sound,
They left their lonely place,
And took the road to Bethlehem
To seek the young Child's face.

They came, they saw, they understood,
And knew a strange release
As, stooping down, they knelt before
The little Prince of Peace.

And now the midnight of the world
Has settled, dark and still,
And frightened hearts are crouching low—
Like shepherds on a hill.

What mean the ancient carols now?
Their glad and sweet refrain
Is lost amidst the scream of shells,
As men forget again.

And yet, in countless waiting hearts,
The light of faith still burns . . .
Lord, send again a midnight song
To say the Prince returns!

—Helen Frazee-Bower.

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Flora Brethren Dedicate New Church

Last Feb. 25, we organized the Grace Brethren Church at Flora. During their nine months of existence, this group has met in the basement of the City Public Library. While this arrangement was far from ideal, yet in spite of their handicaps their Sunday School increased and souls were baptized and received into the church. They were ministered to by various preachers and teachers from Grace Seminary for several months.

In the month of May, Henry Rempel, a graduate of Grace Seminary became pastor. From that time the work took on the aspect of a real church and definite plans were made for building a house of worship. Under Brother Rempel's leadership, ground was purchased and plans drawn for the structure which was dedicated on Dec. 8.

A better location in this community could hardly be found. The building is of a new type in material and design. It is modernistic in motif and is very practical in providing the maximum of space at the minimum of cost. The building is exceedingly permanent, being built of a new type of glazed tile trimmed at all corners and door and window openings with a beautiful maroon colored brick. The cost of the building was $10,221.00.

The Sunday School attendance was 147 on dedication day and the church attendance 210. They have room to grow for several years with their present space. Their church membership is now 89 and growing right along.

The speakers on dedication day were R. Paul Miller who spoke in the morning, Russell D. Barnard who gave the dedicatory addresses in the afternoon, and Homer A. Kent who gave the evening message. There were delegations from Peru, Sharpsville, Dayton, Berne, Winona Lake, Fort Wayne and other places.

Henry Rempel has done a fine work in leading these people to this splendid achievement. He is a spiritual man and a good leader. He is loved by his people, and with his good wife will undoubtedly carry on this field to the glory of God. They are now preparing for their revival in January. They have a great field for expansion. The country is full of people who need the Lord. We rejoice in this new Brethren Church which is but one more evidence of God's favor upon us as a people.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

We have prepared posters on white paper showing all of our mission pastors and their fields. These are especially designed for the use of our women in making up scrap books and prayer lists. There are sufficient on hand for one poster for each member of each Council. These may be obtained by sending to our office in Berne and stating the number of posters desired.

A CALL FROM OUR TREASURY

To date we have received just two checks from churches toward our Thanksgiving offering. For some reason the offerings have not been forwarded promptly. Our new appropriations begin Jan. 1st, and to prevent harm to our newer fields, we ask those churches that are able, to please send in their offerings at once. Lack of funds goes rather hard on our fields. We appreciate the help of all.

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THE CLAYHOLE PARSONAGE IS READY, EXCEPT—

We are exceedingly anxious that Brother and Sister Landrum move into their new home by Christmas. It will be a real Christmas present for them, and one which they genuinely deserve after the many sacrifices they made for this work.

Furthermore, they are to have the Grace Seminary Gospel Team there for the week after Chirstmas and they need the new house to entertain them. An appeal for other needs has been made in this issue. But the secretary has just been to Clayhole and has found these further immediate needs and we pray that among our people there will be found those who can supply these things at once. The furniture Brother and Sister Landrum previously had was practically ruined by rain and other calamities. Their salary is too small for them to buy new. We feel we must give them furnishings fitting for the new home we have provided for them. It would be a shame to give them a new home and then have to move their old goods into it. Now here is the material needed right away:

Window shades

4—42" x 65"; 3—42" x 53"; 2—30" x 53"; 2—30" x 28"; 1—30" x 45"; 1—30" x 38"; 2—30" x 46"
(adjustable curtain rods are needed for these windows)

Rugs

Dining Room—6' x 9' (congoleum); Living room —10' x 20'; Bed room—5' x 7'; Bed room—6' x 9'; Bed room—9' x 12'.

Furniture

1 Double bed, 1 Dresser, 1 Dining room suite, (table, chairs, etc.)

Before sending anything, write to the secretary, R. Paul Miller, about it.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A CARPENTER—

To finish the kitchen cupboard, build the back porch, and put up shelving in the basement of the parsonage.

In the church building we need to have the celotex finished, the wainscote finished, and about fifteen more seats to be made.

There are other smaller items to be done to completely finish our buildings at Clayhole. It will take a good carpenter about two weeks to do the work.

We are making this announcement in the hope that there is some good brother who is a capable carpenter and who has a couple of weeks that he will give to the Lord this winter to finish this work. We will pay transportation if it is not too far.

Some of this work is needed at once before Brother and Sister Landrum move in. But if we cannot get it done now we will have to wait. Write to the secretary, R. Paul Miller, about it before going down.

By R. Paul Miller, Editor

JOSHUA RIDES AGAIN

For the first time since Nebuchadnezzar razed Jerusalem, a true Jewish army is now being planned to step into the conflict on the side of Britain and against Hitler, the "despoiler" of the people of Israel. The Associated Press reports an announcement from A. Abrahams, head of the political department of the Zionistic military organization that has just been formed, to the effect that a world-wide recruiting is already outlined and that 100,000 troops would be assembled as quickly as possible. While the men would come from all over the world, yet the real recruiting would come from the United States. Many, of course, would be recruited in Palestine. It is planned to provide for their own equipment as far as possible, and what they cannot do, England will provide for them.

It is a far cry back to the day when the Jewish legions marched to victory under Joshua and David. The spirit of these great military men of Israel seems to be rising again. How soon it may be that Israel will again take the field in actual warfare against her foes we do not know, but things happen pretty fast these days. How soon may it be that Israel's foes will face an army of Jews in which every man "shall be as David" (Zech. 12:8)? Well, these are great days in which to live with an open Bible in hand and to observe His Word marching on. It is great to know that soon Israel's rejected Lord shall come and fight for the people who have been without a friend among the nations of the world. Are they now forming the army that shall one day stand and defend Jerusalem, and, when about to be overwhelmed, shall see "The Lord go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle" (Zech. 14:3?) Glad day of victory for Israel after all these sad years of defeat and loss. O, Israel, lift up your heads for your Lord draweth nigh!

THE WORLD'S INDISPENSABLE MEN

A new type of men is rising "out of the sea", from among the people of the nations of the world, up from the masses. Antichrist will so arise, and already the world is seeing the beginning of the appearing of this type of leader on the earth scene. People are losing sight of laws and governments and are looking to men supposed to have unusual and miraculous powers to lead them and bring about a millennial age on earth for sinful men. Lenin was Russia's indispensable man'. He called upon the poorer classes of Russia to trust him to bring about deliverance from the awful yoke of oppression that the Czars has placed upon their necks. They trusted him, passively giving him the power over their destiny. Mussolini was Italy's "indispensable" man. He called upon the people of that land to trust him to save them from the collapse of their nation before the threat of Communism. He claimed to be the poor people's champion. Without their consent and help he could not have risen to power. He knew that. But the Italian people trusted him and gave him absolute power over their state. Hitler was the "indispensable' man in Germany. He told them so. He alone

was the German people's friend and champion, so he said. They believed him, and also gave him a mandate over their nation. These men now control all of Europe and much of Asia and Africa. Each of these men, as soon as they had risen to power by the consent and assistance of the laboring classes of people, turned and stripped those same people of their religious freedom, their freedom of speech, and the freedom of the press. Each of these dictators has shut the people away from God, from their fellow men in the world, and from the privilege to protest any injustice he may force upon them. Each of these dictators has seized the banks, the industries, the property of the people, and the people themselves, down to the children seven years old. The people have lost their liberty utterly and their lives are but so much ammunition to be used to maintain the dictator in power and to enforce every changing whim he has.

America has just shattered an unwritten law against a third term for any president, a law of honor respected until now by all Americans as a bulwark against the very thing that has swept Europe into an orgy of blood and terror. A zealous and well meaning young person was heard to remark on the day of the election, "I hope to be able to vote for Mr. Roosevelt's fourth term". One ruling man, one ruling party in power, spells the death knell of the voice of the people. It means political conventions that make a farce of the people's choice. It means elections where people fear to vote against the ruling party for fear of reprisals in loss of positions, and persecution. Frequently of late the writer has heard the statement, "Why not have a dictator? Look what Hitler has done for Germany." Without one thought of what it has cost European people, Americans are beginning to resign themselves to the lot of those unhappy peoples. All of which goes to show that the way is swiftly being prepared all over the world for the incoming of the type of men and government out of which shall spring Antichrist. How significant the words of our Lord in Lk. 21:28, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh". Keep looking up!

"DEMOCRACY IS DONE IN ENGLAND"

These are the words of Ambassador Joe Kennedy, just returned from Great Britain. No sooner had he spoken them than a howl went up from the crowd in Washington who are planning steadily to change our form of government to that of the European countries. Mr. Kennedy is unquestionably a keen minded and a well informed man. He has been on the ground in Europe and knows from first hand experience. We are inclined to believe him. We believe that this informed man is right when he says that "All this talk about England fighting to safeguard democracy is the bunk". Where does this put our country in our efforts to pour our men and millions into England's contest? Are we now plunging into a mad sacrifice of ourselves, not to 'safeguard democracy', but to aid in the establishment of just another dictatorship? Is America once more to be hoodwinked into the foolish effort to 'make the world safe for democracy' such as we tried to do 23 years ago? It is well known that the Communistic forces deliberately plan to foment wars among democracies, for they know that in the confusion and weakness of a war, they have their golden opportunity to 'take over' and bring an end to all liberty and freedom. The way in which nations are being misled into 'believing a lie', and doing the very thing that they do not want, is very evidently a characteristic fulfillment of the ways of the end of the age. To 'deceive the nations' is Satan's great occupation, and we can look for that deception to become more utter and complete as the days pass.

IS AMERICA HEADED FOR DICTATORSHIP?

We have just returned from 10 weeks of constant traveling from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean. We have mingled with scores of congregations (a different one each night) and we have talked with hundreds of people. This nation is dictator conscious today. Some men we have met are enthusiastic about the prospect of dictatorship, for they feel that they will profit thru it by thir connections with the party in power which they then expect to be permanent. Others are alarmed about the drift of things and are quick to tell you so. Then the great majority are apathetic with a sort of resignation to the inevitable. Personally we feel that a dictatorship based on an emergency could be declared tomorrow in this land and that people would go back to work as usual the next morning. The argument of emergency would stop all mouths from protest. Anyone who would protest against it would be howled down as a traitor to the common good. The people of this land are already submissive to appointed bureaucrats who are not subject to the people's call or recall. They are used to having the government tell them what they must do and how they must run their farms and their business. The people are used to running to the government for loans for building a garage or putting in a kitchen cupboard. They are used to looking to a paternal government to feed them no matter how they have wasted their substance. The modern American child believes that Santa Claus comes from Washington, not from the north pole! The labor unions now have their 'man' whom they believe is their champion. So was Hitler labor union's champion until he got his absolute power by their help and consent. Today union labor has ceased to exist in Europe, and yet the dictators there could not have succeeded without their help. A blind man could see the handwriting on the wall in these United States. It is clear that the spirit of Antichrist is already abroad in the world raising up world leaders such as the Holy Spirit describes in Rev. 17:12.

"And the ten hours thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast".

Such men of fabulous powers as are controlling the world today have never before crossed the horizon of human history. It is evident that the stage is set and the peoples of the porld are ready for the 'man of sin' to step in and organize his 10 world dictators for the final windup. "Fear not, little flock for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

THE FIRST OF ITS KIND

On our recent stop at the Roanoke, Va., church, we were surprised to see a huge Neon electric sign atop the tower of the church building. It makes a striking effect upon the whole community both day and night.

It can be seen from a mile across the city. At night it looks like a blaze of fire as its brilliant red letters

THE NEW SIGN "JESUS SAVES"

flash "Jesus Saves", and it leaves a warm and friendly effect upon all who read it.

Already it has become a landmark in directing folks about the city. It could hardly be improved upon as a means of advertising the church and the Gospel she preaches.

Brother Herman Koontz and his people are going right ahead accomplishing greater things for Christ every year. He has a group of people who follow their leader, and they have a leader who has his eye upon the Lord.

WHAT IS GOD DOING IN THIS WAR?

A Chicago preacher approached blasphemy by asking "What in the world is God doing today?" the question seemingly implying that God was doing nothing. A certain university professor who passionately hates Hitler recently bantered, "If I were God for five minutes I would know exactly what to do.' Would his destruction of Hitler or all dictators solve the world problem? Not as long as men remain capable of inordinate ambition and world power by force and strategy. Many honest souls have asked "Why does God permit such butchery and slaughter as Hitler has perpertrated on the battle fields of Europe and against defenseless women and children driven from their houses?"

Two laws of God must be remembered in answering that question. 1. In God's omnipotence and creative omniscience He made man free to do right or wrong as he pleases. 2. The law of the harvest is sure—"Whatsoever a man (or nation) soweth that shall he also reap." God is not the only free agent in the world. He created man in His image, free to break the Ten Commandments or to be saints and martyrs; free to murder individually or en masse; free to make war or to build the bulwarks of peace. God permits war for the same reason that He permits hell. He permits hell in order that He might provide heaven for those of mankind who choose and elect to be sons of God. . . . Despite Sherman, hell is worse than war. The horrors of war are not one drop in the lake of fire and brimstone.

What is God doing in the world today? He is trying to picture to man through the lurid suffering of the battlefield the eternal horrors of hell. Men have forgotten the existence of hell in their modrn sophistication, and God is permitting man to kindle the fires of hatred and war and suffering in order to paint a small picture of the hell of eternal damnation. God is trying to warn men to flee the wrath to come.

—The Christian Index

A CONFESSION

"Almighty God, as I sit here this lovely Sunday morning surrounded by the paper and half listening to one of the big preachers over the radio, it has just come to me that I have lied to Thee and to myself. I said I was not well enough to go to church. That was not true. I would have gone to the office if it had been Monday morning. I would have played golf if it had been Wednesday afternoon. I would have attended my lunch club if it had met this noon. I would have been able to go to the picture show if it had been Friday night. But it was Sunday morning, and Sunday sickness seems to cover a multitude of sins. God, have mercy on me, I have lied to Thee and myself. I am not sick, I am lazy. Amen."

—Selected

LOOKING UPON HIM

In my weakness, in my sorrow,
Oh, how tenderly He came!
Bade me fix my eyes upon Him,
As I breathed His precious name.
When I saw His wondrous beauty,
All of earth grew faint and dim,
And my soul is filled with rapture,
As my eyes are fixed on Him.

—Writer unknown

CHRISTMAS DAY —FOR WHOM . . ?

A Christmas Day in Africa, in China and Japan;
A Christmas Day in India, and far Afghanistan;
A Christmas Day in all the world, the islands of the sea,
A Christmas Day for everyone—that's how it ought to be!
But there can be no Christmas joy for those who never heard
This story—there can be for them no meaning in the word
A Christmas Day in Heaven! Oh, yes, I think the angels know
When Jesus' birthday comes, and sing as they did long ago.
Do you suppose they wonder why we are so slow to tell
The tidings of great joy they sang that night, and love so well?
Sometimes I think they long to speed on eager wings away
To tell the story of the King who came to earth one day.
But not to angels was His last commission given: "Go!
Tell all the world"—it was to us; and we've failed Him so!
Shall we not give ourselves to Him and then go forth to share
Our Christmas Day—our Christ—with needy ones "everywhere"?

—The Evangelical Christian

Keep Your Eye Upon the Rail

By W. A. Ogden

"Now a little before them, there was on the left hand of the road a meadow and a stile to go over it, and that meadow is called By-path Meadow. Then said Christian to his fellow, if this meadow lieth along by our way-side, let's go over into it. . . . When they were gone over, and were got into the path, they found it very easy for their feet."—John Bunyan.

There are roads today that **seem** to run parallel to the path the Christian travels, and sometimes these roads appear to be more inviting than the "narrow way". The same is true of the church in regard to her duties and her field of service. Let us remember, however, that the road through By-path Meadow ended in a "deep pit", and that, if one should be so fortunate as to discover the pit before stumbling into it and attempt to return again to the main path, he will find the night to be dark and stormy with the floods running high, and that Giant Despair, ruler of Doubting Castle, lives between the beautiful Meadow and the stile that leads back into the King's Highway.

There can be no substitute for salvation through the atoning work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Neither can we substitute any other service for obedience to the great commission of our Redeemer. Paths that appear to be parallel to this last command of Christ are soon proven to be so far afield that one cannot reach the main road again without retracing the long hard road back to the point where he left it.

There are many things wrong with the world, this we acknowledge. Its politics is bad. Its social order is corrupt. It is out of balance economically. But why? These things, we hold, are not the cause of our troubles, but rather the result of some deep-seated malady from which they rise. We may attempt to adjust these matters, but will be about as successful as though we attempted to catch in a bucket the water that seeps through a leak in a dam, pouring it back again into the reservoir, and not stopping the leak. What is the attitude of the church to be in such an hour as this? Are we fulfilling the marching orders of our blessed Lord, or are we off on the sidetrack engaged in secondary matters?

The "reformer" and the preacher of regeneration alike recognize the presence of evil in our world, and in the human heart. Both are concerned with the elimination of exil, and the results of evil from human experience. They take, however, widely different paths in their attempt solution of the matter. It occurs to the writer that an understanding of the source of evil might help in the matter of finding a treatment for the same. The Holy Spirit, through the inspired writing of James, asks, "From whence come wars and fightings among you?" It is necessary to discover the origin of the trouble that you would blot out. Now, the answer is given by the same person who asked the question, "Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?"

"Whence comes sin?" asks Mrs. Annie Besant in her Autobiography. She, too, gives answer to her own question, thus, "Evil comes from ignorance, ignorance of physical and moral facts, primarily from ignorance of physical order. . . . The root of all is poverty and ignorance."

"Whence comes sin?" "Sin and misery are the removable results of social circumstances, and the poverty, ignorance, and class distinctions consepuent, are at the root of all the crimes and wretchedness afloat." —Linton.

"Whence comes sin?" "Fully nineteen-twentieths of all crime, using the word broadly to include all sorts of misdemeanors, result from the inequality in the possessions of the individuals."—Bellamy.

Although the three quotations above were taken from the literative of half a century ago, they are fairly representative today of that philosophy that teaches that evil is not to be identified with the fallen nature of the human race, but is the working of some outside influence upon the individual, causing him to do the thing that is wrong. If this be true, what is the method of correction? Again we will let Mrs. Besant answer. "Educate the children, and give them fair wages for fair work in their maturity, and crime will gradually diminish and ultimately disappear. Make the circumstances good and the results will be good." Exactly. **If the** diagnosis is correct, the treatment is correct also.

"Whence comes sin?" "Not that which goeth into the mouth delifeth a man; but that which cometh out of the heart proceed evil throughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies"—Jesus (Matt. 15:11, 18). No wonder the Pharisees "were offended, after they heard this saying," for this was a direct upset of their whole philosophy of life, in relation to good and evil. They practiced a rigid abstinence from contacting anything that would "defile" them. They believed that evil originated in some hidden enemy, wholly outside of themselves. They never imagined that their own hearts were "full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness" (Matt. 23:27). "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess" (Matt. 23:25).

Now that we have discovered the source of sin, what is the treatment? We will follow the above practice of letting the one speak who has asked the question. "Cleanse **first** that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also"—

THINK IT OVER

VOLTAIRE SAID, "I hate life and yet I hate to die." The Apostle Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain."

Bethlehem's Cradle, What Did It Hold?

By Clarence L. Sickel, Missionary to Argentine

Only heaven fully knew. All the hosts of the celestial world had their eyes fixed upon that humble cradle in the little town of Bethlehem. And as the cry of the new born babe reached the ears of the immediate family, the heavenly multitude began proclaiming its message to mankind: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will to men." Many looked upon the event without interest—it was but the birth of another babe; but all heaven looked reverently on and eagerly anticipated. Even the shepherds having received the message from the angels, and having looked upon the Babe with their own eyes, did not fully understand the significance of it all. It was not until the wise men came from the east, that the inhabitants of Bethlehem and Jerusalem began to realize that something extraordinary had taken place in their midst, that the crude cradle made in the manger contained more than just "another babe." But, even then, they had no understanding of the glory of the One Who was wrapped in swaddling clothes there in Bethlehem's cradle. Just a select few possessed the Divine conviction that that cradle held—

Clarence L. Sickel

A Babe to be Adored

The birth of no other babe since the beginning of time has so changed conditions, has so moved both heaven and earth, and has so involved such important consequences to the human race. The Babe of Bethlehem made history, yea, is the center of history. Hardly had man fallen into sin, than he was directed by God to look forward to this event in Bethlehem, and from that time on, until the birth of the Babe, kings, seers and prophets desired, spoke and prophesied of His coming. They had longed for the day when He would come Who was typified in their sacrifices.

Mary and those who were with her, stood in worship and wonderment before Him, Who is the fullfilment of prophecy. This Babe was no ordinary babe brought into the world in the ordinary way, but a miraculous Babe brought into the world in a miraculous way—the Son of God and the virgin Mary by miracle. We cannot understand it, we cannot explain it, any more than we can explain the idea of the eternity of God; but we reverently receive it, we confidently believe it.

A Son to be Worshipped

"The Word became flesh, and tabernacled among us." In the child which was born, the Son was given. He came into the world, not of the will of men, but of the will of God. The gulf between God and man was bridged. No wonder mystery surrounded His coming, and angels announced His birth for there was a purpose behind His appearance in this world. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins."

Man could never reach heaven through his own efforts. To him God was a God afar off. But now as he looked in the cradle at Bethlehem, he realized that God had come down to earth. Heaven was brought closer to man. What an event! And as He grew from childhood to youth, and from youth to manhood, they were conscious that He was like unto themselves—a Man of flesh and bone, One who could sympathize with them, One who was kind, loving and longsuffering. As He walked in and out among men, winning this one and that one to Himself, should we marvel that they worshipped Him?

What a difference it makes in our attitude toward the Babe born in Bethlehem, laid away in the manger-cradle, when we see in that Babe, the divine Son of the living God. Man's worship of God, man's love for God, man's faith in God, is governed by the attitude he takes toward the Babe of Bethlehem. When man looks at Bethlehem's cradle, and all it holds for him is just a babe, who has come into the world as any other babe, his love is cold and indifferent, and can never possess a real spirit of worship toward God, much less to the One of Bethlehem. It is the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, Who has united heaven and earth, Who has torn down the middle wall of partition, Who has rent the veil in twain, Who cried out as He hung there upon the cross, "It is finished". Now, through the Son, God dwells in the believer, and the believer in Him. Now the relationship is so intimate between God and man that constant communion and fellowship is enjoyed.

A King to be Crowned

This Babe, this Son, is a King, the King of kings. The prophet Isaiah announced His kingship some 700 years before His birth in Bethlehem: "The government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace." He is all that a **true king** ought to be. Every one who has made Him King of his life has found Him to be:

Wonderful. No better or greater word can be found to express the feeling of the redeemed heart, as the soul is made alive unto God through faith in the One

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Jesus (Matt. 23:26). "For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:28). "And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 Jn. 1:7).

How like the ancient city of Jericho is our world today! It was situated a pleasant city, but its water was bad, bringing death to the people and barrenness to the land. Elisha, the prophet of God, was advised of this condition, and, instead of treating the water that flowed into the city, he went back to the source, back to "the spring of the waters" and "cast the salt in **there**" (2 Kgs. 2:19-21). Yes, apply the healing medicines to the "spring of the waters." The world is overrun with political and religious isms. War is an evil thing, and a blotch on our civilization. Liquor is making its unhappy victims by the thousands. Youth is in grave peril. What is the answer to this situation? "Preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2). Stay out of By-path Meadow, out of the field of endeavor that deals only with externals, and does not touch the heart and make men to become "new creatures in Christ Jesus." Jerusalem went down in flames because she "knew not the things that belonged to her peace". She rejected Jesus Christ and accepted the scribes and Pharisees, whose only righteousness was external, and not in the heart. Let us go to the youth of the land and cast our "salt" in there. Let us tell all men everywhere that Jesus saves.

Who came by Bethlehem's cradle. He is wonderful in His love, wonderful in His pardon, wonderful in His Divine care, wonderful in His revealing Himself through daily fellowship. He was wonderful in His pre-existence, wonderful in His coming into the world, wonderful in His departure, and will be wonderful when He comes again. Through Him, life is made wonderful, service is wonderful, sacrifice is wonderful and suffering is wonderful. The more one meditates upon this **King** of kings, the more wonderful He becomes.

Many have sought to fathom this **One** Who has been declared by heaven King of kings, but at the end of their seeking, they have had to sum up their findings in the word **"Wonderful"**. He is altogether lovely, the fairest of 10,000, the Lily of the valley, the bright and morning star.

Counsellor—the very essence of wisdom and knowledge, therefore perfect in His counsels. None ever went from His presence disappointed. His judgments are always fair, and blessed are those who follow in the ways He directs. He was the Counsellor at the beginnings, and is still man's wisest Counsellor. Blessed are those today who seek His counsel, who trust His judgments, and who walk in His Ways.

The Mighty God—a mystery, but true. Incomprehensible, but not incredible. He lived, walked, talked as man, but a mere man could never accomplish what was accomplished by Him Who was called Jesus of Nazareth. He gave instructions concerning that water and it became wine. He spoke to the dead and they heard His voice. He ordered the messengers to return home, and upon their arrival they found the sick cured. He touched the eyes of the blind, and they came forth seeing. He spoke to the raging sea and it became as calm as an infant's breast. Those who were burdened with their sins and lives of shame, went away from His presence every whit whole, fully satisfied for the Almighty had wrought a miracle. None other but the **Almighty God** could accomplish such works, exert such an influence, and speak words, which up to the present hour still comfort, bless, cheer, guide and sustain all those who **crown Him King of their lives.**

The everlasting Father. Though we speak of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, as each performs His work in relation to the salvation of mankind, yet they are one in character. The **Three** are in possession of all **divine attributes,** so what we can say of One, we are certain the other possesses. This expression, **the everlasting Father,** brings out a truth that is very near and dear to every human heart—**father.** This speaks to us of parental care, of sympathy, longsuffering, loving-kindness. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord—Jehovah—pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame: He remembereth that we are dust."

The Prince of peace. He came to bring peace, but they rejected Him. Men want peace, but they seek it from the wrong source. Peace can never, will never, be established by the sword, by the will and efforts of mankind. Only He Who is the **Prince of peace** can bring peace to this sin-cursed, sin-sick world. And peace shall be established in God's own time upon this earth, and man shall know war no more. But that peace is not for this age. **The Prince of peace** now speaks peace to the individual heart. **What a peace!** As He is crowned King of a life, there comes into that heart a peace which passes all understanding, a peace which no earthly storm can disturb. A peace which permits the possessor to face the storms of life with faith and courage, fully assured that He will never leave nor forsake. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

We are living in dark days, when we know not what a day will bring forth. Let us look to Him Who sees the whole way through, Who is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Counsellor, the Almighty God, the everlasting Father and **the Prince of Peace.**

Let us gather in spirit around **Bethlehem's Cradle** and worship Him Who came to be our Savior, very God of very God—**the mighty One.**

THIS IS NOTHING NEW TO US!

It is no surprise to us to read of the unwholesome effect the movie has upon the public; but when the situation is deplored and condemned by movie sympathizers, it is certainly something to think about. The following quotations are from an editorial entitled, "Let's Banish Drinking Scenes from our Movies," in a recent issue of Movie-Radio Guide:

"Tippling in the talkies is assuming alarming proportions. Recall almost any recent movie. . . . Somewhere in its plot you will find a pair of pinch-bottle babies engaged in either humorous or serious drinking.

"We who voted for repeal are alarmed. Already one state, North Carolina, has brought back Prohibition. Bluenoses everywhere are organizing to close cocktail bars and prohibit the sale of liquor. . . .

"Today there is too much drinking in pictures. . . . Drinking-scenes furnish comedy, drama, motivation. But they do more. They provide every child who sees movies (and most children are movie regulars) with the conviction that (a) all smart people drink, (b) that it is fun to get "woozled", (c) that hard drinking is the logical resort of anyone who is disappointed in love or business.

"The point is that **nowhere is the other side of the story told.** That moderation is a virtue is a fact which children must also learn. **The movies teach only excess. . . .**

"This high-ball game as pictured by Hollywood is too attractive. It needs attention. The Hays office can stop it. Once it did, so let them do it again. Let them tell producers to cut out barroom scenes, eliminate comedy drunks and ban the loopy-legged character man.

"We are convinced that most movie-makers want to do that which is best for their business. Producers forget the tremendous force of their medium. They can make manners, styles and morals by the pattern of their pictures. By their present course, **they are making our youngest generation into potential alcoholics.**

"This is bad for the movies, bad for the children, and bad for America. An editorial such as this cannot stop the practise. Only a strong, united protest can achieve any result. If you believe with us that drinking-scenes should be either curtailed or banned, please write to us your own opinion. We will see that it is delivered to Mr. Will Hays himself."

FOR YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS—

WRITE THIS ONE!

"As for me and my house
We will serve the Lord"

P.S.—And Keep It!

"What The Home Missions Council Is Doing"

ACROSS THE NATION

with our secretary

MOME MISSION PICTURES GREAT SUCCESS

We have just completed the most unusual and strenuous effort to place the real work of Home Missions before our people. We have realized for many years that through special addresses or through the means of articles in the magazine, very few of our people obtained a very realistic impression of the tremendous opportunities and responsibilities of this great work which God has given us to do. This sharp departure from our usual method of informing our constituency was at first undertaken with some misgiving. However, from the very first showing it was evident that a means had been found to make home missions real to the people. The Secretary has covered 44 churches east of the Rocky Mountains in one night stands. It has been mighty hard work, but if it results, as we believe it will, in stirring our brotherhood to the point of seizing the opportunities which are now being sent to us by God, we shall be rewarded. Brother Paul Bauman has been showing these pictures to the Southern California churches with a duplicate set of films. We have as yet received no report from him, and therefore cannot give any information relative to his success out there.

The interest shown in the pictures was extraordinary from the very start. Our pastors were exceedingly cooperative, and many of them laid aside scheduled arrangements in order that we might be able to show the pictures to their people. Dr. J. C. Beal rearranged one of his evening services in Cleveland, O., in order that we might show the pictures to that congregation. Brother Robert Crees delayed an engagement at Uniontown, in order that we might show them to that congregation. We could hardly ask for finer spirit than our men have shown.

At each showing of the pictures an opportunity was given to the congregation to speak their impressions. These reactions have been most informative and highly satisfactory. From the expressions that we heard almost everywhere, it is evident that a new conception of the wonderful work that God is now doing through our Brethren Churches has come to pass. In many places we were urged to arrange a second showing of the pictures because they were so full of interesting features that it was impossible to get a real conception of them all on just one showing. We plan to show the pictures as opportunity affords at various places throughout the year. We are continually adding new pictures and those who have seen them once will find many new features on a second showing.

In each service, with the exception of one, we took an offering for meeting the cost of the machines and also of the trip, among the churches. We received close to $500.00 in this way. We also received enough to buy a regular crystal screen on which to show the pictures. This will increase the effectiveness fully 50%. These gifts for the screen were provided by individuals who realized the need of it.

EARLY RETURNS

It is still just a few days since Thanksgiving but we have received word regarding several offerings. Our Dayton church sent us $1000.00 cash on Nov. 29 as part of their offering. This was the first church offering to be sent in. It was a mighty fine starter and we thank God for the spirit of our Dayton church and their pastor. We have learned that the Waynesboro, Pa. church already has $755.00, in their offering with more to come. The little Homerville Church in northern Ohio already has $275.00 in their offering. The Bethel Church at Berne, Ind. raised $564.00 the first Sunday that the offering was lifted. We believe they will reach their goal of $800.00 of last year. Altogether, we believe that the showing of the pictures will contribute greatly toward reaching our goal of $30,000.00 for this year.

HOME MISSION PICTURES AT GRACE SEMINARY

After returning from our trip throughout the east showing the home mission pictures to the churches, we drove over to Winona Lake on the night of Dec. 5, and showed them to the faculty and students at Grace Theological Seminary. Brother McClain showed us every consideration in arranging for the service, and held his folks quite a while after the time set for the showing because we were late in arriving. I can hear Mrs. Maurine Schaffer say, "As usual, he was late". But this time there was a good reason! We had about 40 miles of highways covered with ice to traverse, and that delayed us almost an hour, for we had to just creep along. But when we arrived we found nearly everyone present who had been at prayer meeting and we had a fine time with them all. If they enjoyed the pictures as much as we enjoyed showing them, we all had a good as well as a profitable time together. This was the first time we had met with the Seminary group since the year started. It is certainly a fine group of students that they have this year.

NO ROOM

"There was no room for them in the inn."
Luke 2:7.

By Annie Johnson Flint

There was no room in the inns of the world
For the Lord of the world to come;
In a manger bed He must lay His head,
In a stable make His home.
There is no room in the inns of the world
For the Savior of men today;
The feasts of the earth, with their song and mirth,
Leave Him no place to stay.
There is no place in the inns of the world
For the Lord of the world to rest,
But again and again in the hearts of men
He has found a shelter blest.
There is no room in the inns of the world
That border the world's highway,
And they bid Him depart from school and mart;
He is homeless still today.
There is no room in the inns of the world
For the Lord of the earth and sea;
Let us give Him room and bid Him come
To the hearts of you and me.

AROUND THE COUNCIL TABLE

WATERLOO LETTER

Greetings to all the Brethren in the name of our blessed Lord, who counted us faithful, putting us into the ministry. God is continuing to bless His Word in Waterloo, and we look to Him to lead us further victories to the glory of His name. We arrived in Waterloo at the hour of prayer on Wed., Apr. 10, and found some thirty people assembled for prayer. What a joy it was to unite in thanksgiving with the Lord's own! We found a group of saints whose hearts the Lord had opened to receive us. Everything possible was done to ease the burden of getting established in our new home. The saints of like precious faith in the city, too, received us with a warm welcome into their common labors and fellowship.

The past months have been a time of adjustment to the conditions of a new field, a time of getting acquainted, and of planning our attack on Satan's stronghold. No city in the land has been blessed with a greater and more consistent testimony than has Waterloo. The opening wedge, we believe, will be through the children. In this field, a little city in itself which has been built up within the last two or three years, there are several hundred children. 700 are enrolled in the grade school just across the street from the church. We are stressing the evangelism of the child this year and have been blessed in it.

One of the first ventures which we undertook was a two weeks Daily Vacation Bible School in which 150 youngsters were enrolled. 20 helpers were raised up to assist. Many youngsters received Christ. At the present time we are engaged in another Youth Evangelism effort with Richard W. Neale, Wheaton, Ill., youth evangelist, who is conducting afternoon meetings for the boys and girls. Over 160 were in attendance several times the first few days. Some 40 or 50 remained after dismissal of the services to hear more of salvation. A number of these gave strong evidence of conversion, one of whom was a little Jewish girl. As a result of the first week of these services we have an entrance into over 50 homes which we perhaps would not have had otherwise. We pray that our follow up work will be blessed in the salvation of the parents.

Our Bible School has grown steadily and consistently. At present our attendance is between 130 and 140. The peak attendance the past month was 160. We have just put into service a 58 passenger bus which we expect to fill very shortly. Our goal for this year was set at 200 in Bible School by next spring, but it is apparent that the goal will be reached long before the flowers bloom.

Our church building is not as yet completely finished. The downstairs department rooms are not yet finished, but we expect to have the work completed this winter. The building is being widely copied. Hardly a week passes but that visitors contemplating erecting a new building call to inspect it. Our Brother Cleve Miller has proved that a tabernacle type of building can be attractive as well as practical.

It has been our good fortune to have as ministering brethren during the past few months, the following: Brother Herman Hoyt, whose three day Bible conference in July was a real blessing; Brother R. Paul Miller, whose one day visit with the home missions pictures was a real treat; Brother Paul Guiley, missionary to Brazil; Brother Leonardo Mercado of Phoenix, Ariz.; Brother Kenneth M. Monroe, Dean of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles; Brother O. E. Phillips of the Biblical Research Society; Brother John Nicholson, cofounder of the Gideons.

We were hosts to the Iowa Brethren Bible Conference Nov. 22-24. On Sun., Nov. 24, dedication of our church building took place with Chas. W. Mayes, our conference speaker, delivering the dedicatory address.

It has been a rich blessing to us to take the gospel in printed form to the 700 homes near the church. Sunday mornings find faithful workers meeting at the church for prayer before taking their bundles of tracts and letters to the homes. Before nine o'clock every Sunday morning a tract and a mimeographed letter are placed on every door step in our field. We expect this to bear fruit in due season. Already reports have come that the Word so given is beginning to bear fruit.

Our first communion service was held on Nov. 3 with 79 at the tables. No communion service in our memory was ever so blessed. It was a real time of searching of hearts and self-judgment, without which the service becomes mere ritual.

In answer to the need of a home for the pastor near the church, the Lord recently laid it on the heart of one of His stewards to purchase a dwelling opposite the church to be placed at the disposal of the pastor. We have moved into our new quarters with thanksgiving that our God is able to supply all our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

We solicit the prayers of the brotherhood that we may be able to discern at all times what is His will as problems arise, and as Satan's warfare becomes more and more intense. Pray, too, that souls may respond to the gospel invitation, for this is the end of our whole program and activity.

—Frank Coleman

THE GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF FLORA

The Grace Brethren Church at Flora rejoices over the victories of a two weeks' Bible conference conducted by Dr. J. C. Beal. A Bible conference in this town was almost something unheard of. The last one which this community witnessed was one that was conducted here nearly one year ago, under the auspices of a group of Brethren which now constitute the membership of this church. Much prayer and a good deal of announcing and advertising preceded the coming of our beloved Brother Beal. The Brethren here had so much hoped that the new church would be ready by the time of our conference, but it was not. Consequently we commenced our meetings in the Flora Library where the church had been meeting before.

The conference commenced on Nov. 3 and lasted for two weeks. From the very beginning the interest was

keen and the attendance very good. Dr. Beal used prophetic subjects during the first week and these created unusual interest. Night after night he preached from 45 minutes to an hour, and people listened with great interest. The Spirit of God worked mightily in the hearts of people so that by the end of the first week definite results were noticed. The entire community became interested in these nightly Bible studies, for people from other churches were in attendance at most of the services. An average attendance of over 80 was tallied for the two weeks. On Sun., Nov. 10 we moved into our new church home. This gave added impetus to the conference, so that the attendance steadily increased.

During the second week Dr. Beal spoke from the first Epistle of John, and these messages were very timely and fitting, and brought forth definite results. Only eternity will reveal the actual results of these studies. The conference closed on Sun., Nov. 17. It was a great day for our church. Our pastor baptized five on that afternoon, and received these and three others by letter into our fellowship, so that now our membership has reached 89.

Brother Beal stayed over for Mon., Nov. 18 on which night the church observed its fall communion. Brethren Vernon Stuber of our church at Sharpsville, and Robert Ashman of our Peru church fellowshipped with us. Brother Beal led us in the three-fold service, and it marked a fitting climax to our 2 weeks of Bible Study. We had 70 present, 35 of which were ladies, and 35 men. The Lord was consciously present and greatly blessed those who were there.

We thank God for our Brother Beal and his faithful services among our people. The Lord heard and answered our prayers, for our entire membership has been revived and edified, and several sinners have found Christ as their Savior. We thank God also for the fine spirit of co-operation among our members. Our building is complete, and our people are faithfully going forward.

Again we thank the Home Missions Council for its interest in our work here in Flora. Its advice and assistance has meant more than words can tell.

As we close we again ask the prayers of all who love the Lord and the hope of His soon return, that this mission church, in this needy town, shall faithfully "contend for 'the faith' once for all delivered unto the saints."

Henry G. Rempel, Pastor

Another view of the new Flora church. See other picture on page 2.

TEN MONTHS IN FREMONT

As 1940 greeted the world, the Lord placed upon the heart of the writer great concern about his testimony in the preceding year. A survey of 1939 showed only very few visible results as to the reaching of lost men for the Lord. This brought prayer and dedication; prayer for a definite field, and dedication to a definite task. Little did the writer expect that the Lord had this field already waiting.

Meanwhile in Fremont, O., a small group of believers were meeting, and inquiring for a pastor. This group being small was not in position to call a full-time pastor, and because of the fact that the need came so suddenly, the Council was not in position to put a man on the field immediately. In the person of the writer, the Lord saw fit to lead in the calling of a student in the Seminary to shepherd this portion of His flock.

On Jan. 14 we arrived to find a group of enthusiastic people already organized into a Sunday School and meeting in a small Presbyterian Chapel just outside the city limits. They were anxious to go ahead, and thus the Lord led.

Fremont is a small city of 15,000, 32 miles southeast of Toledo. It has only one or two small churches which are immersionists. The city has neither a Baptist, nor a Christian church. It is in great need of a church with a fundamental evangelical message.

From the very beginning we enjoyed the Lord's constant blessings, and leading. Before long Bro. Miller was invited to be present at our organization into a Brethren Church. On that evening the Grace Brethren Church of Fremont was born. The group immediately applied to the Council for both supervision and financial help. The first was granted upon request, and the second came later.

On May 1st our charter membership was closed with 34 members. 21 had been led into the waters of baptism prior to this date.

Throughout the summer the Lord continued to bless, and as we look back we have many, many things for which to praise Him. He has been so wonderful to us; much better than we have deserved.

The very first blessing was the providing of a temporary place for meeting. While the place is far from ideal, it came as a real blessing from the Lord. Much has been done to beautify the building and to make it more serviceable.

Then He has blessed our Sunday School until it has doubled in numbers, and now averages around 85. Our membership of the church, at the present, stands at 52.

While our church does not as yet have a large number of mature adults, it has a fine group of young folks, and young married folks. We expect and pray for a continuous growth.

Satan has not been idle; in fact he had a 20 year

jump on us, and has not failed to try to block the Lord's work. A building sight was chosen, but some 20 years ago a building restriction which prevented the erection of any building other than a residence hindered the purchase. Since that the same thing has occurred three or four times. The fact that this is registered land makes it much harder than it might appear, but we have the assurance that He will lead.

It is a thrilling experience to watch God's marvelous work of grace as men and women, who a few months ago did not know the Lord, are now seen active in His work and bearing a true testimony. But all has not been roses. There have been the hard things, and we can expect those in these trying days. These tend to bring us to the place where we trust the Lord and more completely lean upon Him. They present a greater challenge with a greater need.

We have a well organized Sunday School with eight classes, and a fine group of devotional teachers. There are two active Christian Endeavors at work. Our men are organized into a growing Fisherman's Club. Both the women and the girls have their Missionary Councils. On Wednesday evenings the adults and young folks meet seperately for Bible study, and prayer. Last week our communion service was well attended, and proved to be a real blessing to the congregation. Over half of the people had never communed before, but without exception people spoke of it as a time of special blessing.

Brother R. Paul Miller will be our evangelist for meetings from Dec. 31 to Jan. 12. We are trusting the Lord for a great ingathering. Already definite plans are being laid and we are praying daily for these services. This is our first campaign. It is important. May we enlist you as a prayer helper?

Our work thus far has primarily been foundational, and consolidation work. Now we have an opportunity to witness real growth. However, our work is limited until we can be situated in our permanent building. We are trusting to do this next summer.

So from Fremont we send our greetings, ask your prayers for our work, express our thanks for your keen interest and prayers, and wish to each congregation our Lord's richest blessings. Our prayer is that we may all be faithful until He comes, and watching when He comes.

Phillip J. Simmons

NEW BRETHREN CHURCH SHARPSVILLE, INDIANA

Sharpsville, a village of about 600 people, near Kokomo, Ind., is seeing the beginning of a new Brethren Church under the leadership of Rev. Vern Stuber. This church was organized last Easter Sunday and now has a membership of 12. The average attendance for the Sunday School is 35, while the Sunday evening service has an average attendance of 30. This group holds a mid-week prayer service and is very much alive spiritually.

There is one other church in this village. This Methodist Church has an average Sunday attendance of about 150. This leaves a large percentage of the village unchurched, and there is no church within a radius of three miles of Sharpsville. It looks like a very promising field for the Brethren work here.

Rev. Stuber's father bought this church property at a real bargain. He has offered to turn it over to the Extension Committee of the Indiana District for the $275 which he has in it. The building stands in need of some urgent repair, the cost of which is estimated at about $250. The members of the Extension Committee feel that this work is worthy of our help, but our funds are very limited. We therefore ask the Brethren Churches to co-operate in this mission work by sending a free will offering to R. Paul Miller, Berne, Ind., and designate it to the Indiana Extension Committee for the Sharpsville work. Will you also remember this new work in your prayers? May the Lord bless you for your part in it.

The Extension Committee:

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Rev. Leo Polman
Rev. Vern Stuber
Rev. Russel Williams
Clark Sipe

Much was accomplished for the Lord at the Iowa Brethren Bible Conference recently held at the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Ia. The messages were inspiring. One of the outstanding features of the conference was the dedication of the Grace Brethren Church, at which the dedicatory address was delivered by Rev. Chas. W. Mayes.

This bit of news from Dr. Bauman will be welcome to all: "It will be very interesting for you to know that I have just sent my check to New York covering four fares of our missionaries to Africa. The action demanded is so speedy in order to get on the boat that the only four who can make themselves ready for the trip are Miss Tyson, Miss Byron, and the Dunnings. We are therefore ordering them to get on the boat! They will be sailing on the Steamship Zarembo, of the American-West African Line, going direct from Port

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

HOME MISSION STORY NO. 6

How cheerful the Children's Department looked that Sunday morning! At every window there was a wreath with holly berries twined about and a big red bow at the bottom. On each sill was a glass candlestick with a red candle.

On the blackboard Miss Bryce had drawn the shepherds and the sheep with a beautiful golden star pasted above.

Before the story the children sang their favorite Christmas carols, "Silent Night, Holy Night", and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".

This is Miss Bryce's story.

Jean and John were twins who lived in a lovely home and had many toys and games to amuse them. But this December morning they were not happy. They pressed their noses against the windowpane and frowned at the damp snow which was falling outside.

"Why won't mother let us go outside?" asked Jean.

Just then mother passed through the room and answered, "The snow is too wet this morning, children. Your clothes would be soaked in a few minutes. Anyway, with Christmas so near I think it would be a fine thing to make your Christmas lists now."

The children rushed for pencil and paper and were soon seated at the dining table writing away.

"I want a new sled and a Tinkertoy with a motor and a football and a—Say Jean, how do you spell erector?"

"Just a minute," said Jean, busily writing. "A doll, a doll carriage, and a box of candy. My bathrobe is too small. I think I'll put down a quilted one with slippers to match."

"How are you getting on," said mother, glancing at the table at the lists. "Why you selfish children, that isn't what I meant. I meant a list of those you wish to give to and what you want to give each one."

The children looked very sober as they quickly tore the pages from their notebooks and began over. This time the list was like this: Father, gloves; mother, perfume; grandfather, a subscription to The Brethren Missionary Herald; grandmother, handkerchiefs. Of course Jean's name was on John's list and John's was on Jean's list.

"These are fine," said mother, "but I don't see the most important name of all."

The children looked at each other wonderingly. Whom had they missed?

"Whose birthday do we celebrate on Christmas?" mother asked.

"The Lord Jesus Christ's," answered both children at once.

"Then don't you think He would appreciate a gift on His birthday?"

At once the children placed this name at the head of their lists, and then asked, "But how can we give Him a gift?"

"You know, children, one way of giving to Him is to give to His children who are doing a special work for Him. I am thinking now of a little family down in the Kentucky hills who have endured many hardships so that they can preach the gospel to the people there. Could you think of something you would like to do for them?"

As a result, the Kentucky missionary and his family received a great box to open on Christmas morning. Back in a northern city no children were happier over their Christmas than the two who planned it for them.

Tampa, Fla., to Matadi. They are to leave Port Tampa on Dec. 20. . . . Let us pray that nothing will disrupt these plans. Our missionaries in Africa are in desperate need of help."

The Waynesboro, Pa. church reports three confessions on the evening of Dec. 1st when the pastor, Rev. R. D. Crees, preached an evangelistic sermon, "Bidding Goodbye to God."

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IN THE SHADOW

ROBINSON—Andrew Y., was born May 6, 1876 and passed out of this life at his North Canton, O. home Oct. 23, 1940. Funeral services were conducted from the Clark Schneeberger & Son funeral parlors in Canton, O., Oct. 25, by the undersigned, assisted by Rev. Paul Lorah. Bro. Robinson leaves to mourn his home-going his faithful companion, two sons and three daughters.

It was the joyous privilege of the undersigned to be used by the Holy Spirit, early in his pastorate in Canton, to lead Bro. Robinson to the Lord. This furnished the basis for an unusually close friendship in the Lord. Bro. Robinson proved himself to be a faithful servant of the Lord, whom he dearly loved, and his testimony was a real one among the men with whom he worked. His faithful service in the local congregation was of more than usual value. While always unassuming, Bro. Robinson was faithful in the performance of every task to which he was called and his faithful attendance at the services of the church was a real help to those who ministered the Word in the Canton church. Such a life is a real blessing in any congregation and may Bro. Robinson's life of faithful service be a real incentive not alone to his family but to all those who know him. Those who remain here "sorrow not as others, which have no hope."

J. C. Beal

New Books For Your Library

"WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE DANCE?"

By John R. Rice

44 pages; paper; price, 25c.

This booklet contains the stenographic report of the sermon delivered Sunday evening of June 9, 1935, by Dr. Rice at the Fundamentalist Baptist Tabernacle in Dallas, Texas.

He courageously speaks the **plain** truth about the devastating evil of the modern dance. Note a few of the title heads in his indictment: Drinking and Dancing Always Go Together, Nudity and Lewdness Go with the Dance, Dance and Divorce Go Together.

In the closing paragraphs, he makes an appeal for coming to Christ (in response to which eight souls were saved at that time).

Put this booklet into the hands of all who are thus tempted and perchance it will be the means of winning them to Christ and thus saving them from a life of sin which inevitably culminates in a Christless grave.

—G. G. K.

'RUSSIANS AND ROMANS—Will the European Crisis Result in the End of the Age?'

By Herbert Lockyer

In this booklet, the author deals with four lines of prophecy necessary to the understanding of what the Bible has to say regarding current and future events.

1. **The Northern Confederacy**—the grizzly bear Russia gradually gaining power and Germany to be a part of this confederacy.
2. **The Roman Empire**—revival of this once great world dominion with trend toward a universal church being Roman.
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This 28-page, paper-cover booklet can be a supplement to your prophetic library for only 25c.

—G. G. K.

"TESTS AND TRIUMPHS OF ARMENIANS in Turkey and Macedonia"

By Jensine Oerts Peters (Mrs. E. W. Peters)

95 pages with 8 full pages illustrations. Price: paper, 50c; cloth, $1

The authoress of this vivid account of missionary endeavor was Danish by birth. Obeying the call to mission work, her heart was set upon the field in Armenia where for 10 years she labored. Because of the hardships and relentlessly bloody persecutions inflicted by the Turks, she set out with a horde of refugees to land on Macedonian soil, and there for 18 years her life was poured out for the cause of Christ. Later she spent considerable time in America, both in service and further training at Moody Bible Institute, from which enrollment, incidentally, she acquired a husband. Their home base has been established in Canada and they serve together under the name of Macedonian and Armenian Gospel Mission, Inc.

Full of adventure in connection with a life resting and serving in the everlasting arms of Him Whom she claims as Savior and Lord, this book might well be a companion volume to "My Beloved Armenia" written by Marie S. Banker some few years ago, also obtainable from this company.

—G. G. K.

"COME AND SEE" by Janie Lancaster McMann

A new book of children's Bible stories.

158 pages; cloth, price, $1.00—a fine gift book.

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—Mrs. L. P.

A WORD FOR PREACHERS ONLY

We have been reading a letter written by a lady who has been attending a Christian conference. She makes some searching observations as to impressions made upon her by ministers she saw at this conference. They are worthy of the consideration of every Christian worker, for they are not written in a critical spirit.

"These are the ambassadors for Christ," she writes. "They stand in His stead and beseech mankind in His stead to be reconciled to God. They preach Christ crucified, but are they themselves crucified with Him? The experience and habits of many I met do not seem to be in accordonc with the simplicity and purity of a holy and cross-bearing life.

"Many in their personal appearance and conversation did not seem to be a savor of Christ. They did not seem to be strong in the Lord to do and suffer all things for Christ's sake. How can these things be? Why is it that many acceptable teachers and pastors do not confess and exemplify in their experience and conduct the fulfillment of the promises and requisitions of the Gospel they preach?

"It seems to me the witnesses for Jesus should be unspotted from the world. They supposedly bear in their bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus and their works manifest that they are wrought in God. Their names and influence may not indeed be popular among men, because the multitude do not love nor receive the testimony of Christ."

—Prophecy

The Brethren Missionary Herald will soon be one year old, which reminds us that many subscriptions will be expiring very shortly, Check your label for date of your expiration.

BECAUSE JESUS CAME

Because Jesus left heaven's portals so fair,
Laid aside all His glory, and then
In the form of a servant, obedient, He came
And dwelt upon earth among men—

Because angels sang on that night long ago
Of the peace that alone will endure,
Then the shepherds in Bethlehem found Him, their King
And the wise men brought incense and myrrh.

Because Christ was willing to drink of the cup,
Counting all of earth's pleasures but dross—
Because He in love gave Himself for the world
And for us bore the shame of the cross—

'Tis because Jesus came—I am saved by His grace,
And because He now lives, so do I;
Because He is coming I watch and await
His return in the clouds of the sky!

—Angie Garber

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God's Method of Revival

II Chron. 7:14—"If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Jer. 33:3—"Call unto me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."

Hosea 10:12—"So to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you."

Malachi 3:10—"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Malachi 3:16—"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another and the Lord hearkened and heart it, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name."

"Merry Christmas Everybody!

. . . . "And thanks, for your Thanksgiving gift, to Home Missions. I go to a Brethren Home Mission Sunday School, like hundreds of other little boys and girls, and it's nice of you to help us. Maybe some day when we grow up we can give to help other little boys and girls. Pray for us . . . . . and thanks again!"

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Theme Song of Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

To Know Him, And To Make Him Known

Affectionately Inscribed to Columbia Bible College

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Not too fast

To know Him, and to make Him known, What a

bless - ed task is mine, To know Him, and to

make Him known, That is joy and peace di - vine

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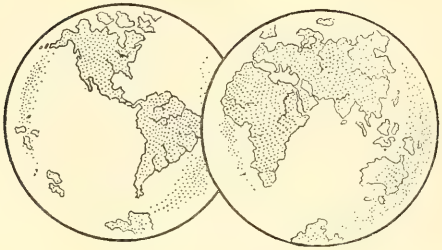

By CHAS. W. MAYES

Fifty Ministers Meet in Prophecy

CHICAGO, ILL.—Some time ago 50 ministers met in special Bible conference without public meetings to discuss world affairs in the light of Bible prophecy. Many others were invited who could not be present. At the close of this great conference for Bible study and prayer, 10 statements were formulated. These are too long to be reprinted here, but it is well to say that they are in complete harmony with the prophetic teaching for which this magazine stands. One great and final statement can well be used by believing churches and pastors everywhere as a slogan. It could well be placed on inside bulletin boards, in church calendars, and in personal correspondence. Here it is: "We call upon God's people, in repentance, confession, and humility, to pray and work for a mighty revival, that multitudes may yet be saved before the Lord comes."

Don't Use Mission Funds to Buy Coal

BERNE, IND.—It was learned today that The Brethren Missions Council with offices in this city has reason to rejoice in the early response of the Thanksgiving offering for home missions in a great many Brethren churches. It will be remembered that new churches are being established just as fast as money and men can be presented the Lord for service. Churches which are a little lax in getting in the offering should send it at once. Locally, it might help to pay for coal, but it was not given for that purpose.

Brethren Minister Asks For Beer

PHEONIX, ARIZ.—Stopping at a combination gas station, tourist camp and restaurant near here, a Brethren minister from the east confidentially asked the owner of the camp, "Have you any beer?" Although the manager did not sell beer as a rule, he recalled that he could secure it quickly across the highway. Expecting the minister to stop for the night, the manager quickly replied, "Well, er—yes, we can furnish you all the beer you want."

"That's all I wanted to know," replied the minister, "I never stop where they sell beer."

It is reported that the minister drove on until he could find a place to stay where there was no beer for sale.

Methodist Publications Consolidated

CHICAGO, ILL.—One man has now been selected to become the editor-in-chief of the Methodist Board of Publications. This means the consolidation of all the Methodist "Christian Advocates" into one new official organ to serve a membership of about 8,000,000. The new editor gives his opinion as to what a church paper ought to be. "It is the business of a church newspaper to sit in judgment on the passing show. It must stand ready to summon industry, politics, social customs, international movements, or church life before the Christian conscience. It must not be afraid to make enemies of evil doers, or unwilling to support an unpopular, although Christian, cause."

Probably the new editor has not stated all that he thinks a church paper ought to be. He has no doubt mentioned what he thinks is most important. We wonder if the teaching of God's holy Word is not important also! What is the most important truth in the world? Certainly, it is the truth of God's Word. It would be a splendid thing if some church members would hear about Christ, sin, salvation, prophetic truth and holy living from the church paper. Why not let them read the gospel if they do not hear it from the pulpit?

MINISTER GETS CHURCH MEMBERS SAVED

CLEVELAND, OHIO—Not far from here an elderly minister was heard to say, "In recent years of my ministry, my chief aim has been to get the church members saved. And they surely need it."

This good and discerning brother was old fashioned enough to believe that these pre-Easter hatchings in which a lot of folks are rushed into church membership without the new birth is more damage to the church than good. We would like to go a step further than this good brother and suggest that a campaign be instituted to get a lot of the preachers saved. And there are some who surely need it. If this could be brought to pass, the church could do something about the world chaos which is now threatening us. But there is so much fifth column activity in the world that if the rulers would call upon the godly believing ministers of the gospel to offer a solution for the way out, there would be an equal number of men of religion to rise up and deny every word that would come from the lips of God's Spirit-filled ministers. If the rulers want to find God's will, they should get busy and read the Bible carefully and believe the promises for themselves.

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OBJECTIVES FOR 1940-1941

1. Four major offerings:
   September, October, November — Our National Expense Fund. Need $920.
   December, January, February — Bozoum Seminary for native evangelists. Need $800.
   March, April, May — Grace Theological Seminary. Need $500.
   June, July, August — Home Missions. Need $500.
2. Scrap books made for mission study.
3. Daily prayer cards for home and foreign missionaries.
4. That we encourage daily Bible reading with number of chapters reported at each council meeting.
5. That we encourage definite witnessing to the unsaved on the part of every Council.
6. That we urge our women to aid in getting The Brethren Missionary Herald into every home in the church.

EDITORIALS

INVENTORY

At this time of year business firms are quite generally taking inventories: checking up on the stock on hand, and then on the basis of that, looking forward and making plans for the new year. This, however, is not the end of the year's work for the Women's Missionary Council; but again, many business firms find it good business to make a check up in the midst of the year as well as at the end. So we wondered if it would not be a good idea for each local council to do just that.

As the basic items of our inventory we might use the six objectives on our list. At the end of November we completed our first major offering—our National Expense Fund. Was the offering in your council what it should have been? If each council did as well proportionally as yours, would it mean that the need of $920 would be met? Or did your council do so well that the amount sent will help make up the average for some weaker group? Or it may be that we must acknowledge that our own council did not measure up to what should be expected of it. These facts must be faced. Our heavenly Father is looking to our women to do a certain piece of work—will He be pleased with us, or grieved? And as we face that item of record, we must see that we are now one month advanced on our second major offering, that which will be used to support the training school in Africa for native evangelists. If we did not do so well with the first offering, let us consider carefully how we may do more along this line; if our first record is a good one, we must not let down or fall behind with this and the succeeding ones.

And then what about those scrap books? Has your council made a good start? That is fine. Hasn't it been going as well as you could desire? It is not too late even to begin if you have not done so. This is an objective where the new councils may do just as well as those who started at the beginning of the year. Don't forget you are to bring or send your scrap book to National Conference. And while you are gathering material about our missionaries for your scrap book, you are increasing your knowledge and interest in this vital subject.

Then is your council using the daily prayer cards, remembering both home and foreign missionaries daily? If these cards are exchanged faithfully each month among the women, they will be a means of getting to know our missionaries better, and our prayer life will grow; because, having prayed for a missionary for a whole month, we shall want to continue remembering that one daily, and so it will mean just adding another name to our prayer list.

How many chapters of the Bible has your council read to date? And how can you stimulate this reading to make the total grow? Your council might vote to read a certain portion of the word each month if the members do not seem to be doing so well on their own initiative.

Objective Num. 5 is perhaps the most important of all. Let us not leave it to become hazy and indefinite, but as five is the number of grace in Scripture, let us get the message of the grace of our loving God out to as many as possible in the days that remain to us. So many are dying without Christ and without hope—the time is short—let us redeem it, for the days are surely evil.

How many subscriptions to The Brethren Missionary Herald has your council secured? Perhaps the better way to ask this question is: How many families in your church are still without the benefit of the weekly visit of this truly fine church paper?

And then there may be local objectives which should be considered by your council. Is your membership as large as it should be? If there is a woman in the church or congregation who should be a member and who is not, there is a task to which your attention should immediately be given. Is there a place anywhere in the spiritual life of your church where any or all of the W.M.C. members might be of service?

Let us keep central in our thoughts our general topic for this year—Glorifying God. Let us put all our W. M. C. activities to the test of I Cor. 10:31—**"Do all to the glory of God."**

MATERIAL FOR YOUR SCRAP BOOKS

We are just in receipt of a supply of large sheets of pictures of our home mission pastors. These have been gotten out by The Brethren Missions Council to be used by our women in their scrap books. You will receive samples with your January Devotional Topics. If you can use more of these sheets, just drop the editor a card stating how many, and we shall be glad to forward them to you.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

The La Verne, Calif. council sends us word of the passing to glory of one of their faithful members—Mrs. S. McMahon. This sister was 80 years old last December and left this life on Aug. 10, 1940.

And from Flora, Ind., comes word of the home going of their dear sister and ours, Mrs. Jane Allen, on Oct. 29, 1940 at the age of 83.

The record of these sisters, faithful to the work of the Lord to the end of long lives, should be an inspiration to us not to be weary in well doing, but to continue with vigor what these have laid down to go into the presence of their Lord.

PRAYER REQUESTS

National Prayer Chairman: Mrs. Arthur Carey, Rittman, O. Let us pray:

1. That each council member may daily use her prayer card for home and foreign missions.
2. That each council member may grow in the prace of definite witnessing to the unsaved.
3. That Brother Curtis Morrill may be able to secure passage across the sea when he goes to New York, although everything is booked ahead for months.
4. That sufficient money may come in to support our own Brethren Jewish Mission in Los Angeles.
5. That many churches will see souls saved through special evangelistic effort this winter.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR JANUARY MEETING

Subject: Glorifying God in the New Year
Song
Scripture: Phil. 3:7-14
Prayer
Business
Song
Topic: "Forgetting the Things Behind," by Mrs. Roy Patterson, Dayton, O.
Topic: "The Race Set Before Us," by Miss Mary Pence, Limestone, Tenn.
Special Number
Missionary News: Mrs. Curtis Morrill
Prayer Circle using printed requests
Benediction

(Program by Mrs. W. A. Ogden, vice-president)

Found in Our Mail

HIGH LIGHTS OF THE HISTORY OF THE W.M.C. OF THE CONEMAUGH BRETHREN CHURCH

The Women's Missionary Council of the Conemaugh Brethren Church was organized Jan. 23, 1940, with seven women present.

A motion prevailed to continue our meetings with all ages of ladies until the group became large enough to divide into separate councils.

The regular devotional program outlined for the month of December was followed.

A free will offering was taken for the support of the Bouca Station. A delightful social hour followed with Mrs. Allen Hostettler acting as hostess.

The second meeting of the W. M. C. was held Feb. 8, 1940, with 20 women present. The regular devotional program was followed. A very interesting and stimulating discussion of each topic read was enjoyed by the group. The constitution and by-laws of the National W. M. C. were read and discussed. During this meeting the women decided the group was large enough to separate into a Senior and Junior Council. At present the Senior Council has 18 members while the Juniors have a baker's dozen.

The Listie Council, together with our Senior and Junior Councils, decided to exchange visits that we may secure new ideas and enjoy an evening of fellowship. Our councils combined gave a program relative to the home mission churches on Oct. 10 at the Listle church. A real Christian fellowship was thoroughly enjoyed by every person present. The Listie Council is returning the visit Nov. 21 at our church. We have invited the councils at Vinco, Munday's Corner and Johnstown to fellowship with us that night. We are looking forward to a very enjoyable visit.

At present the Junior Council is gathering clothing for the Clayhole church. We expect to send it to them before Christmas. The Senior Council already has sent their contribution of clothing. The Junior group will meet this week to decide how we shall compile the scrap book for our mission study.

We have planned a Christmas party with our husbands as guests for our December meeting. We shall have our regular devotional program centered around a Christmas program. In January we are planning to have a joint meeting at the church with our Senior Council in honor of our first birthday.

Our prayer is that we may live so closely to our Lord and Savior that others may see Him in us—that we may be true to Him until He comes. Pray for us.

Because of Calvary,

MRS. RAYMOND ANTHONY, Pres. Junior Council

(Editor's note: The above is a fine example of what we wish to receive from our councils all over the country. Won't you please send them in so fast that the general editor will have to cut our copy down? Thank you.)

Notice of Coming East Central District Rally

This rally will be held at Rittman, O. on Fri., Jan. 17, 1941. All East Central District women please keep that date open.

"TEACH US TO PRAY"

I often say my prayers,
But do I ever pray?
And do the wishes of my heart
Go with the words I say?

I may as well kneel down
And worship gods of stone,
As offer to the living God
A prayer of words alone.

For words without the heart
The Lord will never hear;
Nor will he to those lips attend
Whose prayer is not sincere.

—JOHN BURTON.

The SISTERHOOD of MARY and MARTHA

"To know Him and to make Him known"

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Goals for Year 1940 and 1941

1. Twelve devotional meetings using suggested material.
2. Bible reading: The four Gospels and the Acts.
   Junior reading: John and Mark. 50% membership completing Bible reading.
3. Membership project.
4. Cabinet meetings in fall and spring.
5. Bandages sent to bandage Sec'y by July 31, and at least one other benevolent work during the year.
6. Offering sent to financial secretary by Jan. 31 and July 31 for administrative purposes.
7. Two thank offerings received during the year and sent to financial secretary. These may be taken any time during the year to be sent in at the same time as the regular offering.
8. An offering sent to financial secretary by July 31 for fund for the higher education of missionaries' children.
9. An offering sent to district secretary by May 31.

SENIOR COVENANT

Grateful that I know the Christ, and trusting in His help—

I will endeavor to be a living testimony unto Him; to serve others; to do unto others as I would have others do unto me.

I will be mindful that vast millions of girls and women have not heard the tidings of great joy, and for these I will not cease to make offerings of prayer, time, and money that they know the love of Jesus.

In loving remembrance of my Master, I gladly enter this covenant.

Signed.....

JUNIOR COVENANT

Grateful for the love that God has shown toward me through Christ, I will try to study the Bible regularly; I will try to be kind and loving to the girls with whom I associate; and I will gladly help the missionaries and those in need in every way I can.

Signed.....

To be an active member of the S. M. M., each girl should truthfully sign the above covenant.

We anxiously look forward to receiving news from your society. This week we received an interesting letter from Flora, Ind.

GREETINGS FROM FLORA Y.P.M.B.

This is not a Sisterhood report but a Young People's Mission Band which is similar to Sisterhood work. When the new Brethren work began last January one of the first questions asked by the girls was, "What about Sisterhood?" Since the boys had never had any missionary work, it was suggested they be invited to join the work with the girls, which was gladly accepted, and from the very first meeting the boys have been just as faithful in attendance and service as the girls.

At the first meeting in January, 16 were present, and the attendance has been as high as 26, with the average attendance about 19 or 20. The present membership is 23. Program booklets were made outlining the service for each meeting, which included songs, devotional topics and mission study. On the last page was placed the pictures of two missionaries which were to be prayed for especially by the possessor of that booklet. One special meeting was held for rolling bandages, and believe it or not the boys worked as hard as the girls, even to running the sewing machine.

This group had their own building fund which amounted to a little over $43.00 which was used to buy 30 chairs for their class room. $10.00 given to general building fund and the rest for incidentals. At the present time they are filling dime books for the home mission offering, and several have been filled and turned in; others report nearly full.

At the December meeting there will be a co-operative supper, after which there will be an exchange of toys for those whose names had been previously drawn —then each toy will be rewrapped and sent to the Kentucky Mountain children; also the new officers and sponsor will be installed and a Christmas program enjoyed.

We do praise God for such a splendid group of young people who are just as faithful at Sunday School, Church, and C. E. We know the Lord will do great things for them and through them to His glory.

We trust similar organizations will report their activities. We hope this group can be recognized some way in the national work.

Our prayers go up for all the young people in this day and age, when there is so much to attract them away from God—but we know that He is able to do all things well.

MRS. MABEL FLORA, Sponsor,

MISS ELIZABETH FISHER, Secretary.

To this letter I am sure we all join with, "Praise the Lord"!!

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM THE SISTERHOOD GIRLS OF THE IOWA BRETHREN BIBLE CONFERENCE

It reads—

The Sisterhood girls associated with the Iowa Brethren Bible Conference, convened 4 p. m., Sat., Nov. 23, 1940, at Grace Brethren Church. 16 girls, three from Leon, three from Dallas Center, one from Lanark, one from Garwin, and eight from Waterloo, with four leaders, were present. Mrs. Vernon Schrock, patroness of the host church opened the meeting. We sang "I am Thine, O Lord". Mrs. Miles Taber led in prayer. Mrs. Schrock read for the Scripture lesson, Jn. 14:1-6, closing with v. 6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me". Each girl then gave greetings to the group as she was introduced. Several of the girls gave fine testimonies.

Mrs. Glenn Hoover read Col. 3:17, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him," which was the verse on the program at National Sisterhood Conference this year. She read greetings from our national patroness, Mrs. Polman, and several other national officers. The picture of the National Sisterhood Conference was passed around. It was interesting to see pictures of our national officers as well as other Sisterhood girls who attended conference this year.

The goals were presented and discussion followed. Several suggestions were made about benevolent work other than bandages. There are so many things Sisterhood girls can do. Besides sending offerings and serving at home churches, some go to county homes and hospitals and have services, prayer, singing and testimony. Mrs. Hoover urged us to take as our own, the Sisterhood theme, "To Know Him and to Make Him Known." For truly to know Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, then to desire to make Him known to others, should be our purpose.

Thank you for this letter. We want to hear from every rally or conference, news, and new officers. Don't fail us.

DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR JANUARY

There are souls all around who are seeking for light,
They are weary of sin and distressed;
If thro' you they find Jesus, the Savior of men,
They'll have joy and forgiveness and rest.

Choruses or hymn
Prayer
Scripture: II Cor. 4:1-10
Hymn: I Would Be Like Jesus
Season of prayer
Special number

Topic: Sister Dortha Dowdy who is busy on the South American field writes to us this month. We are thanking our Lord for her recent recovery from nasal diphtheria. Little Jimmy is now ill so let us pray for his recovery also.

A PURPOSED LIFE

In keeping with the theme for the year "To know Him and to make Him known", let us consider the purpose of our lives. The psalmist gives a beautiful description of a well purposed life in Psl. 9:10-11. As you read these verses you will see four things that ought to be found in the life of every believer. First of all it should be our purpose to

Know Him

Does not every child of God need to **know Christ** personally? Certainly a divinely purposed life would require that we know Him Who is our Redeemer. It was He who paid the price of our redemption, and it is He Who walks daily with us. Christ said, "I know mine own, and mine own know Me" (Jn. 10:14). We read in Acts how Saul was traveling the road to Damascus with a purpose to persecute the Christians. But God called him and the purpose of his life was changed. Later in his letter to the Philippians, he said, "Yea verily, I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; . . . that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, becoming conformed unto His death". Would that our daily communion with Him might bring us into a more intimate knowledge of Him and of His sufferings for us, and of His present intercession on our behalf.

Trust Him

"And they that know Thy name will put their **trust** in **Thee.**" These words given to us by the Holy Spirit are an expression of a deep personal experience of the psalmist. Let us turn to I Sam. 17 and there reread the defiance of the army of Israel to send out one against Goliath, the giant. In v. 42-44 we read how Goliath trusted in **his own** power. He speaks of what **I** will do. Notice David's answer in v. 45-46: "I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, Whom thou hast defied." David came **in the name** of the **Lord.** It was the Lord Who was to deliver; for it was the Lord's battle, and for His honor and glory. The battle is a victory when we trust Him. But what about those small, every day (even trivial) battles of life? Paul says, "The just shall live by faith". Then each battle will be won by faith "for we walk by faith and not by sight" and we ought to practice daily trusting Him more.

Praise Him

"Sing **praises** to Jehovah who dwelleth in Zion". This text is centered in a psalm devoted to thanksgiving to God for **Who** He is as well as what He has done and is doing for His people. The Lord is worthy of praise because of His holiness, His power, and His majesty. Let us remember to glorify His holy name.

Praise is the expression of a genuine appreciation of the wonderful Person of God. This expression comes forth in speech, in song, and even in silence (Gal. 5:19 R. V.)

Dona Rosa is a little old lady in Rio Cuarto who is 73 years old. She trusts the Lord for all her living. She was left alone and penniless when her husband died. She has no children and no relatives. Her eyesight is very poor but otherwise she enjoys good health and she is always bubbling with joy. She is never sad but praises the Lord and is thanking Him "always for all things". She rises early each morning to take mate and sing hymns She testifies that the Lord loves her much to supply all her needs as He does.

Serve Him

"Declare among the people His **doings."** There are many ways in which we can serve Him, but here the

psalmist tells us to tell others about God's doings. Look also at the commission of our Lord, "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Then read further in Acts 5:29-52 how Peter testified when on trial. Having been accused by the high priest, he did not try to defend himself with arguments. He simply related some of the wonderful works of God accomplished in His beloved Son. Furthermore he assured his accusers that he was a witness of these works of God and that his testimony was the testimony of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray that the Lord may use each one of us to tell of God's wonderful works.

Friends, as children of God, have you a purpose or plan for your life? If not, ask God to-day what His will is for you in this matter. Every Christian can follow the simple teaching of this portion of Psl. 9—to know, trust, praise, and serve Him—and find her life greatly enriched.

Hymn: I will Sing the Wondrous Story
Business: Plan for bandage rolling
Benediction: Psl. 145:1-2

Bandages have been coming to the bandage secretary, Miss Betty Grace, without the express charges paid. Please send all bandages **prepaid** to Miss Grace, **c/o First Brethren Church**, 10th and Dauphin Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW YEAR

Dear Lord, as this new year is born
I give it to Thy hand,
Content to walk by faith what paths
I cannot understand.

Whatever coming days may bring
Of bitter loss, or gain,
Or very crown of happiness,
Should sorrow come, or pain—

Or Lord, if all unknown to me
Thine angel hovers near
To bear me to that farther shore
Before another year—

It matters not—my hand in Thine,
Thy light upon my face,
Thy boundless strength when I am weak,
Thy love and saving grace!

I only ask, loose not my hand;
Grip fast my soul, and be
My guiding light upon the path
Till, blind no more, I see.

—MARTHA SNELL NICHOLSON.

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The Unveiling of Jesus Christ

AN EXPOSITION OF REVELATION 11

By R. I. HUMBERD

"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, arise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein" (v. 1).

Some have misunderstood the battle of Armageddon and think it is a battle between two earthly armies, with God helping one side. They are sometimes led estray by hearing a message on Ezekiel 38, 39, where two earthly armies are in a struggle.

In these chapters, Russia and Germany are to unite to come down upon Palestine. This great hoard will bring a confederacy of nations against it which will probably resolve itself into the full manifestation of the Roman Empire. In this great battle, which will be fought before the battle of Armageddon, God does step in and turn them back leaving "but the sixth part." If 6,000,000 men came down, only 1,000,000 will return.

Armageddon

But that is not Armageddon for Armageddon is the armies of the entire world gathered to consciously "make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army" (Rev. 19:19). It is Christ Himself that they hate, so God "will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle—"Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations" (Zach. 14:2, 3; Joel 3:2).

It used to be a great question in my mind what could bring all the nations of the world against Jerusalem when a few aeroplanes could wipe it out of existance. But here in ch. 11 we have our clue.

Christ purchased the earth on the cross but will not take possession until all the church is in. He will then be opposed by Satan and must take steps to force possession. He snaps the seals, opens the title deed and comes down from heaven; plants one foot on the sea and one on the land and swears that delay will be no longer.

Satan has been terribly opposing Christ and fighting Him through His people. No one who pledges loyalty to the God of heaven is safe on the earth, for "all that dwell upon the earth shall worship" Satan's superman (ch. 13:8).

A Plot of Ground

Christ now measures off a small portion of ground in Jerusalem and keeps it by supernatural power, permitting the Gentiles to still tread "the holy city" under foot for 42 months (v. 2). Anything that can oppose the Antichrist will draw the attention of the entire world and bring their armies to fight against it.

"And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three score days, clothed in sackcloth" (v. 3).

Not only does God measure off a plot of ground in Jerusalem and keep it by supernatural power, but two men appear upon the earth and witness to the God of heaven. The measuring is for 42 months and these

two men witness for 12060 days. It is the same length of time and corresponds to the last half of Daniel's 70th week; a time times and half a time; 3½ years, or the period of time usually called the great tribulation.

These men are clothed in sackcloth. Their very clothes speak of judgment and sorrow.

Just who these two men will be, we are not told. In the last verses of the Old Testament, God promises to "send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord" (Mal. 4:5).

John the Baptist Not Elijah

Elijah was taken to heaven without dying. These two witnesses are finally killed, so some think Elijah will return to earth and yet pass through that experience.

When Christ sent His messenger, John the Baptist, before His face, people were expecting the messenger to be Elijah. But when the people asked Him, "Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not" (Jn. 1:21). Whatever else might be written, it cannot contradict this plain statement—John the Baptist is not Elijah.

The disciples asked concerning Elijah, and Christ said "Elias truly **shall** come first—But I say unto you, That Elias is come already—Then the disciples understood that He spake unto them of John the Baptist" (Matt. 17:11). The latter part of this verse does not make void the former that Elias "**Shall** come first".

God has promised to send Elijah before the dreadful day of the Lord comes. At the first coming of Christ, God knowing the Jews would reject their King sent John the Baptist in the spirit and power of Elijah. Christ said "If ye shall receive it (the kingdom) this is Elias which was for to come (Matt. 11:14). That is, God knows all things ahead of time, and had the Jews accepted Christ at His first coming, Elijah would have been sent.

Enoch Or Moses

Enoch was another to leave this earth without dying. Some think he will return as one of the witnesses and be killed.

When Moses died, God buried him and for some reason Satan desired the body and Michael had to guard it (Jude 9). At the mount of transfiguration it was Moses and Elijah that appeared and some think they are the two witnesses of this chapter.

Death to Enemies

"And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies" (v. 5).

Those who preach the gospel of grace have enemies, but suppose they were permitted to execute them on the spot. This is a death struggle, and if God is to have any witness on the earth at all, it must be by supernatural power. Elijah brought fire from heaven and destroyed the captain and his fifty. Let a man seek to hurt these two men of God and lightning will flash from their mouth and the enemy will fall dead.

What a time of anger and fierce wrath it will be! It has been so easy to destroy God's people, but here are two that can withstand any attack upon their life and even strike back with death dealing blows, turn water to blood and "smite the earth with all plagues as often as they will" (v. 6).

Imagine if we can the mad desire of the Antichrist to rid the earth of these two tormenters. Radios will announce their activities to the world; great headlines will promise wealth and honor to the man or woman who can outwit them and put them to death. They will be the talk of the day, and blaspheming humanity will seek in vain for their life.

If men will not listen to their message, they can "shut heaven, that it rain not". During the reign of Ahab, Elijah shut up the heavens for three and one-half years and well did he get the ears of the people by that act.

(To be continued)

THINK IT OVER

VOLTAIRE SAID, "I hate life and yet I hate to die." The Apostle Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain."

Items of Interest About Israel

By JOHN AEBY

When Modernism Takes Its Mask Off its antichristian character is plainly visible as is evidenced by excerpts of the following letter by "W. E. R." to the "Plain Talk" columnist in B'nai B'rith. He writes: "Dear Mr. Segal: I am seriously thinking of taking up the Jewish religion. As a good Christian I feel that in a time like this I should help to carry the terrible burden of my Jewish brethren. The only way I know of doing this is to join them. . . . I feel it would not violently wrench my Christian faith to become a Jew by religion. In all the ethical essentials the two religions are pretty much alike. As a Jew I can continue to honor Jesus as the noblest of all gentlemen." This self-styled "good Christian" doesn't seem to recall that Jesus repudiated this kind of honor from the rich young ruler (Lk. 18:18, 19). If Jesus was not God He was not good, for He claimed to be God!

He continues: "In fact, among a great many enlightened Christians faith in Jesus the God is giving way to veneration for a fine human being who by the very fact of having been human is the more understandable as an exemplar." The fact of this statement is a remarkable admission of the widespread apostasy from an apostate himself. But, in the opinions he expresses he misses the truth terribly. First, all who are enlightened by the Holy Spirit know that Jesus Christ is as He claimed God! Secondly, apart from His being God, His humanity in its perfection presents to all men an impossible example.

Instead of helping the Jews by such a proposition, this professed "good Christian" could only serve to confirm them in their unbelief. If His position is right, then the New Testament is all wrong and Bible believing Christians from Pentecost till the present hour have been ridiculous fools. Perhaps we are in the eyes of the worldly wise, but we know the "wisdom of God"! As a final answer, the Jews' that is a Jew, saying, "We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you" (Zech. 8:23). Today the Jew is out of God's will, and what a contrast to his position in society! In many places men are taking hold of their necks to persecute them, but in that day they shall hang to their skirts for their favor. May God hasten the day when, as Paul says in Rom. 11:26, All Israel shall be saved!"

JESUS CHRIST

The One Key to Scripture

STUDIES IN THE HEBREW EPISTLE

"Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have Eternal Life, and they are they which testify of me"—John 5 39

Study No. VII CHAPTER VI By Ord Gehman

In this study we are confronted with a most precious chapter dear to the heart of every born-again child of God. To the weak it gives strength. To those who are floundering for the truth, it gives light and hope. To the wavering it gives stability. To the careless it gives added impetus for righteousness in Christ Jesus.

The chapter before us rather naturally divides itself into two main divisions, both having to do with the transcendent theme of Christian perfection, or, better stated, perfection in Christ. The first 12 verses address our attention to an urgent appeal to perfection with its attendant warning and expression of confidence. The remainder of the chapter deals with the actual hope of perfection and a great Biblical example of perfection. With these two divisions in mind, let us examine the chapter before us more minutely. May the blessed Holy Spirit motivate and guide our minds as we thus study together.

It is to be remembered that the epistle is addressed to Hebrews who have been contacted with the message of the gospel. Doubtless, many of them were true believers, but there were some who were only "professors" as the whole of the New Testament teaches. Hence, we see this Epistle to Hebrew Christian believers and Hebrew "professors" of Christianity. To the former group is addressed the urge to full perfection in Jesus Christ. To the latter group is addressed the warning of not trusting fully in Christ for perfection but relying partially on their old Judaism. This warning can be understood better when we realize that in every Jew's very make-up was the Old Testament law as an integral part. This same problem of the Judaizers confronted the early church in the first council in Jerusalem (Acts 15). The Hebrew Epistle faces the same problem and deals with it accordingly. The plain question was: could Christians be perfect in Christ without the law? to which question the Hebrew Epistle and the remainder of the New Testament echoes the answer in the affirmative.

Thus, the forepart of this chapter warns of the danger to the Hebrew of stopping short of Jesus Christ Himself, for there is no other means of repentance. The Jew had many advantages because unto him had the oracles of God been committed (Rom. 3:2 ff.) They have sampled of the things of salvation, but have refused to go the whole way without the "crutch" of Judaism. In Christ alone comes salvation, not as a result of a strange admixture of faith and human effort. The requirements placed before the true believer are decidedly different than those of the unbeliever. And according to the New Testament, a part of the realm of professing Christianity comes under the latter caption. There is only one way by which God can forgive human sin, and that is in Christ Jesus. If individuals choose to remain outside that realm, there is nothing God can do about it but render the judgment which they have decided upon.

The writer here uses a very familiar and graphic illustration in substantiation of this great spiritual principle. It is not because of the lack of the Holy Spirit that men are not wooed and won for Christ. It is because men choose not to yield to His persistent calling. The rain falls on two plots of ground side by side. The one plot produces an abundant yield unto the harvest. But the other plot produces a scant harvest worthy only of discarding. Why the difference? Did "better rain" fall on the one plot than the other? Not so. One plot was fertile and responded to the effect of the rain and produced. The other plot did not respond. So it is with the work of the Holy Spirit. With the same power and the same winsomeness He woos two men. The one responds, accepts Christ and becomes a fervent, fruit-bearing Christian. The other sluffs off, an eternal rejector of the blessed Christ. Beloved reader, does His Spirit bear witness with your spirit that you are His child? (Rom. 8:16).

The writer of the Hebrew Epistle expresses utter confidence in the Hebrews to whom he writes (v. 9). Let us note this verse and those immediately following. The emphasis is placed upon God. "God is not unrighteous to forget—". There may be a great many "things" which professed believers do, but only those done in love and in the name of the One Who loved us will elicit God's consideration. Great movements and accomplishments fostered only in human effort are doomed to dismal failure and defeat. But even a "cup of cold water" given in the Master's name will receive the blessing of our all-wise Father. There is here an appeal for diligence in one's efforts for Him because we have a host of forerunners who through faith and patience have inherited the promises. As we sing in one of the great hymns of the church:

Not to the strong is the battle,
Not to the swift is the race,
Yet to the true and the faithful
Victory is promised through grace.

Not only does he express this confidence in them, but alludes to Abraham's faith as recorded in the Old Testament to grove that this perfection is possible. God has made these great promises and He cannot fail. Neither will He forsake His children who trust in Him. He has promised and so it stands. When we have laid hold upon the only hope of safety in Jesus Christ, it becomes to us an anchor of the soul. Christ our forerunner has entered within the veil, thus guaranteeing in God's good time. Brethren, let us likewise be patient for we by His grace shall soon enter in to His blessed fulness.

CRITICISM

It is easy enough to pick out flaws,
In the work that others have done;
To point out errors that others made,
When your own task you haven't begun.
It's easy enough to fuss and find fault,
When others are doing their best:
To sneer at the little they have achieved
When you have done nothing but rest.
It's easy enough to cavil and carp,
To criticize, scoff, and deride;
For few of us ever have done perfect work
No matter how hard we have tried.
It is easy enough not to speak of the best
And to dwell all the time on the worst;
And perhaps it is proper sometimes to find fault,
But be sure that **you've** done something first.

—SEL.

OUR BOY'S and GIRL'S VERY OWN PAGE

"NOT ASHAMED"

By MRS. KEITH ALTIG

Mrs. Smith sat down one morning to read a chapter in the Bible just before the children started to school. Just as she started to read she heard a knock at the door.

"Bobby, will you go to the door and see who is there?"

"Yes, mother. Oh, hello Roger, we're just about ready for school, come in just a minute."

"I'll just go on reading, you may come in and listen if you'd like," said mother.

Mrs. Smith was reading the book of Romans and her children loved to hear her musical voice reading the Scriptures to them. When she read the 16th verse where Paul says "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation", it made a deep impression on them. They felt that they should not be ashamed of Christ in school or at play.

So Roger, too, enjoyed the reading more than the content of the passage, for he was a Catholic and was not accustomed to hearing the Bible read.

The next morning Roger started five minutes earlier for school so he could stop and hear the chapter read to Bobby and Jane.

One evening when Bobby was getting ready to go to a Bible club, Jane said, "Say Bobby, why don't you ask Roger to go with you tonight?"

"I don't think he'd be interested. He's a Catholic, and anyway, I don't think his dad would let him," replied Bobby.

"But Bobby you remember mother read about not being ashamed, and the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. You wanted to be a help in winning boys to the Lord Jesus, perhaps that would be a good way to start," suggested Jane.

"You're right, I'll go by and ask him; that is the least I can do."

So Bobby went directly to Roger's house to ask him to go. He knocked on the door and Mr. Brown, Roger's father came to the door.

"Why hello Bobby," said Mr. Brown, "I'm surprised to see you here—"

"Mr. Brown, is Roger home?" Bobby asked.

"Yes, come in, won't you?"

"I am on my way to a boy's club and I stopped to invite Roger to go along," said Bobby.

Roger heard Bobby's voice and came in the room, his eyes shining and with a happy smile said, "If Dad will let me, I'll be glad to go with you. Will you Dad?"

"What kind of club is it?" asked Mr. Brown, "We don't want him getting into any mischief."

"Oh he won't, sir," quickly replied Bobby, "Our Sunday School teacher is the sponsor of it and we have a little Bible study first, then play a few games and have refreshments. We usually get home around nine."

"All right, you may go, and be sure and come home early," Mr. Brown said.

Bobby made it a regular habit to go after Roger every month. It was not many months before Roger accepted Christ as his own Savior. And don't you suppose Bobby was the happiest boy in the community? It was just a small part he had in inviting Roger to come, but he was faithful even in the small task.

The next morning, after Bobby had related the events of the previous evening to his mother he said, "I am going to take Romans 1:16 as my verse for the year." "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Don't you think that would be a good verse for you for the year of 1941?

OUR BIBLE CHARACTER ALPHABET

Answer to P: Philemon and Paul.

Q is the only man in the King James version of our Bible whose name begins with this letter of the alphabet. He was a friend of the apostle Paul. Find his name in Rom. 16:23.

WATCH NIGHT

By VIOLET ALLEYN STOREY

"Midnight! Hark! Last Year's final bell! God's Hand
Has turned another page," my mother said.
"I promised I should wake you, sleepy-face!"
I sat up, startled, in my bed,

And looked, between the curtains, at the night
Above the trees, beyond the window, bars.
"Just like the old page that God turned," I cried,
"This new one, too, is all alight with stars!"

"Whatever God's Hand touches is, my dear!
On each new page He turns to, anywhere,
Even though dense clouds may hide them from your eyes,"
My mother said, "stars always will be there!"

Snappy SERMON STARTERS

Seven Confident Men

The words "I know," in relation to the Lord, will be found on the lips of each of the men, as testimonies of what they found the Lord to be to them:

1. Naaman knew the Lord as the INSTANT CLEANSER (II Kings 5:15).

2. Job knew the Lord as the KINSMAN REDEEMER (Job 19:25).

3. David knew the Lord as the GRACIOUS BLESSER (Psalm 41:11).

4. Solomon knew the Lord as the PERFECT WORKER (Ecc. 3:14).

5. Peter knew the Lord as the POWERFUL DELIVERER (Acts 12:11).

6. Paul knew the Lord as the CONSTANT KEEPER (II Tim. 1:12).

7. Christ knew His Father as the PRESENT HELPER (Is. 50:7).

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GREETINGS FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

We have neglected sending any news of our society to you, but hereafter we want to be counted in on everything. We have had a rather trying time, but are coming out on top. By next year we will have 40 members.

Each month we print a paper, "The Chart and Compass," and we are quite proud of it.

Our boys are outstanding for the Lord. There are 10 who are with us regularly, one in the Naval Reserve, one in the army, two in the navy, and one in Westmont Bible College. One is a baseball player and is with us only in the fall. You can see they are in all walks of life, but the service is getting most of them.

As you know also, Al Flory is our pastor and he is a fine leader.

There are 11 girls also, one in Westmont Bible College and one in Bible Institute.

We are only two years and a month or two old, so we are quite proud of our progress.

Yours in Christ,

MISS MARION PRENTISS.

REMEMBER

Your news editor is Rev. Norman Uphouse. Please notify him of any society activities as soon as they take place, or of any items of interest. With your cooperation we can have some real newsy news each month in the C. E. Department.

C. E. NOTES AND NEWS

Don't forget to order your C. E. quarterlies right away if you have not already done so. The price is 12c for single copies, 10c each in lots of two or more. Send your order to the executive secretary (see officiary).

The Conemaugh young people liked the Scriptural study of courtship and marriages, "God and the Christion Home", so well in Bible School that they repeated the course in C. E. last quarter for the benefit of those who were not in the young people's class in Bible School. They heartily recommend this interesting course to other C. E.'s which are looking for something different for C. E. The price of this quarterly is 10c each. Every member of societies using this course will want one.

As an aid to new members who feel timid about leading Christian Endeavor for the first time, the Ellet young people's society uses the system of having co-leaders, one an experienced leader and the other a new one. The new one takes charge of the meeting, and the old one takes the main topic or helps in some other way. This plan has proved to be very successful and extremely helpful to those who are not accustomed to taking charge.

C. E. PARTY POINTERS

You will hear remarks such as these: "Ain't we got fun!" "This party was well planned; no wonder everything is going like clock-work!" "This is lots of fun, am I glad I came!"—if you plan carefully every detail of your party.

One secret of a successful party is that every one is brought into the fun at the beginning. Start the program with a good mixer, break up cliques by introducing various ways of pairing or grouping for the games, keep the crowd mingling.

Start party anticipation with well planned announcements and invitations. Make the realization one long to be remembered.

You are a smart leader if you will change from one game to another quickly and without attracting undue attention if you see a lack of interest or lagging in a game. Plan for more games than you can use, it is far better to have too many than not enough; unused plans will keep for another occasion.

Remember parties are for fun! Do not overtax the skill or wits of your crowd. Plan always to close your meetings with a devotional period. Bear in mind the admonition in Col. 3:17. A certain wise man of old said: "In all thy ways acknowledge Him." That includes good times, and who has a better right to a royal good time and happiness than Christian young people?

WHAT KIND OF MEETINGS CAN WE HAVE?

Let the superintendent or adult counselor make these suggestions and let the members vote which they would like to try.

1. Discussion of a life problem.
2. An outside speaker.
3. An open forum with a speech followed by questions and discussion.
4. Discussion of a certain sermon which pastor preached beforehand especially for young people in the church.
5. Missionary meeting.
6. Question box.
7. Debate.
8. Musical.
9. Special reports or talks on problems such as Sunday desecration, un-Christian amusements, etc.

Greetings FROM THE FIELD

CONEMAUGH, PA.

Since our last report we have enjoyed countless blessing thru our Lord Jesus Christ.

In addition to the regular services held by our minister, Rev. W. H. Schaffer, we have had the great privilege of having a series of Bible conferences. Rev. Russell Humberd was with us in July, Rev. Robert Crees in November, and Dr. J. C. Beal in December. We are looking forward to having Rev. H. B. Centz of the American Board of Missions to the Jews with us the first part of January. We have discovered that those who follow the admonition of Roms. 1:16, "To the Jew First" receive untold blessings.

This year for the third time, our pastor delivered the union Thanksgiving sermon. He clearly outlined some of the real blessings God has given and still is giving us.

Past records reveal that we have been growing in missionary enthusiasm. We have not lost that zeal. While some local contention has divided our offerings, we believe that the total will run above that of other years. This increase of missionary offerings in the past is due to the fact that our pastor for the past 10 years has been faithfully preaching and teaching the importance of missionary giving. He was responsible for the opening of a mission in a neighboring community in which no religious services have been held for some tme. For almost a year Rev. Schaffer with his wife and several members of our congregation conducted services several times a week. Our pastor, feeling that he could not devote the necessary time required to properly care for this work, suggested a member of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown to superintend the mission. Bro. Ray Starr, an experienced mission worker and with some pastoral experience, was glad to take over the work under the supervision of our Conemaugh church. In January this work will be two years old. For a year and a half we were located in a fine redecorated room with rent, light and heat furnished free of charge by the owner. We had comfortable seating for about 100. Last July we were asked to move because the room had been rented. We certainly appreciate splendid co-operation of the Burgess of Franklinboro who so graciously gave us this room. Another room was found about a block up the Main Street which was procured for $15 a month. Although the Conemaugh Church guarantees the rent each month, the mission offerings have been meeting the rent.

This fall, following a union evangelistic campaign in Johnstown by Gipsy Smith, two young men, Walt Hobba of Windber and Ken Jones of Johnstown, conducted a two weeks evangelistic meeting for our mission. These young men are preparing for the ministry and very acceptably served as singers and evangelists. They are to return this spring for another meeting.

Several members have been baptized and received into our Conemaugh church thru our mission. During this last campaign a middle aged man gave his heart to the Lord. He was baptized and taken into the membership, and he celebrated his first communion with us that same day. The next day he took ill and in three weeks later went to be with his Lord.

Franklinboro is an industrial town of about 2,500 people with a high percentage of foreign born residents. A few of our members live in the community. The work has to be done mostly with the children and some of them are forbidden to come. Regular services are held Sunday afternoon with Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and preaching services in the evening, and Bible classes Tuesday and Thursday nights.

We are planning Child Evangelism classes in the homes of Conemaugh and pray that many children will be won for Christ through these classes. Recently we had with us Miss Dorothy Kenyon, Western Pennsylvania District Director for Child Evangelism, for one Sunday morning service. She gave a demonstration that morning of the possibilities of Child Evangelism and a number of children made confession. Spurgeon once said, "Satan keeps school for neglected children." How true it is. We must win them young for Christ.

This year we are planning a one hour church service for Christmas morning, 9:30-10:30. We hope to celebrate this annually. The pastor will bring a simple Christmas sermon, and special efforts will be made to bring whole families to this worship service.

Rev. R. Paul Miller, Secretary of the Home Missions Council, visited with us twice this past month. On one occasion he showed the moving pictures of our Home Mission points. After seeing these pictures an inspiration for greater sacrifice to support Home Missions was instilled in our hearts. Because of bad roads he again stopped over with us on Thanksgiving eve and fitted in with our home mission program that evening.

Again we want to thank our Lord for the privilege of serving Him to His glory.

MRS. MARLIE M. RODGERS,

Church Correspondent.

ANKENYTOWN, O.

Perhaps we are just a bit late in making this report, but still wish to make it anyway. It was our privilege to be engaged in two weeks of evangelistic services at the Ankenytown Brethren Church, near Bellville, O. **from Nov. 5-17.** Brother Robert Culver, student in Grace Theological Seminary, is pastor of this church. Due to the fact that Brother Culver is engaged in school work at the seminary we had to "carry on" by ourselves during the school week. However, over the week ends he was on the field and our relationship was very cordial and rich. It was a real pleasure to work with him and the people he shepherds in the Lord's work.

One of the things that made the work at Ankenytown so enjoyable was the fine preparation that had been made in advertising the meetings. So well was this done that at almost every service there were visiting friends of the church present. They added greatly to the interest and enthusiasm of the campaign.

Another contributing factor to the interest of the meeting was the deep interest of the brethren in the salvation of souls. This was a constant theme for conversation. While the field is limited in its prospects, yet we do believe that a real work for God is being done, and some of God's choicest saints are being garnered in that portion of the vineyard. May His blessing and grace be extended in abundance upon this people and their pastor is our prayer.

R. E. GINGRICH.

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Developments Among the Nations

By Chas W. Mayes

These are days when it is well to hold an open Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other. It is a privilege today to see what no previous generation ever saw—the unfolding of the end time events.

Within the last year there have been many changes among the nations of the earth. One international gangster has done what no one thought he could ever do. All the world has been compelled to wonder what is coming next. They who read God's Word realize that the events of last year in Europe have brought the nations further along in the alignment foretold in the Word of God. In this brief article we will discuss the four major divisions of the nations of the end time. These four powers will be: the king of the north, the king of the south, the king of the east, and the king who shall "do according to his will" (Dan. 11:36). The books of Daniel, Ezekiel and Revelation should be read carefully to see the outstanding facts concerning these groups.

Kings vs. Democracies

We were told that the first World War was fought to make the world safe for democracy. But regardless of the purpose of the war, it brought about the time in human history when dictatorships have largely supplanted democracy. Even in our own country democracy is more talk than a reality. So 22 years after the World War we find that the dictators are here even as the Word states concerning "kings".

The King of the North

The prophet Ezekiel (Ezek. 38, R. V.) with the prophet Daniel (Dan. 11:35-45), will make it clear that the king of the north is Rosh or Russia. After the World War it was thought that Russia had about collapsed. The nation was supposed to be rendered almost helpless. But our Lord's words have found fulfillment in the days since the World War. Now is the time of "wars and rumors of wars" when "nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom" (Matt. 24:6,7). Russia has taken her place only as a world military power, but she has proven her power to dominate over great northern territories.

The King of the South

That this is Great Britain, we will not be dogmatic. Nevertheless, it seems in harmony with the Scriptural revelation that Great Britain can qualify both from the vastness of her dominion, and from the stubborn fact that today she is rating as one of the major powers in the present conflict. If Great Britain is not the king of the south she should find a place of mention in some respect. She will not pass away, for as Tarshish, she must be prominent in end time events. That she is not subdued is evidenced by the fact that she will yet speak forth as the great lion and with her young lions in such a way as to demand world-wide attention. (Ezek. 38:13).

The Kings of the East

Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin have thundered forth their threats for world dominion. It seems to be a disease, and a contageous one at that. Now Japan is talking world dominion. (One thing is certain, not all these can realize their ambition.) Japan is trying to conquer China completely and will probably do so. At least the two will apparently be together before long either by conquest or by mutual agreement. Once the military machine of Japan is set up in China, these eastern powers will cause the world to take note. R. 16 leaves us with the impression that these kings of the east come on the scene with intense power after the other great groups of nations have been in conflict for some time. Nevertheless the day will come that these eastern nations shall take a definite part in the end time conflict.

The Wilful King

The king who "shall do according to his will" (Dan. 11:36), is the final ruler of the revived Roman Empire. When he comes to the fulness of his power he will be the Antichrist, the head of the ten-kingdomed confederacy. How these 10 kingdoms shall be formed, we are venturing no explanation. The last year has given us a suggestion. Perhaps the head of Rome will allow others like Hitler to make the conquests and then take them over in some mysterious way as in the case of France.

We are certain of a few facts. The 10 kings under revived Rome will be in existence under the Antichrist when the Lord Jesus returns as King of kings and Lord of Lords to establish His kingdom (Dan. 2:34, 44). We would not even suggest that Mussolini is this wilful king. Mussolini is not a young man any more, and he may die tomorrow. Even if he should however, another can arise quickly to take his place. Mussolini's dream of a revived Roman Empire will be realized either by himself or by another.

Today there is much being said about the weakness of Italy in the conflict. German and other military leaders cannot understand how, after all Mussolini has said about the greatness of his army, he seems to suffer defeat from such easy opposition. Some seem to be tempted to try to find some other reasonable way in which God may bring these things to pass. It has been conjectured that possibly we have been wrong in expecting the Antichrist to come from Rome. Perhaps Hitler is the man! Hitler seems to be "taking everything". Personally, the writer does not sympathize with this effort to "help the Lord out" in His program. God does not need such help. What He has said will come to pass whether or not we may see how at the present. Even if Rome seems to be weak today, the time will yet certainly come when the Antichrist from that section of Europe shall have world dominion. Concerning that great personage, God's Word states clearly, "and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues and peoples." (Rev. 13:7). It is important to note that "power was given him". It may be that God will allow the Roman Empire to suffer miserable defeats at times until God sees fit to allow the devil to give the head of the empire the power he needs to fulfil God's program. God's Word is clear that "the dragon (the devil) will give this wilful king his power

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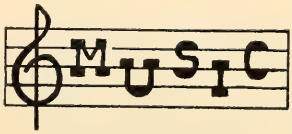

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(Rev. 13:2). An ounce of God's revelation is worth a ton of man's speculation.

The Coming World Dictator

Yes, he is coming! We do not have the space to begin to discuss the conflicts and the wars of the Antichrist who shall be the head of the revived Roman Empire. Neither do we have space to discuss what he will do as that head. It is enough for the present to say that the coming world dictator will make a decree that "all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond" shall receive a mark in their right hand or in their foreheads and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast or the number of his name" (Rev. 13:16-17). In order that he may be the great counterfeit of the Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler of the earth, he demands that they of the whole earth shall worship him or be killed. As Satan's man he will have power, but not **all** power. Some will escape out of his hand, as Edom, Moab and Ammon (Dan. 11:41), and perhaps others as individuals not definitely mentioned.

As for 1940

There are many details which might be mentioned as contributing to these great general trends. But it is more important for the student of prophecy to note the big things than to draw too many conclusions from little things. The fact is that the great events of the last year or more, if carefully observed, can be seen to have their bearing on the general trends. Even the United States is lining up with Tarshish, Great Britain. As for Hitler, unless he can "take over" Russia or the revived Roman Empire, his place is temporary. He may scatter his efforts over so much space that they will be too thin to last. Part of his conquests may be to Russia and part to the Roman Empire. The immediate future news will be interesting along this line. Hitler's downfall tomorrow would be no surprise.

A Simple Conclusion

It appears from Scripture revelation that practically all that we have mentioned concerning these various powers will take place within the lifetime of one generation on the earth. If this be true, certainly the coming of the King of kings to put down Gentile rule forever is close upon us. If His coming as King is near, how much nearer His coming to receive His bride unto Himself! The nearness of the end of the age should remind us that now nothing else matters much except God's business. We had better get busy, more busy than ever before, in presenting the gospel and in teaching the Word from pulpit, in Bible classes and personal conversation. We must build churches, get souls saved, and be at His work when He comes. This is no time to hesitate because of what men may say or think of us. We must consider what He will say when we must report at the judgment as stewards of the mysteries of God. Prophecy is not given to us that we may prophesy, but to stir us to faithfulness to our Lord and to establish us in the blessed hope which belongs to believers.

POOR SIMON

Simple Simon did no thinking
All the livelong week;
When he went to the C. E. meeting
Of course he could not speak.
When the leader asked of him
Ideas few or many,
Said Simple Simmon to the leader,
"Indeed, I have not any."

Just read this

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TRINE IMMERSION AND THE CHURCH

By REV. MILES TABER, Pastor First Brethren Church
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The authority for baptism by trine immersion is to be found in the Bible alone. But to show that that authority was recognized, understood and obeyed in the early days of the church is the function of church history. Fortunately, the writings of Christians who lived at that time have been preserved in sufficient number to establish trine immersion as the one original form of Christian baptism.

"The Didache" (The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) was written between A.D. 80 and 120. It contains two divisions: (a) a book of moral precepts; (b) a manual of church ordinances. In the second division, concerning baptism, it says: "Baptize into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, in living water. But if they have not living water, baptize into other water; and if thou canst not in cold, in warm. But if thou have not either, pour out water thrice upon the head into the name of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit." Thus pouring was allowed instead of immersion in cases of necessity, but even then the action was to be trine.

Tertullian (A. D. 155-222) "is the earliest and after Augustine the greatest of the ancient church writers of the west" (Enc. Brit.) In his tract, "Concerning Baptism," he says, "He (Christ) gave as his last command that they should immerse into the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, not into one person. For we are immersed not once, but thrice, as the naming of each person of the Trinity."

Clement of Alexandria (A.D. 150-220) was the teacher of Origen, and of Alexander, bishop of Jerusalem, being the head of the first Christian seminary in the world. He wrote: "Ye were conducted to a bath just as Christ was carried to the grave, and were thrice immersed to signify the three days' burial."

Here are three witnesses from the first two centuries of the church's history who agree that trine immersion was the prevailing mode of baptism known to them. And their testimony is not contradicted by any of their contemporaries.

"USE IT OR LOSE IT"

THIS REMARK, credited to Alf Landon, former candidate for president: "You and I profess to be church members. We assert we believe in religion. If our religion means anything to us, let's start using it in a practical way, a decisive way before it is taken away from us."

NEWS BRIEFS From Our Workers

An illuminated picture of Christ has been added to the Children's Department of the First Brethren Church of Peru, Ind., having been purchased from the birthday offering fund of the boys and girls.

The name of Lester Myers, whose address is 3347 W. Congress St., Chicago, Ill., should be added to the list of elders not serving pastorates in the recent annual.

The Cumberland Valley School of the Bible, a Bible training school which has been meeting one night a week at the First Brethren Church of Waynesboro, Pa., has reached an enrollment of 73. Brethren R. D. Crees and L. L. Grubb are two of the four instructors.

Rev. James Cook of Dallas Center, Ia., chairman of the Home Mission Committee of the Iowa Brethren Bible Conference, is making a survey in Des Moines, Ia., and is planning to start a Bible class which it is hoped will later develop into a church.

The Iowa Brethren Bible Conference is planning a great summer camp for the young people of the district. A well equipped former C. C. C. camp near Leon, Ia., is to be the location.

Daily Manna

READ YOUR BIBLE THROUGH IN '41

On Jan. 1, begin reading at Gen. 1:1, read until the first text is found, and record the reference. The next day begin reading where you left off the day before, find the text for that day, and record the reference. By continuing this throughout the year, by Dec. 31 you shall have read the Bible through.

Day	Text	Reference
1	Where art thou?	
2	And the Lord shut him in	
3	And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower	
4	He counted it to him for righteousness	
5	Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?	
6	He took the fire in his hand and a knife	
7	Come in, thou blessed of the Lord	

LIGHT ON TRUTH

By BERNARD SCHNEIDER

WHOSOEVER, WHATSOEVER

There are two precious words often found in the mouth of Christ: "Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely". "Whatsoever ye ask in my name, that will I do". The "whosoever" is on the outside of the gate, and invites in all who are willing to come. The "whatsoever" is on the inside, and gives to those who enter the free range of all the region and treasures of grace. "Whosoever" makes salvation free. "Whatsoever" makes it full.

LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF JESUS

By C. H. HARTSON
(82 years of age)

Let not your heart be troubled here—
So reads the Savior's word of cheer.
A place for you I will prepare,
And all My glory you shall share.

So let your heart, My child, rejoice;
You're all My own and that by choice.
Not yours but Mine the choice has been
To save you from a world of sin.

A Victim to the cross was led;
O child, for thee My blood was shed.
No work of thine by gain or loss
Can spoil the work of Calvary's cross.

'Twas there the battle raged within;
The mighty Sovereign dealt with sin;
On Me thy load of guilt was laid
And not a mite was left unpaid.

Look up, My child, My home is thine
And in the glory you shall shine,
For to the mansions bright and fair
My blood secures a passage there.

I know that Satan oft will try
To dim the vision from your eye,
And while his darts fly thick and fast,
You tremble as you read the past.

But let Me say now once for all
That I have saved you from the fall;
Just look to Me, the victory's won,
My blood is shed, the work is done.

And soon I'm coming in the air;
The blood washed throng will meet me there,
Dead ones be raised, the living changed;
For so My Father has arranged.

The trump shall sound, the church will rise
To meet Me yonder in the skies;
So now again I say to thee;
Ye believe in God, believe in Me.

Your Suggestion, Please!

YOU be the Judge

The Brethren Missionary Herald is now rounding out the first year of its existence. We are planning for our second year, and would appreciate any suggestions or criticisms you can offer for our fast growing magazine.

What do you consider to be the strong points of The Bretheren Missionary Herald? What are its weaknesses?

What particular articles or features have especially appealed to you? Why? Give these in the order of your preference.

What regular departments do you think make the best contribution to the magazine? What items do you think could just as well be omitted?

What special articles or features would you like to see in the future?

What other suggestions or criticisms can you make?

Address your communication to Editorial Office, The Brethren Missionary Herald Co., 3326 S. Calhoun St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

TWELVE PRECIOUS P'S IN EPHESIANS I

1. **Peace** ..... (V. 2)
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3. **Predestinated** ..... (V. 5)
4. **Pleasure** ..... (V. 5)
5. **Praise** ..... (V. 6)
6. **Prudence** ..... (V. 8)
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THE LAMB OF GOD

Typified ..... Gen. 4
Prophesied ..... Gen. 22
Applied ..... Ex. 12
Personified ..... Isa. 53
Identified ..... Jn. 1:29
Magnified ..... Rev. 5
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—UNKNOWN.

NEW YEAR'S POEMS

Has the year brought sadness? Joy is yet in store.
Has it given gladness? Next year giveth more.
Let your Father measure all your pain and care;
Let Him weight the burden that your heart must bear;
Sending light or shadow as He deemeth best,
For in His sure wisdom, you can safely rest.
Peace for all the morrows, strength for all the days,
These shall be your portion through the New Year's ways.

Wondrously
The Lord hath dealt with thee!
Wondrous mercy all the way,
Wondrous patience every day,
Wondrous pardon, wondrous feeling,
Wondrous help and wondrous leading
Through the bygone year.

Wondrously
The Lord shall deal with thee!
Wondrous tenderness and grace,
Wondrous shining of His face,
Wondrous faithfulness and power,
Wondrous love shall twine each bower
Through the coming year.

Take Thou my harp,
And prove if any string be out of tune,
Or flat or sharp!
Correct Thou, Lord, for me
What ringeth harsh to Thee
That heart and life may sing, the new year long,
Thy perfect song!"

—CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

LIQUOR AND MURDER

A certain man in the state of Tennessee was electrocuted for slashing his wife to death, and justly so. But some of these distillers will have these two lives to answer for in the day of judgment, for note what the man said before going to his doom: "I killed a good woman just because I was full of liquor. If a person walks the straight and narrow path he'll never be brought to the place where I am now."

TIP-TOE

Very soon we will be going,
Fetters broken; heaven bound.
In the fraction of a moment;
"In the twinkling" not a sound.
He is cutting loose the ballast
So the church can slip away.
We are tip-toe on the threshold
Of "that blessed hope today".

NICOTINE

Prussic acid is the only substance more poisonous than nicotine.